

Media Release - Friday 24th October 2014

WHO Lead Poisoning Week of Action in Australia

LEAD Group President Elizabeth O'Brien was delighted to hand out 29 of the 44 prizes in the 2014 Volcano Art Prize yesterday at the Award Ceremony at Hampden Park Public School in Lakemba in Sydney's west.

It was the only Australian event to mark the World Health Organisation's 2nd International Lead Poisoning Awareness Week of Action – a week instigated by Elizabeth O'Brien.

See Elizabeth's [President's Report](#) to read of the Group's achievements in FY 2014 and check out the [beautiful artworks from art teacher Alice Ju and the students at Hampden Park](#).



Seven of the 21 **VAP 2014** winners from Hampden Park Public School in Lakemba NSW, with Elizabeth O'Brien of The LEAD Group. L to R: Fatima Syed (aged 9), Zahra Naisa Lativa, Izzah Hussain, Raita Islam, Leyanna Flaifel, Abdur Rehman (all aged 8) and Leonard Carey (9). Elizabeth is holding the Lead Safe World 2015 Calendar open at the page of one of the six Calendar prize winners from the school: *Lava Bird* by Meerab Imran (11). Meerab's Lead-safety Message is: Protect our birds from the dangers of lead. Abdur Rehman's *Lizard* (pictured above on his Pictureproducts mug) also won a place in the Calendar. Abdur's Lead-safety Message: Lead is bad for human beings and animals because it can make you very sick. [Fatima Syed's entry Geometric Trees](#) also won a place in the Calendar with her Lead-safety Message: If you must remain living where lead dust falls from the sky all day, regular wet-cleaning is a vital part of keeping a child lead-safe. **Photo:** Anna Muraoka

"The beautiful *Lead Safe World 2015 Calendar* is now on sale for \$15 and can be purchased by phoning (02) 9716 0014 or at www.volcanoartprize.com and please "vote" for your favourite Volcano Art Prize 2014 entries. One of the children's or adult's artworks, photos or short films in the People's Choice pages of the VAP website are contenders for winning the \$500 Cash Prize – voted by Facebook LIKES – so your vote will help someone win," said Ms O'Brien.

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