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No to inequality and yes to respect

EDITORIAL

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HAVE you ever experienced injustice or inequality? Many people do experience unfair treatment for no valid reason.

Sexism is a form of inequality and can be seen in many different ways to offend people especially women. An example of this is women in sport. These women are not acknowledged as much as men in sport and are not given as much praise. The news on TV also doesn't make the girls' sports recognised and makes it less popular. There is an inequality in the amount of TV time given to women's sport compared to men.

Women experience different rates of pay. Some jobs that women work at don't offer as much money as they do for men. This happens in a wide range of jobs and it is unfair.

If a man was a tradie that would be fine but if a woman was to do this she may get criticised and receive less pay. This is unfair.

Attitudes to refugees are often unfair. Some are not allowed in our country which could be a form of racism as it may be based on the colour of skin or their appear-

ance. People with different qualities do get a lot of discrimination come their way. These people are just like any other and have feelings like any other human being. Racism is not OK.

All ages should be treated equally and with respect. Just because you're older or younger doesn't mean you're more mature or responsible than the other person. Even if you are a couple years older or younger it doesn't make you any better or more important than the other person.

People with disabilities often get left out or picked on or even ignored because they're different. Studies show that 60 per cent of students with disabilities report being bullied on a regular basis compared to other children.

Money affects our economy in a big way and also affects the way people live and act towards other people. A person's wealth is not necessarily a measure of the quality of a person. If somebody else has more money than you it does not mean they are more important than you.

If you are being bullied in any way, you need to tell somebody. Often bullies are very unhappy and want to make other people's lives unhappy too. It is always best to speak to someone you trust.

Let's all work together to rid our world of injustice and inequality.

Anzacs honoured with school garden



Cameron Moore, school captain, with Mr John Williamson, from Kurri RSL, Samuel Guadagnini with the mayor's speech, Mr Eric Keygan, from Kurri RSL, and Tahlia Mountford, school captain.

Picture: Lorraine Pearce-Adams

By **AMELIA KAVANAGH**

TO commemorate the 100 years of Anzacs, Holy Spirit Primary School Kurri Kurri have built an Anzac Remembrance Garden at the front of the school. It commemorates the service of the Anzacs at Gallipoli as well as all who have served our country during other wars.

The school received a \$2500 grant from the federal government under the Local Grants Program which contributed half of the cost.

The 2014 school captains, Hannah Crouch, Charlie Hawke, and Tiana de Bijl attended the official opening,

as the school leaders had designed the garden and completed the grant application.

Mr O'Heir, school principal, said "I am delighted with the garden and how it has all come together. We had a lot of local support and it has also enhanced the school entry. It is a very fitting tribute to all who have served our country and will be a lasting memorial for future years."

The garden will be used for Anzac Day and Remembrance Day commemorative services as well as a place for students to enjoy and reflect on the significance of the Anzac legend.

The Remembrance Garden was officially opened on Anzac Day. The guests included The Hon. Mr Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Fr Tony Potts, Mr Bob Blackmore, Mr Eric Keygan, Mr John Williamson from the RSL, and Mrs Bernadette Gibson from the Catholic Schools Office.

The school was also very fortunate to receive a copy of the Mayor's speech from Gallipoli. Samuel Guadagnini was a member of a select few from the area who attended the centenary service at Gallipoli and presented the school with a copy of the English and Turkish version of the Mayor's speech at Gallipoli.

Puma petrol to pounce on Heddon Greta

By **KAYLA HINES**

A LOT has been happening in Kurri Kurri since the M1 opened. The area is growing and many new land developments have opened. The area is being revitalised with new businesses as well.

A new and improved Puma Petrol Station is being built just off the M1 near the Speedway in Heddon Greta. This is a much-needed development as there is a huge volume of traffic passing along the M1. In addition

to the petrol station there will be two food outlets including Red Rooster and Subway.

The Stevens Group and developers GWH of Thornton are building the new complex at a cost of approximately \$3 million.

Heddon Greta resident Mrs Parker believes, "This construction job will be amazing and will create many jobs for locals."

"This is great for the area as it will give jobs to locals and travellers are likely to stop and take a look around the area, said



Puma Petrol station is being built at Heddon Greta. Picture: Kayla Hines

publican John Flanagan from Heddon Inn.

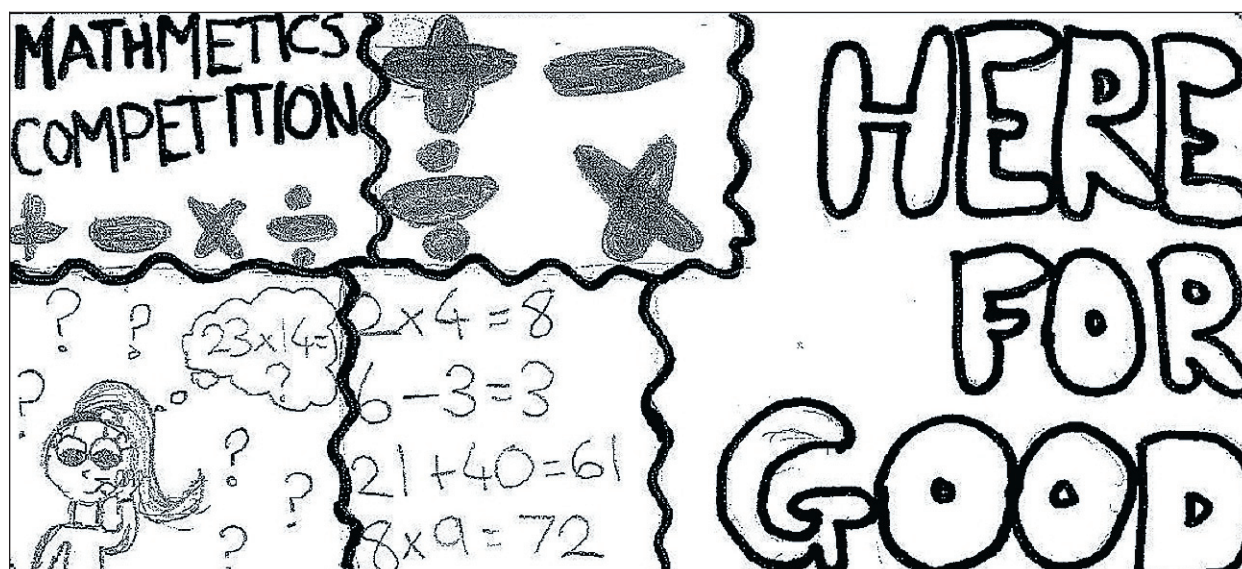
The construction is due to be finished later this

year with an opening in November - in time to catch the increased traffic over the summer period.

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