

BUSINESSES ADOPTING CLASSES



Businesses great and small are digging deep to support Hunter Life Education's new Adopt-a-Class initiative, however more help is needed.

David Baker, EO of Hunter Life, said initial support of this initiative had been fantastic and they are hoping to get more businesses on board to ensure all schools in the Hunter are supported.

'We know that many schools in areas of economic disadvantage are struggling to keep Life Education programs in their school,' he said.

The Adopt-a-Class program is designed to ensure all children are able to attend Life Education despite financial circumstances.

The current support of Adopt-a-Class is greatly appreciated but more businesses are needed to keep this vital program running. BHP Billiton Mount Arthur Coal, Forsythes Recruitment, Sparke Helmore Lawyers, Truway Group, Tropic Asphalt and Cessnock McDonald's are just some of the local businesses already on board.

'We're encouraging businesses of all sizes to adopt; from SMEs to divisions of larger corporates. \$450

per year to Adopt-a-Class is an achievable donation for most businesses and it's a great opportunity to connect with your local community,' David said.

Hunter Life Education is the organisation that delivers the Life Education program to more than 30,000 Hunter children each year. Healthy Harold and the Life Education program aim to empower kids to make healthy lifestyle choices free from the harmful effects of drugs.

For information: www.hunterlifeeducation.org.au



Adopt a class logo AND Students from Elmore Vale Public School with Healthy Harold.

BODY PAINTING COMPETITION

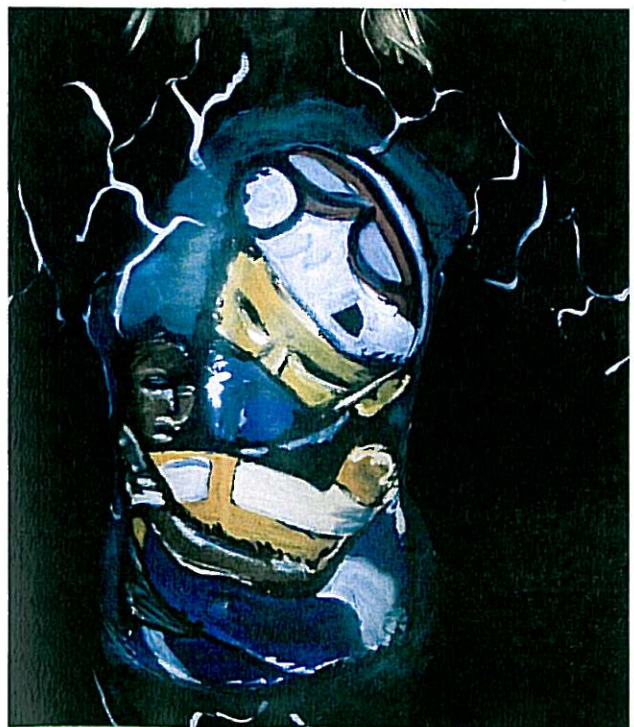
Paws and Claws Bodypainting Competition will be held at the annual Mattara Festival on 4 October 2010.

The competition is being held in conjunction with World Animal Day and it will focus on some serious issues surround animal welfare, including factory farming.

A range of body artists will work to turn the bodies of models into animal themed artworks over a five hour period.

Local and national body artists will compete in Paws and Claws for a range of prizes including the people's choice award to be voted on by the crowd.

For information: 0431 723 451



Some creative body art.