

Local flavour to supermarket

THE launch of the new Ritchies Supa IGA Griffith store is a boon for local producers and suppliers, with the supermarket supporting a wide range of local products through its Buy Local scheme.

Ritchies Supa IGA marketing general manager Jarrod Swaine is thrilled at the quality and range

of local products they have been able to commit to having in the supermarket.

"Ritchies has been very active in sourcing as many local products as possible.

"A selection that will include fruits and vegetables, smallgoods, chickens, sauces, cakes and

fresh juices," Mr Swaine said.

Tony Talliano of the Real Juice Company, which manufactures in Griffith using locally-grown fruit, has expressed his support for the innovative scheme.

"I think it's fabulous.

"Anything these larger stores can do to support local growers

and manufacturers has got to be a big plus."

Frank Sergi of Anna's Home Bake, whose homemade breads, pizza bases and biscotti will be sold in the new Ritchies stores, said the Buy Local scheme will also ensure customers know what's in the product

and that it's fresh.

"Products will be clearly flagged as being local," Mr Swaine said.

"There will be lots of signage and we will also be maintaining a permanent display area dedicated to locally-produced lines."

Grocery items at Ritchies Supa IGA to be sourced from Griffith will come from these local suppliers:

■ Anna's Home Bake

- Pops Sauce
- Mick's Bakehouse
- Codemo Smallgoods
- Summertime Juice
- Real Juice
- Morella Grove

Participating students

Year 1

Kahtia Barone, Sasha Blumer, Jessica Cottom, Jy Dobija, Montana Frank, Hemaloto Funaki, Caleb Stone, Iai Taupeamuhu

Year 2

Jessie Brown, Jacob Moers, Nicholas Peruzzi, Teresa Tan

Year 3

Casey Brown, Kayla Bulljbasic, Annalise Hicks, Emily McHue, Meeya Newman, Nichole O'Driscoll

Year 4

Mahmoud Hossaini, Amber Mchue, Jayden Pizzolante, Jayden Richens, Ashley Ward, Jeff Wilson

Year 5

Georgia Clarke, Lochlen Dalla, Rebecca Hill, Kanchan Kaler, Kade Lambert Johnson, Cherise Lando, Charlie McIver, Blake Potts

Year 6

Gulliver Barone, Rita Beni, Bernadette Clarke, Sally Forth-Heaney Garzoli, Laura Gaffey, Sophie Hicks, Ngametua Matenga, Shyam Srinivasan, Georgia Verway



NORTH Griffith Public School student Teresa Tan (Year 2) presents her finished painting of sailboats on Lake Wyangan to teacher Jenny Bamford for the final touches before being hung in Griffith Central.

Griffith students help add colour to centre

MORE than 40 North Griffith Public School students took part in workshops last week to prepare art canvases to be displayed on a feature wall at Griffith Central.

With a week of hard work and creative brainstorming behind them, the students' completed pieces follow a water theme, chosen by Peninsula Development Group, to maintain the centre's link with the history of the site.

One of the teachers helping students out with this project is Jenny Bamford, who said the students have put a lot of time, effort and thought into their pieces.

"We wanted to get across that Griffith is very much a water town and to convey how much water means to the success of the city," she said.

"Everything we have here - the

businesses, the farms, the people - are all here because of the water and the irrigation in the area."

The artwork details Griffith's trademark wheat crops, orange trees and orange sculptures, as well as the wildlife, local landmarks, local waterways and native flora and fauna found in the area.

"We've also tried to incorporate Griffith's aboriginal heritage into the artwork, with some of the students using more earthy colours and traditional aboriginal art techniques," Ms Bamford said.

The school was chosen from a draw of all the schools in the area and the lucky students were chosen from every year to participate.

Their completed pieces will be exhibited in Griffith Central for the next few months.

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