

# Seven year journey by nature's power

Swiss couple, Dario and Sabine Schwoerer with children, Salina and Andri visited the district last week. They are in their seventh year of completing the first expedition over the seven seas to the seven summits by nature's power.

"After crossing the Pacific by wind and solar power, we cycled 744km to the very top of Mt Kosciuszko. It was a very emotional moment for the whole family and we were so happy that we made another TOP of the seven summits, without using a motor," Dario said.

The couple measure the travel distance from the one peak to the next and due to Australia's isolation from the rest of the world, the last leg of their journey was quite lengthy. They also did a

clean up on the top of Kosciuszko.

Whilst in the area, the family visited Cathedral National Park with their hosts and climbed Mt Sugarloaf. Three year old, Salina, already showing exceptional climbing abilities climbed most of the way and 18 month Andri also demonstrates very sure footing. Dario and Sabine were very impressed with the natural beauty of our area, as well as the friendly nature of the community.

The family shared their expedition experiences as a data presentation with students in year seven and eight at Alexandra Secondary College, years seven, eight, nine and 10 at Yea High School on Monday, then also with a large group



*The Schwoerer family visited Alexandra.*

of community members at the Alexandra Library on Tuesday evening.

Thank you to the library staff for providing the venue and hosting the evening, Murrindindi Roots and Shoots Group, Murrindindi Climate Change Network and also for the generous donations by the folk who attended the evening.

The Schwoerer family have shared the joy of sport and environment action to protect the climate with 21,000 students so far.

The TopToTop Global Climate Solution Award is an opportunity for students who are passionate about climate change to send an essay with their ideas on how to resolve

or improve the global warming issue.

Winners from the seven continents will be chosen to attend a 'top to top' tour in Switzerland in October, 2008.

For more information, and to follow the Schwoerer family experiences, you can log on to the website: [www.toptotop.org](http://www.toptotop.org)