

## **INDONESIAN STUDENTS BLITZ NATIONAL COMPETITION**

Twelve Year 5 and 6 students at East Manjimup Primary School have been very busy working with Ibu Desi, our Indonesian Language Assistant, to write and practise giving a formal speech in Indonesian. They were all chosen to enter the Primary category of the National Australia Indonesia Language Awards (NAILA).



**Desi Setianagrum (Indonesian Language Assistant) , Brendan Walsh, Mitchell Snell and Riley Hughes (Indonesian NAILA competition entrants)**

*The students gave a formal 2 to 4 minute speech in Indonesian on one of three given topics. Four of the top six finalists were from East Manjimup, a fantastic outcome for these students and great recognition for our quality Indonesian program. They were Taiya Barnsby, Brendan Walsh, Riley Hughes and Alexandra Winslow. Of the four finalists, Riley Hughes was placed second and narrowly missed a trip to present his speech at a national awards ceremony in Melbourne.*

*"I feel excited about entering the competition" said Ava Pianta "and I think it has challenged me to learn lots more language and to really work on my pronunciation."*

*Lili Ylloff agrees, saying that "it has given me a lot more confidence to speak in Indonesian and to learn more words and sentences."*

*Riley Hughes says "I feel proud to be in an Australia-wide competition. The whole family gets into Indonesian at home and we use bits of it on a daily basis. Being in the running for this competition created a kind of electric buzz for me."*

*NAILA is an initiative of the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) that aims to reward Indonesian language learning in Australia at all levels. NAILA also aims to encourage deeper communication, respect and understanding between our two nations. In future years, NAILA hopes to run an English language equivalent of the competition for Indonesian speakers*