



## Promoting science

GOLDFIELDS and Esperance school students are encouraged to display their flair for science with the launch of this year's NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award.

Every school in Australia is being invited to submit a science project on this year's theme of Darwin's Theory of Evolution to the competition for a chance to win \$15,000 in prizes.

The competition is sponsored and organised by the international science organisation, NATA, as part of National Science Week 2010. Now in its fourth year, NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award was inaugurated in 2007 to foster an interest in science among schoolchildren and in response to reports Australia's scientific expertise is in decline.

Open to individuals and classes

in Years 5, 6 and 7, students are asked to submit a project of their choice that demonstrates Darwin's Theory of Evolution.

The aims and purpose of the competition are:

- To promote to children the benefits and value of science.
- To provide students with the opportunity to participate in science on a national platform.
- To encourage students to apply their creativity to scientific solutions.
- To demonstrate the importance of good presentational skills in science.

The total prize pool is valued at \$15,000. To enter, schools or individuals can fill out the registration form on [www.nata.com.au](http://www.nata.com.au) by May 7.

Their their project must then be submitted by August 2.