

PRESS RELEASE

Students from Cloncurry State School and Mount Isa Central State School to be crowned as 'Awesome Fit'

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Throughout the Xstrata Mount Isa Mining Expo our Safety and Health professionals ran an 'I am Awesome' fitness challenge allowing primary aged students to declare their strength for a chance of winning one of two laptop computers.

Students under the age of 13 entered into the competition by simply having their grip strength tested by our resident Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapists from Mount Isa Physiotherapy.

Those with the highest grip strengths were recorded and over the three days of expo competition was fierce with many young boys and girls making it onto the winner's board only to be defeated by the next group of visiting school kids.

Amber Murr, aged 13 from Mount Isa Central State School and Nathan Wood, aged 13 from Cloncurry State School took out the challenge with grip strengths of 39kgs and 45kgs respectively.

Maryann Wipaki, Manager Sustainable Development Xstrata Copper said Amber and Nathan's triumph was very impressive considering the average grip strength for a 13 year old female is 14.6-24.4kgs and male is 29.4-31.2kgs.

"This year for expo our Safety and Health team wanted to do something that was highly interactive and engaging for our young peers, hence the 'I am Awesome' fitness challenge," said Maryann.

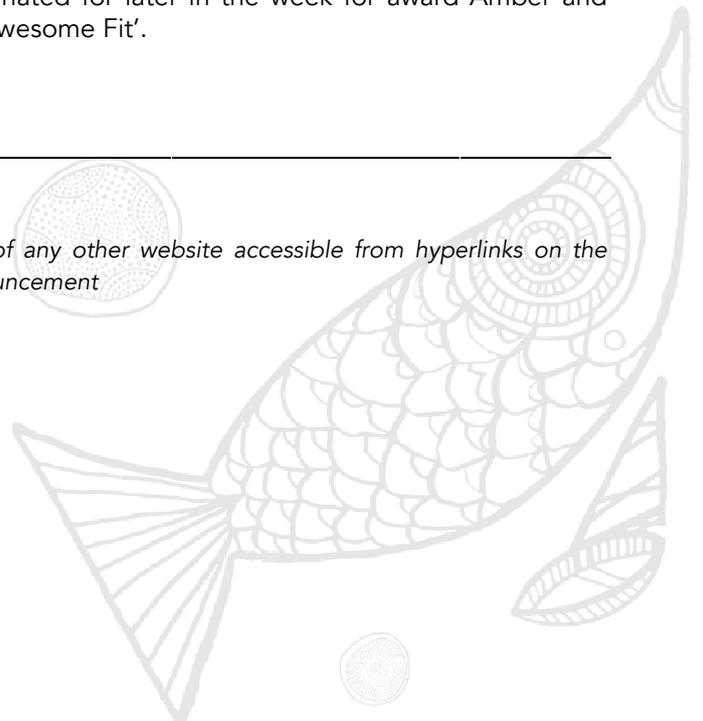
"The challenge proved to be very entertaining and popular among visitors and throughout expo we witnessed many young musclemen and women in the making."

"Amber and Nathan should be very proud of their victory; both of them have very strong grip strengths for their age and will both be taking home a Dell Laptop Computer for their efforts."

Xstrata's Occupational Therapist, Joel Edson will be visiting Mount Isa Central School Monday 4 June at 8.30am and a trip to Cloncurry State School will be coordinated for later in the week for award Amber and Nathan with their laptops and officially recognise them as 'Awesome Fit'.

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