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## A little about us...

Woorinen District Primary School is a rural school situated in the town of Woorinen South in regional Victoria, which is four hours from Melbourne. We have 91 children across five classes from prep to grade six.

We offer our students a nurturing, positive and stimulating environment which promotes respect, tolerance, pride and ownership within our school that challenges each child to reach their full potential and importantly, develop a passion for lifelong learning.

There is a great community feel within our school and we are always interested in exploring how new technologies can help us promote this within our learning.

## Why we entered...

Our school already had three fantastic ActivPanels in the senior classes, so we knew how amazing the technology was and what we could achieve with it. We entered the Grant competition in the hope that we could give more children in the school an interactive learning environment by placing an ActivPanel in one of the junior classrooms.

Feedback from the older children who have enjoyed using our ActivPanels has been so positive and we have definitely seen an increase in student engagement as they contribute to and collaborate within the learning activities. It has also enabled teachers to easily transform the teaching experience, drawing on exciting interactivity to bring lessons to life.

Our entry was a great team effort with our students working together with the prep, year one and year two teachers of 2017, Jo Sydes, Brooke Ingram and Jacqui Mase, to create our winning entry.

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## What winning means to us...

Winning the panel is an enormous achievement for a smaller school like ours, we are really thrilled. Our students and staff feel very lucky and grateful to have been chosen and it is a great reward for all of the hard work that was put into making our video.

Being awarded a Grant has also enabled our school to ensure that every student has regular access to interactive technology. In addition to the new panel resulting from the Grant, our School Council decided

to purchase an additional ActivPanel, so now every classroom in our school is interactive, which is great news for the children, whilst obviously providing our staff with so many more resources at their fingertips.

It is brilliant to have this technology available to all of our students. From the very beginning of their time at Primary School when they start their in Grade Prep class, all the way through to Grade six they are learning through collaboration.

## Our killer three tips...

- Get the students involved!
- Make a video that you feel stands out to the judges.
- Collaborate with other staff to share ideas and develop your winning entry.



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The Grant has helped the school to provide regular access to interactive technology for all of our students as we now have an ActivPanel in each of our five classes. From the very beginning of our children's time here with us, all the way through to Grade six, they will benefit from learning in an amazing interactive environment."



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