



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER



13 year old Kayla becomes Children & Young People Commissioner for a Day

In October 2009, in celebration of National Children's Week, the Children & Young People Commissioner, (CYPC) held a *Commissioner for a Day* competition.

To enter the competition, the CYPC invited children and young people to describe a time that they stood up for themselves or someone else.

Children and young people were asked to write a story or poem, draw a picture, take a photo, design a poster, or record a song or performance.

The CYPC received around 60 entries to the competition, with children and young people contributing a many different stories, pictures, poems and songs - all describing how they had stood up for their own, or someone else's, rights.

The winner of the competition was 13 year old Kayla, from Gold Creek High School. Kayla wrote two short stories about standing up for some fellow students at school who were being isolated and picked on.

As Commissioner for a Day, Kayla ran a stall at her school raising money and DVDs for the Paediatric Ward at the Canberra Hospital. Kayla and her friends raised over \$400, and 100 DVDs, which she presented to the hospital at a ceremony in December 2009.

For further information, please phone the CYPC on 6205 2222, or email at ACTkids@act.gov.au.



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