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Windy Autumn bursts with colour and wins ASG Art Award

At only nine years old, Claire Ah-Chok is an all-round artist who views the world in vivid technicolour.

Originally from the multi-cultural island of Mauritius, Claire's love for colour and artistic expression is influenced by her time at the Seven Coloured Earths.

Hoping to one day become an author and illustrator, her drawing and interpretation of a 'Windy Autumn' was selected from more than 2000 entries to receive the ASG Art Award (drawing).

"I started out drawing three trees. Then I wanted to add colours to the trees. I used bright colours and a lot of orange. Suddenly the trees came alive and started to look like Autumn. I made the trees sway to one side to show how windy it was when I was drawing."

Claire who attends Beaumont Hills public School, (NSW) will fly to Melbourne with her family to graciously accept her accolade on Saturday 25 November, 2017.

The awards are an initiative of the Children's Charity Network (CCN), an organisation that helps build confidence and self-esteem in children. ASG has been supporting CCN since 2003.

ASG Chief Executive Officer, John Velegrinis says Claire's drawing pops with imagination.

"I congratulate Claire and all the ASG students who are very deserving of these awards. ASG is passionate about helping children and young students embrace their talent and creativity to achieve their goals and aspire to even greater things in the future.

"It's also really encouraging to hear comments from these students that they're being supported and challenged by their teachers and the wider school communities. This collaboration between teachers, parents and schools is fundamental as discovered in the 2017 [ASG Parents Report Card](#) to ensure the continuation of learning and development in both the school and home environments."

Other ASG award recipients were:

ASG Art Award—painting (Prep-grade 4): Janavika Hingorani

ASG Literary Award (Story): Jana Nguyen

ASG Literary Award (poem): Georgia Ryan

ASG Indigenous Art Award: Tyler Sillery-Maxwell

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