

## School Visit 2009

### North East Water Education Officer

Dear Educator

I am interested in visiting your school to discuss with yourself and your staff the various services that The North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and North East Water (NEW) can provide to support water education within your school.



**NORTH EAST WATER**

We are working in partnership to provide a 'Water Education' service to schools in the North East region of Victoria known as **Tapping into Catchments**. We have formally joined services to offer teachers and students activities and resources to bring about a greater knowledge and awareness of water issues in our region. **Tapping into Catchments** represents the available ideas, activities, events, resources, current information and expert staff from our local area. Starting from where water first enters our catchment, to our tap, and back into our environment, **Tapping into Catchments** presents a whole connected and linked view of water education in the North East region and beyond.

**Tapping into Catchments** offers the following services to you:

- Teacher professional development opportunities.
- Support to integrate **Tapping into Catchments** into your school curriculum.
- Training and support to develop a water monitoring plan and undertake Waterwatch monitoring.
- VELS units of work for Levels 2, 3 & 4 on water education that is North East focused. Over 10 units have been developed.
- Loan of equipment and resources (including Waterwatch kits).
- Online and hardcopy resources related to water issues.
- Support with relevant grant applications.
- Upcoming news and events via our electronic newsletter.
- Opportunities for your school to get involved in regional sustainable education events such as the Student Environment Days.
- Help in meeting some of the requirements of the Water Theme Module for AuSSiVic schools.
- We are also partners in SEED (School Environment Education Directory) and can keep you informed of news and events related to sustainability.

During my proposed visit I would be delighted to:

- Demonstrate a lesson from one of the Water Units appropriate for your grade.
- Discuss the Year 5/6 Student Environment Days.
- Discuss possible Teacher Professional Development for 2009 and 2010.
- Publicise National Water Week and the associated poster competition.
- Discuss resources available for your school to keep and borrow.

I have had over 15 years experience as a teacher. I am more than willing to talk to yourself and your staff during recess or lunch, at staff meetings (whether grade grouped or whole staff).

I hope to hear from you shortly

Regards

**Diane Doyle**

**North East Water Education Officer**