

## **Kids' Business**

It was announced yesterday that People Pictures' documentary ***Kids' Business*** made in Central Victoria, has just received an auspicious award at the Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Service Media Awards.

The Broadcast Media Award was announced today, "***In recognition of a deeply engaging and beautifully crafted documentary portraying children in class tackling potentially devastating life issues with honesty and wisdom.***"

The awards are to be presented at the Mental Health Services Conference in Sydney on Wednesday 15th September.

"It is deeply satisfying to receive an award like this. Filmmaking is a craft where you can never be with all your audiences or hear their responses. Awards like these remind you your work is effective and powerful and can make a difference," said Cath South Co-Director and Editor of Kids' Business.

"We are also thrilled that *Solving the Jigsaw*, the wellbeing and violence prevention program that is depicted in the film has been inundated with the interest and recognition it deserves. Particularly exciting is that in our local community 10 Castlemaine teachers and service providers recently attended training in the Jigsaw wellbeing program.

"Children are the future, we need to provide them with skills for navigating and making wise choices in the future, a future we can only imagine. Jigsaw addresses the real needs of our young people and gives them essential relationship skills for life."

The \$2000 cash award is also welcome to these independent filmmakers.

"We do what we love and this means it is not always very lucrative. Cash awards are very welcome!"

Given 4 stars in The Age, and described as a film that is "***both heartbreaking and joyous***", ***Kids' Business*** and other work from People Pictures, who are based in Fryerstown, can be found at [www.peoplepictures.com](http://www.peoplepictures.com)