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Aussie of the Month

The Aussie of the Month Award is a West Australian primary school based award program which has been in operation for over ten years, with the participation of hundreds of schools across the State. Like all of our awards the 'Aussie of the Month' recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to the community. The awards also reflect some of the values we share as Australians, a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, commitment to community, participation and a real concern for the environment.

Many schools have successfully integrated the awards into their civics and citizenship curriculum by using the award to generate discussion on community participation and involvement. We hope that this award will encourage an appreciation of the diversity and depth of personal and community achievement that is possible within your own school, and bring about increased concern and consideration for all members of the school community.

Who receives the award?

Students don't have to win any races or sit special exams. The award should encourage students to be proud of themselves, proud of their school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community participation. In many schools, students are involved in deciding who receives the award and the criteria used in the selection process. Each school will have a different way of selecting awardees and this may involve the principal, class teachers, student council or a combination of all.

How it works

Each month students are chosen as the Aussie of the Month and recipients are presented with the Aussie of the Month badge and certificate at a school assembly. From 2008 onwards we are proud to announce that all students will be able to keep their Aussie of the Month badge as a permanent memento.

Materials

Supplies will consist of 10 certificates and 10 badges per program run. If a school presents three programs per month then they will receive 30 certificates and 30 badges for the year. If you are a new school registering please indicate how many programs you wish to run, larger schools may wish to present more than one 'Aussie' per month. Once registered in the program you will be resupplied each year at no cost.

Feedback

This year we will randomly feature Aussie of the Month recipients on our website www.ausdaywa.com.au. We would appreciate any photos, citations and comments you have being sent to projects@ausdaywa.com.au, however, please ensure that appropriate permission has been obtained to publish any photographs of students.

The Australia Day Council, along with major sponsor the **RAC**, and program supporters Pilot and the Office for Youth, look forward to your schools participation in this worthwhile and rewarding program.

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