

Good lessons in park planting

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HARRISFIELD Primary School students are literally jumping the back fence for a good cause.

Year 5 and 6 students from the school's environmental group paired up with Preps recently to regenerate a small council park directly behind the school.

The students planted almost 300 indigenous seedlings.

Teacher Georgina White described the activity as a rewarding one.

"Initially we started out developing the school grounds, but it's nice to think that you're doing something in the broader community," she said.

"We thought it would be lovely for the older students to teach the younger students how to plant."

Greater Dandenong Council supplied the seedlings.

■ Schools such as Harrisfield Primary, which are involved with their local community, should be nominated for the 2006 Leader Education Awards.

Anyone can nominate students or a teacher. Download an entry form at www.leadernewspapers.com.au/education or phone 9875 8250.



Phil, 6, Valerene, 5, and John, 11, plant their seedlings in a bid to rejuvenate a park.

Picture: STEVEN CRABTREE, N040S202

Nominate vital contributors



INSPIRING tales of students helping out in the community are flowing in following the launch of the Leader Education Awards.

Anyone can nominate students or a teacher in one of three categories: Primary, Secondary and Teacher.

The awards recognise the vital contribution of students and teachers to the community.

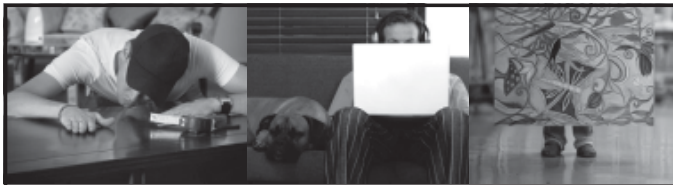
Key stakeholders in education across the government, Catholic and independent schools sectors support the awards.

Vouchers valued at more than \$40,000 are up for grabs.

Dandenong Leader and *Springvale Dandenong Leader* winners will receive their prize at school and will be profiled in the paper. Entries close August 28.

However, schools that submit early entries may be featured in their local *Leader*, so be quick.

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