

Successful term at Murray's Bridge school

THE students at Murray's Bridge State School have had a busy and successful Term 3.

In July, they won first prize in the Prep-Year 3 section of the DEEDI Hermitage Plant Science Competition, 'Are You a Gene Genius?'

They were surprised recently when they received a signed letter from the Education Minister, Cameron Dick, recognising the achievement.

Some of the students also received a letter from the Minister

acknowledging their individual efforts in the competition.

These were Melissa Walker (Winner, Year 6, Drawing Competition), Shaun Kelly (Winner, Year 3, Drawing Competition) and Aiden Ma (Highly Commended, Year 2, Drawing Competition).

The fun learning experiences continued in August with the students visiting Willowbank Raceway for the V8 Supercars Practice Day.

They spent the day watching

the V8s, Formula Fords, Superbikes and Aussie Cars race around the track and got to check out the pits.

It was a great way to help bring their transport unit to life.

Transport of a different kind was the focus during the last week of term, when Cycle Queensland made a stop-off at the school during its ride from Stanthorpe to Killarney.

The students' decorated bikes were a highlight for the visiting cyclists who voted for their fa-

avourite bikes.

At the end of the day there were 380 votes in the box.

The cyclists enjoyed their break with food and drinks supplied by the P&C, and listened to the children reading books to them. It was a busy, enjoyable day for everyone.

The term ended on a high note when the students received a letter from the Education Minister congratulating the students and staff on achieving excellent NA-PLAN results this year.

Eisteddfod success

STANTHORPE State School took a trip to the Tenterfield Eisteddfod last week, resulting in a large group of wonderfully talented music students walking away with a swag of trophies and certificates.

Winning the highest mark in any recorder section, the school's Senior Recorder Band was rewarded with a magnificent trophy, while a recorder duet, recorder group, choral groups, folk singing groups and instrumental group all came away with wins, trophies and commendation of their dedication and efforts in the form of an array of certificates.



PROUD STUDENTS: Jessica Evans and Sophie Hilton.

Photo: Contributed

Horse-breeding course cantering along

A HORSE breeding course at Warwick TAFE has been running for eight weeks and has only two weeks to go.

Some students had completed their Certificate II and III Agriculture, so had a head start in this specialist breeding course.

They were able to gain RPL (recognition of prior learning) which helped considerably with their studies.

Their teacher, Kellie Monckton, has introduced her students to exciting new concepts and workplaces.

Recently the group and Scots College horse students visited the Equiv Centre in Toowoomba, where they saw embryos

TAFE TALK

With Claire Schnitzerling

flushed out and transferred to surrogate mares - taken from a top mare inseminated by a top stallion's semen.

The practice enables three or four foals to be produced in a year instead of one, as well as giving other benefits to the mares' owners.

All students have been doing practical work on Mondays at horse studs in Southern Queensland, but next week - as a great learning treat - they will go to New South Wales to visit some large horse studs.

First up will be Armidale, where they will visit a brumby centre. Then it's on to Tamworth where they will visit a quarter-horse stud, equestrian stud and thoroughbred stud.

To top it all off, they will also see Australia's first horse to be cloned in America.

Then, after staying overnight at Tamworth, they will visit Scone where they will see a huge equine hospital.

The visited studs are big and stallions there can command \$200,000 for a straw of semen.

Meanwhile, a foal was born at TAFE about a month ago and another new foal is expected on Monday, courtesy of one of Lynd-

hurst's mares.

The TAFE has also introduced brumbies which have been so expertly worked, they are now easy to handle. It says a lot for the quality of students' work.

And last but not least, the students will be graduating Friday week and all have work lined up.

One student is going to open his own business as a horse massage therapist. Another is heading for Clermont and another to South Australia.

I haven't caught up with details of the rest.

If this course is for you, please phone Kellie at Warwick TAFE on 4660 4600 or leave your contact details at the main office.

ZARRAFFA'S COFFEE Now You're Talking Serious Coffee!

Are you the artist of the week?

To win a FREE delicious Zarraffa's Tall Cold Drink, send us your artwork! Pop it in an envelope with your name, age, address, phone and school to Warwick Daily News, PO Box 358, Warwick *

Win with Zarraffa's Warwick!

*Competition closes on Monday at 10am and is drawn at 11am the same day. Winner's details will be published in Tuesdays Warwick Daily News.

BIGW

WARWICK DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

Supporting Education and our Community

East Street, Warwick

46610100

Harvey Norman



Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL

4074116a1

Live Local, Shop Local

Proud to sponsor local schools

- ★ New Cars
- ★ Service
- ★ Used Cars
- ★ Spare Parts

11-15 Albion Street, Warwick

4660 2000

Peter Stewart Automotive



Thank You 2011 NiE Sponsors!



Open Sunday's 10am - 2pm

Harvey Norman Warwick

For all your Electrical, Computer and Furniture needs

Cnr Victoria & Palmerin Streets, WARWICK 4666 9000

HARVEY NORMAN STORES ARE OPERATED BY INDEPENDENT FRANCHISEES



Locally Operated