

Schools are facing their danger zone

EDITORIAL

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IF you think the road in front of your school is dangerous, you should visit Milbrodale Public.

There are two roads in front of the school and only one has a 40km/h school zone. Some students have to use this road to walk to and from school and it is very dangerous for the students and the community.

The speed limit is 80km/h on the main road but nobody slows down and recently there has been a serious accident on the corner.

Dragons' teeth have been put on the road to try and stop people but drivers just ignore them.

It has to be stopped or someone is going to get hurt and no one wants that to happen. The Roads and Maritime Services and the council should make the main road a school zone so that travellers must slow down in school zone times. Only people who are picking up and dropping children to school should use the access road in front of the school and it should be closed to through traffic using it as a short cut.

Everyone has tried to tell people not to go on the road but they don't listen or care. When there

are special events held behind the school grounds the issue becomes larger and more dangerous.

There is a higher traffic flow and people are focused on arriving at their destination and have little regard for their surroundings.

The school has approached the council about better signage to alleviate the situation but this has not yet happened.

The speed limit in front of the school should be decreased and flashing lights should be installed to alert drivers of the need to slow down.

The school is situated on a main road linking to Sydney and there are many trucks, motorcycles and drivers who use it. The use of the access road as a short cut happens regularly and many drivers take the corner at high speed.

It is feared there will be another serious accident close to the school and that the students will suffer anxiety and stress as a result. What else can be done?

Better signage around the school is being looked at to alert drivers to the school located in the area, as well as electronic signage outside the school to update people on school events or any road or accident issues.

However funding is needed to purchase these signs, so in the meantime parents and staff will continue to try to keep the roads as safe as possible.



NEW SKILLS: Creating obstacle courses for students to complete.

Keep active, stay healthy

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MILBRODALE Public School believes having a healthy and active lifestyle is an important aspect to learning.

The school operates a sport shed where there is lots of sports equipment available to use at lunch and recess as well as during sport and physical education lessons.

The days when the sport shed is opened students can borrow equipment to use at lunch and recess.

This helps the students to learn and practise fundamental skills in a

fun and interactive environment. It gives them a chance to use their imagination to play games with others and interact positively in the playground.

When it is getting close to the Athletics Carnival students can practise high jump, relays, running, long jump, shot put, discus and skipping.

The older students also love to make obstacle courses for the younger kids. Everyone loves these circuits and it is a great way to get some exercise.

To support this, students learn about healthy living and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle as they get older; from nutrition to growing and cooking fresh food from the garden.

A place at the foothill of Biamie

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MILBRODALE Public School is a beautiful school set in a quiet and peaceful location at the base of Biamie Cave.

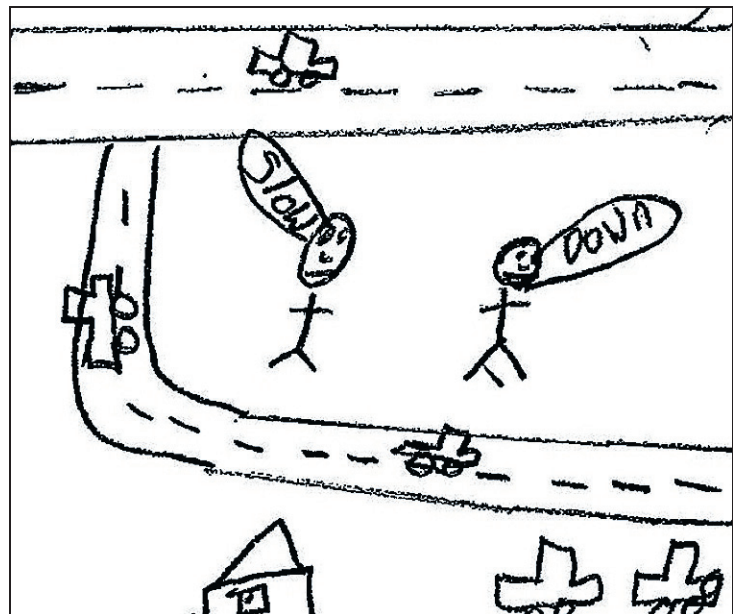
It is a picturesque location where the students and staff can learn and work in a relaxed atmosphere and appreciate all that the area has to offer.

Biamie is an important community feature and many tourists visit the caves to see the drawings from our past.

One student explains what the cave means to them: "The painting of Biamie with his arms reaching out; underneath his arms there are seven lines. "He has two eyes, one mouth and no ears, because he only has to speak the law and not hear any backchat. He also has a tail. He has two hands, an axe and a boomerang."

There are some legends that Biamie came from the sky.

"He created rivers, mountains and forest; he also created the law of life for Aboriginal people and the songs that they sing and their culture. Then he went up to the sky he became Mount Yango. Some tribes called him sky god. Some other legends are that Biamie turned his guards into trees because they fell asleep instead of guarding him. There is another legend about women not being allowed to see pictures of him," the legend goes.



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Renovation request for a creative kitchen

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AT Milbrodale Public School there is an old art room which has been sitting there for over six years being used as a storage area.

There have been discussions that it should be turned into a new kitchen for cooking lessons.

Every week students cook as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

The program teaches students about sustainable liv-

ing by using the produce grown in the school garden.

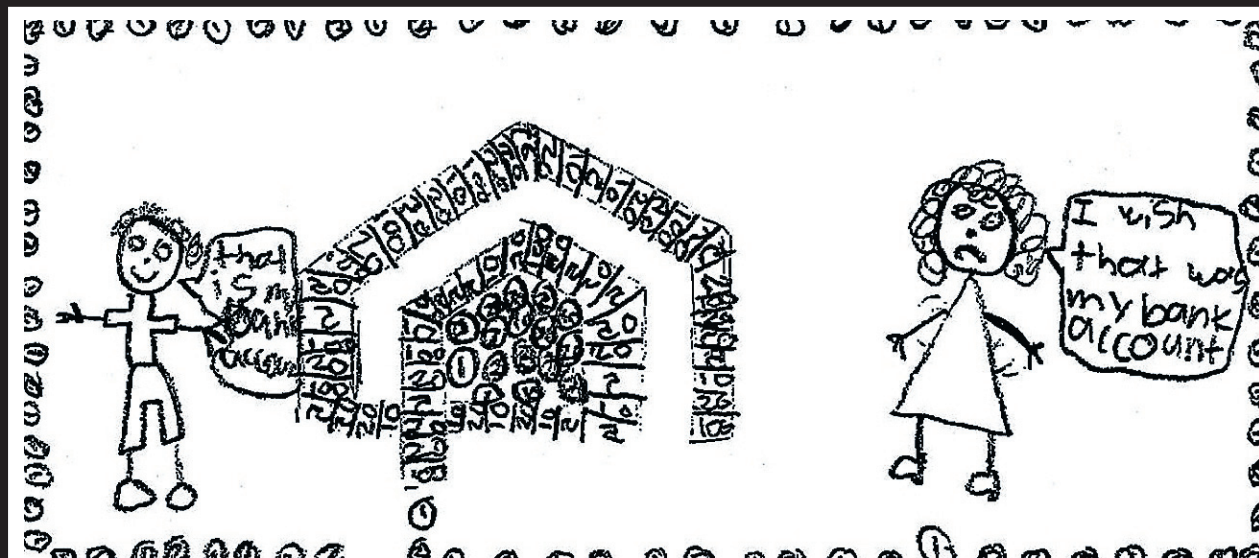
The students love cooking and are hoping that the area can be redesigned to create a new cooking space.

The school is hoping that it will be successful in gaining a grant from a local business to help support this program. It has had donations already from families and has lots of equipment to use, however at the moment students are cooking in the staffroom and it is very crowded and noisy.



HARD AT WORK: Students measure, weigh and cook food in less than ideal conditions.

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