

# Nowa Nowa News

## Art connects students to community

Nowa Nowa Primary School students are painting and crafting their way to being more connected with the community.

As a part of a partnership between the school and Gippsland Lakes Community Health, students have been given life size cutouts of their bodies made from plywood and are currently in the process of painting and decorating them.

Each of the 27 students at Nowa Nowa Primary School is crafting their own - under the guidance of GLCH health promotion worker Andrea Farley, and other teachers and community members - which will be going on display when the Nowa Nowa Nudes exhibition opens later this year.

"They are going to be outside leading into the entrance way of the exhibition is what we are hoping," Ms Farley said.

Nowa Nowa's chosen benchmark for the project is physical health and well-

being, making the choice of the body cut outs relevant.

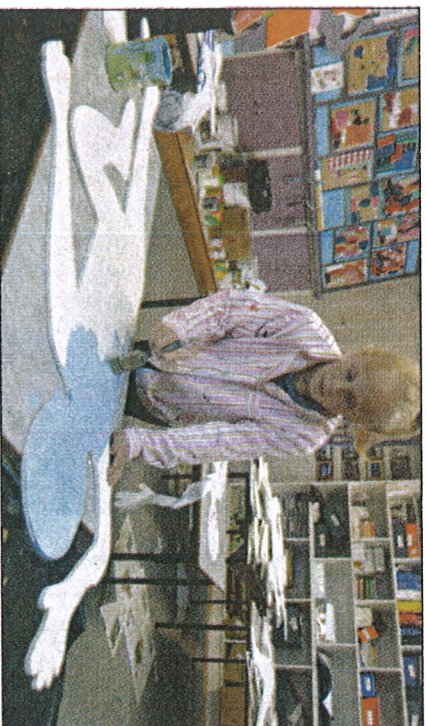
"The school has been a bit out of touch with the community, so we wanted the students to become more involved with the community and also tie in one of the areas," Ms Farley said.

While students work on their projects, they are also encouraged to discuss body image and awareness.

Nowa Nowa community nurse, Sue Oglesby has also been involved with the project by assisting students with the painting, but more importantly, to get to know the students on a personal level.



Andrea Farley gives some painting tips to Declan Emonson. KS11-22



Indi Allen decided to go with an all blue base layer. KS11-8



Dylan Bryant's figure will be a solid green before he goes into more detail after letting the first coat dry. KS11-42



Anthony Welsh carefully paints a design onto his body cut out. KS11-28



Darren Proctor was concentrating on the work at hand. KS11-34

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