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UPGRADE COMPLETE: HANDBALL BACK ON AGENDA

It's all fun and games now

Hangar reopened to students' delight

Shannon Newley
REPORTER

NO SCHOOLYARD game would be more popular than handball but the children at Warwick East State School have been out of the game for the past four months.

Happily they were back in action yesterday when the school's paved hangar was finally reopened.

Year 6 student Rebekah Browne said it was "pretty awesome actually" to have the space available again.

"We are glad there's lots of room to play now," she said.

"Especially when the rain comes in sideways."

The hangar, which had been out of action since last October, was upgraded with sides erected and more power points, making it the perfect place for presentations and performances.

East School chaplain Donna Angell said the students were clearly excited to have their handball arena back –



BACK IN THE GAME: Rebekah Browne and Amber-Rose Whitney enjoy a game of handball in the reopened hangar at Warwick East State School while Mitchell Hoffman, Jack Coy and Mitchell Moore watch on.

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but updated outdoor spaces and library were also great additions to the school.

"The library has a new reading room, teacher aid

room, resources centre and computer lab," she said.

"I'm very proud the school has all of this."

Year 6 student Jack Coy

said the air-conditioning in the library was a highlight for him and he couldn't wait to hit the handball court again today.

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Year 7 students embrace their new leadership roles

WARWICK Christian College inducted its inaugural Year 7 student leaders at their dedication service on Sunday. Riley Boston, Xena Cooney and Jessie Mayer were presented with their badges by CEO of Christian Community Ministries, John Lyndon, and congratulated by new principal, Terrence McCorkell, along with teacher in charge Moira Coates.

"These students were selected for their positive example to peers, their care and encouragement of students of all ages, and for their ability to embody the values of Warwick Christian College in the wider community," said teacher in charge, Moira Coates.

"This group of Year 7s represent our first high school class of Year 8 in 2013, and we can see many other potential leaders in this year's Year 7 cohort. We're excited about the leadership and character



TRUSTED LEADERS: Terrence McCorkell, principal with John Lyndon, CEO and Moira Coates, teacher in charge and Xena Cooney, Riley Boston and Jessie Mayer.

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of this great group of students, who will be the foundation of the Warwick Christian College high school all the

way through to Year 12."

The College is in its sixth year of operation, and each of the student leaders have at-

tended the Warwick Christian College for several years.

"I started at the college when I was in Grade 3," said

Riley Boston.

"It's cool to be a student leader because I've been here almost since the beginning, and it's nice to see how big the school is getting. There's lots of things I can help the other kids with."

"I'm excited because I like helping the other kids," said Xena Cooney. "I run Fun Lunch for the Preps and Year Ones with Jessie, and they love the games we play with them."

Jessie Mayer, who has attended the college for three years, said about her role "I like organising and helping, so I'm happy to be given this job. I help Riley and some of the other students run Science Club, and we come up with experiments and stuff for them to do".

The three student leaders will all be involved in representing Warwick Christian College as events around Warwick and at the College.

Training for the land

➔ **TAFE TALK**

CLAIRE SCHNITZERLING
COLUMNIST

ONCE again, Warwick TAFE is running the ever-popular Certificate II in Agriculture, better known as the Jackeroo/Jillaroo course.

This course will run for eight weeks over February and March this year, from Monday to Thursday.

There is an ongoing demand for this very practical program and it is necessary to book well ahead for enrolments.

It covers rural training in fencing, occupational health and safety, riding and handling quad bikes, tractor repairs and maintenance, cattle and sheep work, horse riding and care of horse.

Students who have never worked in rural production previously become quite skilled in a short space of time and most desire to upgrade themselves to Certificate III in Agriculture level.

They hone their livestock skills and learn to do pregnancy testing and artificial insemination, mustering, drafting stick, vaccinating, drenching and animal welfare.

Most students from previous courses already have good positions on properties.

Certificate II in Agriculture Horse Handling segment is being run by rural teacher, Kellie Monckton over February and March from Monday to Thursday, weekly.

It covers all aspects of rural and stud work, handling livestock and young horses and care for the health and welfare of livestock.

Furthering this course is Certificate III in Agriculture Horse Breeding.

This program trains students to assess conformation of horses, administering medication to stock, carry out mating procedures on mares and birthing and rearing newborn and young livestock.

For further information, please ring Kellie at Warwick TAFE Ph: 4660 4649 or leave your contact details at the main office ph: 4660 4600.



Clifton welcomes new leaders

CLIFTON High School's Student Leaders for 2012 were inducted at a special school assembly on Monday, February 6. Student leaders are elected by their peers from each year level with an executive team from the Year 12 cohort.

In her address to the as-

sembly, Principal Joy Craig, stated, "What we want to see in 2012 is increasing student success in all areas." She challenged the newly inducted leaders to make a difference, be brave enough to stand up for what is right, to understand their importance

as role models and to fulfil their duties of office responsibly and willingly.

Congratulations to Clifton High student leaders, especially the Year 12 Executive of Jack McAntee, Jennifer Keleher, James Ryatt and Ellie Bange.

TOP TEAM: Clifton State High School student representative council members (from left) James Ryatt, Jack McAntee, Ellie Bange and Jennifer Keleher

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