

Ginger fluff, a talking point

Project sees students collect oral histories off older generation

By PAM ZIERK-MAHONEY

OLD fashioned maybe, but the delightful slightly chocolaty/ginger fluffly sponge cake is making a connection with the youth of today.

And last week saw the launch of the 'Ginger Fluff Arts Project' through Mansfield Secondary College.

The connection has come through the Harry and Claire Friday Foundation which has donated \$3000 towards funding the project.

"Claire Friday was apparently an excellent cook who loved making ginger fluffs, and as the foundation has supported the project we named it after her favorite cake," year nine student Celina Mahoney said.

The project will come under the banner of the Project 89 class and will record local histories through a series of interviews, tapings and production on CDs.

It will involve an artist in residence who will work with the students to record oral histories.

Launching the project last week at the college open day and 'Biggest Morning Tea', Ewan Friday said about three years ago his sister Christine fulfilled the wishes of their father, Harry, who wanted to make a significant contribution to the health services of Mansfield, and in particular the hospital.

A foundation was set up where-by donations could be set aside and used for health projects.

"We are pleased to be able to play a part in the Ginger Fluff project which will bridge that generation gap between the youth and the older generation," Mr Friday said.

"Using multi-media links the project will have the older generation telling their stories of the district with the outcome being a CD being released at the High Country Festival later in the year.

"It is great to see the enthusiasm these young students are putting into this project."

Mansfield Shire councillor, Dean Belle, also presented acting principal Anne Williams with the cheque for \$1000 on behalf of the shire.

He congratulated the year nine students for putting on such a wonderful morning tea and program for the school's open day, celebrating education week.

"Council has great pleasure in supporting this project," Cr Belle said.

"I often see faces in the street and don't know the background behind them.

"This project will give many a strong sense of community.

"There are often things close to us that we take for granted and are sometimes 'thrown away'.

"We need to peel away the layers and see what is beneath, which I think will make this project very worthwhile."



GALD TO HELP: Ewan Friday of the Harry and Claire Friday Foundation was pleased to launch the Ginger Fluff Arts Project presenting \$3000 from the foundation to Mansfield Secondary College acting principal Ann Williams.



1. MAKING FRIENDS: Taylor Holland sidled up to the pirate on display promoting "Buy a Plank", while Gemma Gilmore took a peek at the pirate's treasure in the chest at the Mansfield Secondary College open day last week.



2. THE ENTERTAINER: Shannon Arndt performed at the Biggest Morning Tea at the college surprising many visitors with her own compositions and talents.

Outdoor stage idea uses 'pirates' theme to attract funding

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MANSFIELD Secondary College took the opportunity last week to promote its latest fundraising project for an outdoor theatre performing arts centre and garden - encouraging visitors to the school to 'Buy a Plank'.

The promotion is set on a pirates theme, but the end product will see a 'plank' wooden stage area surrounded by seating and gardens.

A not quite life-size pirate greeted students and visitors to the library where a display and plans were laid out for all to view.

At least \$10,000 is needed to fulfil the dream of this area which has been planned to sit between the Performing Arts Centre and the school's arts section.

Continuing the theme of 'treasures' the school displayed what new treasures were being sought which included a new commercial kitchen, a positive behavior support program, network support area, parents and friends morning teas each Friday, virtual learning environment model, curriculum developments, applied learning and pursuits program.

Plans for the new language centre were also displayed and for the 'old treasures' a display of photographs was held in the library.

Visitors to the school were asked to identify some past students in photographs going back some time.

Also being put to good use was a new chalk board in the 'poets corner'.

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