

Jasmine's top of her game

Young Sportsperson of Year shocked with gong among stars of the future

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SPORT AWARDS: Jasmine Peters' talent is undeniable.

The 12-year-old was awarded the prestigious Stuart Jackson Sportsperson of the Year Award at the Mackay District Primary Schools awards.

Despite her litany of success in 2014, Jasmine was shocked to receive the award with the quality of shortlisted future stars.

She was awarded for her efforts as a cricketer, soccer player, touch footballer and athlete. Jasmine represented Australia in futsal, which wasn't part of the awards criteria.

"I'm looking forward to achieving and improving my skills in all the sports," she said.

"My favourite was soccer this year."

The busy athlete said she wasn't ruling out trying out new sports in the future.

"I don't think I have

enough time," she said.

Australian rugby league player and former Sarina junior Martin Bella was guest speaker and awarded the trophy to Jasmine.

Jasmine thanked her family for their support, particularly acting as ferry to her various sporting pursuits.

"I'd like to thank MARRABISDA and Greg Sutherland for sponsoring me and helping me with all my sports," she said.

Jasmine graduates from Northview State School this year and said moving into high school wouldn't slow down her sporting prowess.

The night's other major award was the Col Webley Encouragement Award, given to swimmer Jake Mezzzen. A total of 63 students were acknowledged.

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ON THE RISE: Jasmine Peters was awarded the Stuart Jackson Sportsperson of the Year Award at the Mackay District Primary Schools awards for her efforts in four sports.

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