



THRIVING: Jamie Tarr, Calob Silver and Anton Webber made hygiene packs of toiletries for the homeless with the help of Corio-Norlane Lions Club. (Rebecca Hosking) 185149

Northern kids strive to succeed in projects

By Gill Cooper

A showcase of 22 child-led philanthropic projects from Corio and Norlane will feature at Geelong Performing Arts Centre on Monday.

More than 100 grade six students from Northern Bay College who completed the projects will present their results at a free Geelong Kids as Catalyst Showcase Expo.

Kids Thrive creative director Andrea Rieniets said the program's modest \$6000 of funding encouraged the children to form partnerships with

local community groups and seek in-kind support.

Building a vegetable garden for the elderly, making a cultural walking track, rehabilitating local wildlife, sharing local knowledge with new arrivals to Geelong and making up hygiene packs for the homeless were among the projects.

Wexford campus teacher Roslyn Livingston praised the students' "willingness to step up and take the lead."

"It's because this program is so organised

they know exactly what they are doing," she said.

"They could never have done this six months ago. The growth has been amazing. I get teary even thinking about it."

Principal Fred Clarke said community leaders and supporters on the pitching panel witnessed "the power of purpose in children's learning".

"The program positions our school well in the community by including a community audience and community organisation partners pitching with the students," he said.

ers from a knee reconstruction following an ACL injury in round 12.

Others to join the former Kangaroo exiting Geelong this week included fellow injury victims Stewart Cramer and Cory Gregson along with Ryan Gardner, Matthew Hayball and Tim House.

Teens arrested

Police have arrested two teenagers three hours after they tried to rob a 14-year-old boy in Geelong's mall. The 15-year-olds threatened the boy around on Sunday afternoon before officers caught the pair at Newcomb in the evening and remanded them in custody to appear in Geelong Magistrates Court the following day, police posted on Facebook this week.

City action

A car has flipped and a truck has crashed after crews filming a movie returned to central Geelong. The Whistleblower crew filmed "major action scenes" in the city on Thursday as work continued on the filming of "the largest Australian-Chinese-partner film project ever produced", City Hall said.

Newcomb promise

Labor has pledged a \$6 million upgrade of Newcomb Secondary College if the party wins November's state election.

The Liberals have yet to say whether they would match the pledge, which would make improvements to the college's Building A and Junior Wing.



PROMISE: Christine Couzens MP announces funding for Newcomb Secondary College with principal Phil Honeywell and students Ashleigh Welsh, Georgia Sheridan and Jack Terrill. (Michael Tate)