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Young Poets Respectful Tributes

The Choose Respect Network recently ran a short story and poetry competition supported by the *Bunbury Mail*, Treendale estate and Grand Cinemas in Bunbury.

The winners of the competition were announced at the Respect to All – Choose Respect community event on Wednesday 10 November 2010. Entrants were asked to write a poem about “respect” and “treating with care and consideration”.

In the 12 and under category the prize winners were, in first place: Courtney Prosser from Parkfield Primary School and in second place: Lakshana Parameswari Thanigai Arasu, from Carey Park Primary School.

In the 9 and under category Chelsea Te Hemara was awarded first prize and the runner up was Joanna Jetta. Both of these students were from Carey Park Primary School.

The prize winners received a double pass cinema ticket donated by Grand Cinemas in Bunbury and a bookshop voucher donated by Youngs Bookshop in Bunbury.

Courtney Tomane from Adam Road Primary School also received a Youngs Bookshop Voucher for reciting a poem that she wrote for the launch of Choose Respect at Adam Road Primary School last year. The prizes were awarded to the students by Choose Respect Champion and local Member for Bunbury, John Castrilli MLA.

Courtney received her prize from local Slam Poet Kate Wilson who also gave a vibrant performance at the event. Kate recently competed in the Australian Poetry Slam state finals.

"It was wonderful to hear young people talking about respect in their own words and this is really what Choose Respect is all about," Sarah-Jane Smith, Bunbury Choose Respect Project Facilitator said.

"It really makes a huge difference to young peoples' lives if they are respected and treated with care and consideration by others."

"The Choose Respect Management Team would like to thank everyone involved in running the competition, the students who entered and the generous Choose Respect businesses for donating the prizes."

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