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# **SA STUDENTS WIN TOP THREE PRIZES AT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

**South Australian school students have put local film making on the global stage, taking out first, second and third place in the primary years category of an international film festival.**

Bordertown Primary School's film, *Feather Flowers*, was judged the best entry from around the world in the elementary school category of the MY HERO Short Film Festival held in Los Angeles this month.

Hackham East Primary School was awarded second place and West Beach Primary School took out third place in the same category. Enfield High School also won joint third place in the high school section.

As part of the competition, students were required to research and produce a film about their hero. The MY HERO film festival aims to promote literacy and communication.

Three Bordertown Primary School Year 3 students produced the winning film, *Feather Flowers*, about a local Aboriginal grandmother's quest to preserve her family's freedom and culture.

One of the students, nine-year-old Emma Hunt, her mother and her teacher flew to Los Angeles to attend the screening of their film at the festival on 15 December.

Bordertown Primary School principal Christine Sheldon says the competition showcased the talent of local students and is a credit to the quality of teachers and staff in South Australia.

"Entering the competition has provided the Bordertown school community with the opportunity to demonstrate how proud we are of our local culture and history and our achievements as a rural school," Ms Sheldon says. "I am very proud that students from our small rural school won first prize in the competition."

"It has helped build students' skills in a range of areas including using digital media technologies, ICT and multimedia."

The four schools were nominated for the MY HERO competition by DECS following their success in a South Australian film and animation competition, *Local Yarns*.

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**Recipients of the MY HERO film festival:**

<b>School</b>	<b>Film</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Film outline</b>	<b>Award</b>
Bordertown Primary School	Feather Flowers	Emma, Meg, Lacey	Nana Clarke (local Aboriginal Elder -91 years old) and her granddaughter Emma tell stories about life on the “Paddock”, the Aboriginal camp near Bordertown from 1946 – 1966	First Place – Elementary School Section
Hackham East Primary School	Last Days of June	Clayton, Rachel, Stephanie	June Liston, has been Hackham East Primary School's cleaner for the past 34 years. She not only cleans the school but assists children. The story looks back at how the school and community have changed over the years through Mrs Liston's experiences.	Second Place – Elementary School Section
West Beach Primary School	Billie Remembers	Maddie, Ned, Matthew, Miranda	Billie is a resident of West Beach Aged Care. She is 97 years old and has developed a strong bond with students from West Beach Primary School and shares many of her stories and memories with them. Billie recalls a fascinating memory when in 1929 she saw the world famous ballerina Anna Pavlova.	Third Place – Elementary School Section
Enfield High School	Congo Star	Nick, Sylvie, Louise, Aaron	Sylvie, a Congolese refugee tells of her journey and dislocation from war torn Congo to become part of the refugee resettlement program in Adelaide. She tells of her integration into the school and local community.	Equal Third Place – High School Section