Wooraggee pupils take to breakfast

WOORAGEE Primary School students last Thursday enjoyed a breakfast first – and included a chat about weather – as participants in the Albury Wodonga Regional FoodShare breakfast program.

The border organisation is the region’s largest provider of emergency food and has already rolled out the free program to 20 schools in collaboration with the National Farmers’ Federation to more than 20 schools. It has a target of co-opting more than 50 schools into the program within six months.

Wooraggee school, well-regarded for its award-winning sustainability programs, will supplement the breakfast from its own garden produce and from Food Bank – Australia’s largest food relief organisation that also provides food to the school.

Wooraggee’s Stephanie Al- eman, Kitchen Garden Foundation specialist and breakfast co-ordinator Bec Davis said research showed that one in five children did not eat breakfast.

Principal Christine Var- ker said that research had also demonstrated improved concentration and enhanced learning for students who do.

“This year’s school’s theme – ‘Small school, big opportuni- ties’ – focuses on healthy lifestyle and building resil- ience in children.

Ms Varker said students continued to develop positive social, emotional and resilient skills required to live happy, healthy and productive lives through the school’s programs.

“They care about their planet and take on the role of ‘caretakers of their environ- ment’ so future generations can appreciate the good life we have today,” she said.

Annual activities include an outdoor education camp for confidence and resilience strat- egy-building and community engagement with ClubCon- nect members who join them for a theatre trip to Melbourne.

“Students succeeded in the ‘Challenge and Grow’ theme at year’s education camp held at the Bogong Outdoor Educa- tion Centre’s 15 Mile Creek campus in Greta South,” Ms Varker said.

Ongoing student programs include junior Landcare and junior Indigo Shire councillor representation.

Leadership programs include year six students’ participation with the Halogen Foundation to inspire young people to be leaders.

Year four students partici- pate in a program with Albury- based GRIP, an organisation that trains and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector.

A weekly after-school sport program is provided as well.

“The school continues to be a big family-style of learn- ing where the children are the centre of everything we do,” Ms Varker said.

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“A new learning centre will be built that will be used in the way we like to teach,” Mr Rogers said.

Victorian Education Minister James Merlino said the budget allocations would bring secondary schools in regional and rural Victoria that need it most up to the standards their students deserve.

But Bill Tilley (MLA, Benambra) said education spending would not be made known at a forum in Benalla on Tuesday.

Mr Rogers said.

“The school continues to take to breakfast

The North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group has released its Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan (north east implementation plan) for public consultation.

The north east implementation plan identifies what we need to do over the next 10 years to better manage our region’s waste and maximise resource recovery (recycling). This is your opportunity to have a say about regional waste and resource recovery issues, needs and priorities.

Throughout May 2016, community consultation will be held in 7 local government areas across the region as well as other feedback opportunities listed on our website.

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Community information sessions are one of the opportunities to provide your feedback. We hope to see you there.