



Amber, Alice & Michaela - Bottletop art to fight pollution

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

We wanted to get out the word that we can make a difference in our rubbish that goes into the waterways and help with pollution, so we did a bottle top mural art. That's why we did this, to show students that rubbish can be beautiful, and it can be reused, recycled, whatever you want.

So this year we have told the students that they have to eat inside because then there's no rubbish outside, and we have done this art mural thing.

Who did you work with?

We worked with the students and the Principal and some of the teachers so we could get their support, and our parents, and we also went to the local shop and got their support. To get the bottle tops, we got the locals to help us out. We got them to send bottle tops to the shop and we collected them from the shop. We also put a box at the front office so the parents and caregivers could come to the shop and the office and put them in a box so we could use them.

How have you promoted the work?

We got it put in the newspaper about how it's not okay to leave rubbish in the waterways.

Your biggest success so far?

There is less rubbish in the school now, that is a big success. We've also impacted students because I've noticed some students got affected by the pictures that we showed them of the animals getting hurt by the rubbish, and they started crying so I think that impacted a lot.

Next steps?

It will continue, we will have to continue on next year hopefully the next year's school captains and YEC representatives will be able to help if they get in to YEC. Working with members of Landcare and just getting hands-on and doing stuff for the environment.

What did you enjoy most?

It was fun. I enjoyed the bottle top art. I enjoyed all of it literally. It was really enjoyable.

Your advice to other students?

To not give up and to find people to help you and no matter how hard it gets, keep going.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Amber and Michaela's words and opinions.