

FAST LEARNER: Inspirational Year 4 Yangan SS student loves to read so much he's reached a special milestone

Ethan's a reading-bug millionaire

HE MIGHT only be in Year 4, but that hasn't stopped avid reader Ethan Kelly from poring over more than one million words.

Ethan became the fourth member of the Millionaire's Reading Club as a part of the Accelerated Reader at Yangan State School for his efforts.

Yangan principal Ian Rathmell said the Accelerated Reader program was a motivational program to encourage reading for pleasure – which benefited the development of reading and vocabulary skills.

He said in Accelerated Reader, each child read books within their reading range.

"They undertake a quiz on a computer which measures their comprehension, and accumulates points over the year," he said.

"All Year 3 to Year 7 students are involved in the program and Year 2 students are gradually introduced to the program during the year. It is part of the independent reading component of our literacy program."

Program co-ordinator at the school Ann Smith said Ethan received a special certificate and voucher recently to recognise this fantastic achievement.

"What a wonderful effort and even more so as Ethan is in Grade 4 this year," she said.

"To achieve such a milestone at so young an age will be an inspiration to all our students."



BOOK WORM: Ethan Kelly has read more than one million words.

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Continued support for aged care

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OUR older generation is fortunate to have trained care workers to assist their needs.

As our population lives longer there is a greater need for qualified staff. Warwick Tafe offers this training on an annual basis.

As an incentive to access this motivated and skilled workforce, the Commonwealth Government is providing financial assistance to aged care workers who train to develop their skills.

The incentive payments are paid directly into the staff's nominated bank account for use.

To be eligible for this payment, the carer has to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Also the care worker needs to be working in a Commonwealth-funded aged care service and providing direct care at the commencement to a successful completion of the aged care training.

The care worker needs to be committed to aged care and have commenced his or her training.

Course available are Certificate III Aged Care, Certificate III in Home and Community Care, Certificate IV in Aged Care, Certificate IV in Home and Community Care, Certificate IV in Leisure and Health, Certificate IV in Frontline Management 7, Diploma in Community Services Co-ordination.

These courses are vocational education and training based.

As well there is enrolled nurse training and registered nurse training such as Undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing. Incentive payment depends on the actual mode of training; however it is a great bonus.

All these courses are available through SQIT, though Warwick Tafe doesn't necessarily run all programs.

Contact Janet Ryan at Warwick Tafe on 4660 4648 for full information on what is available or leave your contact details at the main office 4660 4600.

Next generation of shoppers learn lessons

EVEN children have consumer rights, was the message received by the students at Warwick Christian College last week.

The Year 5-7 class was visited by Gabby Waller from the Office of Fair Trading.

Students learnt about how and when refunds and exchanges can be obtained, how to identify scams and how to protect themselves from identity theft as they grow up.

"I learnt that if a website says 'https' at the start of the web address, then it's secure, and also if there's a picture of a padlock at the bottom of your screen," Year 7 student Nathan DeCourcy said.

"I learnt that if a product is faulty or damaged I can get a refund or exchange, but I can't always get that if I just change my mind," said Jessie Mayer, also in Year 7.

The Office of Fair Trading was in Warwick for the day as part of its regional outreach program, delivering presentations to schools in Texas and Stanthorpe as well.



IN THE KNOW: Warwick Christian College upper primary class received a visit recently from the Office of Fair Trading.

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"We're glad to have had this opportunity as it's surprising to learn how little our

students knew about potential fraud and scam situations," Teacher in Charge

Moira Coates said. "We're so attuned to them as adults thanks to the efforts of police

and media, but it's vital that we educate the next generation of shoppers too."