



Don't be a rock lobster this summer: Opiki School student Zacaiah Manukau, 11, left, gets some sunscreen from Kate Wells, 10. Photo: MURRAY WILSON/TAIRFAX NZ

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# Learn, don't burn, says sunsmart duo

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Reminding people how to be sunsmart this summer has won two 11-year-olds \$2000. As warmer weather approaches, people are being advised to slip, slop, slap and wrap, and Opiki School's Zacaiah Manukau, 11, and former student Chantaye Capper, 11, have made a video to highlight the importance of being safe this summer. The two girls won the regional SunSmart

Schools Video Competition, and came second in the national competition out of 37 entries. To the tune of B21's hit *Rock Lobster*, the pair's short video is to teach others how to protect themselves from the sun. Zacaiah was excited about the win. "We had to write a little song about what we thought people needed to know about being sunsmart," she said. "We then videoed it. It took about 10 weeks to do." The \$2000 prize money will be used to

create more outdoor shaded areas in the school. The award coincides with the annual SunSmart week, which began on Sunday. As part of the week, a new Sun Protection Alert will be launched that will advise people on when they need to wear sun protection. People will be able to get this information from the weather section in the newspaper, and online at the MetService, NIWA, and SunSmart websites. To watch the video go to [youtube.com/watch?v=8nXDK-3x004](http://youtube.com/watch?v=8nXDK-3x004).