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Team checks out success

FOUR Year 7 students from Warwick West State School have excelled in chess this season.

Rowan Grob, Lachlan Herbert, Jacob Reibelt and Jacob Meiklejohn were part of the team which won the Southern Downs Primary School Chess Competition which was hosted by Warwick West in September.

In the district competition, Rowan was unbeaten to win the singles title.

As the district winners, the four students qualified for the state championships in Brisbane at the weekend.

The team was 28th in the state final, with Rowan in equal 44th place out of 126 students.

Warwick West State School deputy principal Phil Higgins said the weekend competition was the third time a school team had contested the state finals.

"Individually, the performance by Rowan was on a par with our best in previous years," Mr Higgins said.

"Jacob Reibelt was equal 71st, a great result for a beginner."

"Our students have a good knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of chess



CHESS STARS: (From left) Jacob Reibelt, Rowan Grob and Jacob Meiklejohn were in the Warwick West State School team with Lachlan Herbert which won the Southern Downs Primary School Chess competition.

Photo: Gerard Walsh

and come up with good strategies."

Chess was played at morning tea in term 3 at Warwick West,

with up to 50 students playing regularly at the school.

The school will now have a break from chess until the start

of next year. Social games will be played in the first two terms, with more serious chess in term 3.



PRIZE WINNERS: Warwick Central State School students (from left) Mason Hardwick, Huon Johnson, Dusty Gibbs and Taylah Gibson with prizes from the My River competition. Photo: Supplied

Students rewarded for efforts

STUDENTS from the Warwick Central State School were rewarded for their efforts in the Love My River Writing Challenge hosted by the Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group.

Twenty-four entries were received from the prep to Year 3 age group, making it a difficult

choice for the judges.

Two students from the school were awarded a Highly Commended prize for their "River Recollections" acrostic poem and five students were given an encouragement award.

Landcare co-ordinator Catherine Potter commended the

quality of the entries and the genuine interest that the students have shown in the subject.

Prizes were sponsored by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee and the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

REMEMBER the good old days

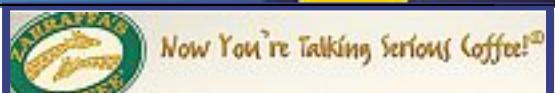
when the whole family could enjoy a fun-filled day at their local school fete? Well, those wonderful days have returned, with Stanthorpe State School welcoming the entire community along to its much anticipated Monster Spring Fete on Saturday, October 29.

Starting at 9am, it will be go, go, go until 5pm, as a full program of brilliant family entertainment unfolds. There'll be great food, fun activities, stalls galore, a massive auction, music showcase by talented SSPS students and a brilliant art display, not to mention competitions galore.

Incorporated in this day of celebration is a special preview of Stanthorpe State School's new building, the Library and Resource Centre, as well as the newly renovated H Block learning spaces.

It is going to be an absolute ball for young and old, so come along, enjoy a great day out and support your local school community.

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