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Wearing jeans for a good cause

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Wudinna Area School was one of the top 10 fundraising schools across South Australia for 'Jeans for Genes' in 2018.

The school joined others in raising money for Jeans for Genes, a cause established more than two decades ago by the Children's Medical Research Institute.

It helps to fund research that delves into diagnosing, understanding, and funding cures or treatments for conditions affecting children - including genetic diseases, cancer and epilepsy.

Wudinna Area School students in all year levels were invited to wear jeans to school last August for a gold coin donation.

The day also involved a sausage sizzle and saw \$263 raised.

That placed Wudinna 10th on the list for most funds raised, joining other regional schools at Whyalla, Nuriootpa and Renmark in the top 10. The most raised was at Marryatville Primary School in Adelaide with \$1716.

Jeans for Genes' head of fundraising Andrew Kelly said schools were behind the success of the cause.

"Together, both in the classroom and in the laboratory, we are working with the aim of giving every child the best start to life," he said.

"It is a privilege to work in partnership with every school on this important goal, protecting the health of our nation's greatest treasure: our children."

Mr Kelly said they would not be able to undertake the work of research children's genetic diseases without the support received.

This year's Jeans for Genes day will be held on Friday, August 2.

For more information or to get your school involved, visit jeansforgenes.org.au and go to the 'Get Involved' page.