

Catherine de Beaux and Patrick Grant (7) show off the artworks.

## Art speaks out

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HILDREN will show off their creative talents at an exhibition in Cottesion on Thursday, April 27.

They created the artworks during achool holiday workshops run by Swanbourne speech pathologist Catherine de Beaux.

The show, titled Smarty

Pants is at Seaview Golf Course, from 5 to 8pm.

"The response to the workshops was overwhelming and parents have told me there is so much need for activities like this in our community," Ms de Beaux said.

"We plan to offer more of these free art workshops and exhibitions on a regular basis."

Ms de Beaux believes children learn more when they are having fun and uses a creative approach in her speech and communication classes.

"I try to be creative, original and make speech therapy fun," she said.

She said research showed that people engaged more in learning if it was fun and colourful rather than by doing repetitive, tedious tasks. At the exhibition, there will be party food, face painting and clown entertainment.

Tickets are \$5, available in advance by calling 9383 2300.