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Students play 'Lorax' for a day

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) recently assisted Dundula and Sarina State Primary Schools during their School's Tree Day events on Friday 27 July.

Margaret Meng, SLCMA's project officer said "Every year SLCMA assists local schools with School's Tree Day. We provide advice on native plant selection, making sure the plants suit the school's needs and we also provide local native plants, propagated in the SLCMA Community Nursery".

This year's Planet Ark promoted School's Tree Day events by encouraging our future environmental custodians with a competition based around the recently released movie *Dr Seuss's The Lorax*, urging students to "*Speak for the trees*"

On the day, Dundula State Primary School students donned their *Lorax* moustaches, put on their gloves and planted 65 plants within the Dundula school grounds. Dundula Principal, Rod Finney commented "National tree planting day has been a wonderful hands-on learning experience for my students. At Dundula we strive to teach our students about sustainability for all, forever. We paired up with our buddies and discussed biodiversity, tree planting techniques and native plant descriptions through a variety of activities. This important event would not have been possible without the generous donation of native plants and advice from SLCMA and donation of mulch from Complete Tree Management."

Sarina State Primary School's year 3 teacher, Andrea Pedersen, organised their School's Tree Day event, "Over 160 children participated in the digging, planting and mulching of over 70 plants within our school gardens. Children were keen to engage in a fun, hands on activity that reinforced their environmental and science learning and contributed to the beautification of their school grounds. They look forward to participating in the event again next year and thank Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association for their support and kind donations".

SLCMA was able to assist local schools in School's Tree Day through the support of the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy. If you would like more information please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388.

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Photo 1. Dundula Primary School students: Luke Attard, with Ben Tuelstrup & Hale Campbell wearing their Lorax moes



Photo 2. Dundula Primary School students: Samara Mugeridge with Prep Buddy Savannah Smith

