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PRIZE-WINNING POETS HIT THE BIG 6 DISCOVERY TRAIL

Boyne Island State School students have been given an insight into Gladstone's Big 6, during a guided tour around the Gladstone Ports Corporation's Discovery Trail at Spinnaker Park.

They were among five schools to enter a poetry competition, encouraging creativity while raising awareness of the marine animals living in the region's waterways.

The school's poem, "The Beautiful Big Six", starred all of Gladstone's Big 6 tribes; turtles, cetaceans, crustaceans, shorebirds, dugongs and fish.

Gladstone Ports Corporation CEO Peter O'Sullivan says it was a true reflection of what it's like to see these animals in their natural environment.

"The students spoke about the joy in watching turtles nesting and dugongs frolicking in the water," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"That's why it's so important to educate the community on the Big 6; to ensure their longevity in the region."

Boyne Island State School teacher Helen Jeavons says it was an invaluable experience for her class.

"The students threw themselves into the poetry competition, asking questions and eagerly researching the Big 6," Miss Jeavons said.

"The Discovery Trail tour with GPC's Marine Scientist added another element to that.

"The students loved being out of the classroom and learning in an active environment."

Colourful signs are located along the one kilometre Discovery Trail, answering questions and offering fun facts about the Big 6.

For more information on the Big 6 program, visit www.gpcl.com.au/Big6.

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