Students take poverty challenge

IT ONLY takes a small effort to make a big change.

And Grade 6 students at Our Lady’s Primary School are leading the way.

The Craigieburn school is part of the Change Makers Challenge, a program devised by Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia.

It encourages students to think of ways to make a difference to the lives of people suffering extreme poverty and comes after this year’s KidsView conferences.

BTPA vice-president Adrian Scerri hoped students would become engaged in social justice issues.

“We see it as a great way for young people to be able to make change in their community and work with some other schools,” Mr Scerri said. “I think the kids are really quite moved by the conferences. They were impacted by that, then they came away from that and they had all this energy and we created this competition to capture all that energy.”

The school’s justice leaders were able to raise almost $1500 through a trivia night and several companies, fuelling their enthusiasm. “Our aim was to raise $372 because that would send one child for one year to school,” Ms Harvey said.

But the group’s efforts will see that same child receive schooling for four years.

Jose, Emily, Tua, Andrea and Marie are part of the Change Makers Challenge.

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GLADSTONE PARK

That’s a lot of beep for bucks

GLADSTONE Park Secondary College students may have been up against a world record, but they took it in their stride to break it.

The school ran a beep test recently as part of a week-long fundraiser for former student Ricky Bannister, who became quadriplegic after falling from a horse.

With an aim to beat the Guinness World Record of 15 at Etihad Stadium. Details: rickybannister.com.au

CRAIGIEBURN

Children enjoy folk stories

A JAPANESE folktale re-enactment enthralled students at Craigieburn’s Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School last week.

Momotaro the Peach Boy was performed by Claire Teisen using masks, puppets, origami images and more.

It tied in with students’ Japanese and arts studies.

Students were also introduced to a form of Japanese storytelling called Kamishibai, or paper theatre.

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