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The sum of the equation resulted in more than 400 Applecross Primary School students donating \$1000 from a maths fun day to CALM's The Hills Forest Discovery Centre.

The total amount raised by the school for the Mundaring centre, which runs programs for schools as well as the enormously popular Go Bush activities for the public, is \$4000.

This year students and their teachers organised a 'Maths and the Olympics' activity fun day as the

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fourth annual activity to raise money for environmental awareness.

Each year \$1000 has been donated to Centre where it has been used to fund a viewing hide, create habitat for threatened species and launch activities to control salinity.

This year the money will be spent on educational sessions from the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Gooseberry Hill, which runs CALM breeding programs for endangered wildlife species.

Our Acting Director of

Nature Conservation, Gordon Wyre, said he appreciated the way friends, family and neighbours sponsored the students to raise funds.

"It's a big thrill for people at CALM to see students making the environment such a notable part of their studies and gratifying to know we have children who are committed to saving native species," Gordon said.

"Many small animals have disappeared from the mainland and this will help to get rid of the scourge of feral cats and foxes. It's a tremendous effort and thanks very much."



"Eat your heart out." Billy the burrowing bettong gets his teeth around a \$1000 cheque from Applecross Primary School for The Hills Discovery Centre in Mundaring, CALM's Acting Director of Nature Conservation, Gordon Wyre, accepted the money. It will be used to bring the founder of the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, June Butcher (pictured) and her staff to the discovery centre to provide educational sessions. Photos by Ernje McLintock



Applecross Primary School pupils (from left) Maimee Gunn, Sarah Ventor, Jack Morrison and Eamon Roche tuck Billy the burrowing bettong into a schoolbag.

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