

MEDIA RELEASE

EMBARGOED TO WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2016

Two Launceston students from Norwood Primary School have blitzed their interstate competition to win a National Rail Safety Competition.

Grade four students Kenneth Fuglsang and Abbie Brown authored and illustrated a picture book titled '*The Best Excursion Ever*' about a safe rail journey.

Kenneth, Abbie and their teacher - Roslyn Faulkner will be presented with their prizes at a special school assembly to be held at 2pm today. The event will be attended by the Hon. Rosemary Armitage MLC, and representatives of TasRail and the trackSAFE Foundation.

A highlight of the assembly will be the presentation of printed copies of the students' book and the launch of the e-book version that has been produced.

The whole of Class 4F recently attended a video conferencing workshop with the trackSAFE Foundation education, hosted by TasRail, ahead of publication of the e-book.

"The Best Ever Excursion" has been lodged with the Australian National Library and the Launceston Library. Other prizes to be awarded include gift vouchers for the winners, a \$500 book voucher for the school, and a coffee machine for their teacher.

TasRail Chief Executive Officer Damien White said the students had written and produced an entertaining but educational book.

"Although the theme of Kenneth and Abbie's book is centred around a trip to a Melbourne Railway Station, the students have included relevant and equally important rail safety messages that apply to the Tasmanian Rail Network", Mr White said.

Mr White congratulated Norwood Primary School for integrating rail safety education into their class activities.

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About TasRail

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