



Stories from the Streamside

# Swanson School Receives PTS Award



## A Special Assembly

Over 400 school children quietly filled into Swanson School's hall on Friday 27 March '09 for their weekly assembly – little did they know the surprise that was in store for them!

After singing the national anthem, congratulating the students who received that week's citizenship awards and singing a rousing rendition of Kakapo Kakapo – a song based around protecting the natural flightless bird - Meredith Youngson, Community Development Coordinator, Project Twin Streams took to the stage.

## Award-winning Commitment

Together with Catherine Mackenzie, the Swanson Project Twin Streams Community Coordinator, Meredith congratulated the students on their fantastic work and commitment to Project Twin Streams before presenting the school with a Project Twin Streams award.

As Meredith and Catherine turned the award around a gasp went around the hall and the students all stretched to grab a glimpse.

Swanson Schools Principal, Bruce McLachlan explained to the children what the award was for, before accepting it, on behalf of the school.

Catherine explained the school's history with the project, "The school has been involved with Project Twin Streams since the very beginning in 2005; they have spent many hours restoring their local stream bank and learning about conservation."

The school is continued its Project Twin Streams work in 2009, with five stream sessions already planned. A mural project is also underway with St Dominic's high school and Project Twin Streams Arts Coordinator Mandy Patmore.

*"They are a great group, so enthusiastic and fantastic to work with – it's such a pleasure to see young minds taking it all in and learning."*

- Catherine Simpson  
PTS Swanson Coordinator

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