



WATER POLICE: Charlestown East Public School students Gigi Hubber, Brydie Hoad and Ella Hoad star in the school's video on water saving.

Worms workshop

By **CHRISTAL BRAND**

HAVE you ever wondered why worms are good for your garden?

Belmont Neighbourhood Centre has joined the crew at its Habitat in Harmony Community Garden to share the secrets of worm farming.

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 23, you can learn all about worms and how they can be a wise investment for your green spaces.

Participants will be shown how to build their own worm farm.

Habitat in Harmony garden co-ordinator Chris Brown said the

workshop would cover everything from the care of worms, to harvesting the worm droppings.

"The liquid that comes out of the farms is a good fertiliser and is full of phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen."

Mr Brown said the workshop would also cover the lifecycle of the worm and how to use the liquid they produce in your garden.

■ The Worm Farm Workshop costs \$5 and includes morning tea. To book, phone Belmont Neighbourhood Centre on 4947 0031. The workshop is at Belmont Neighbourhood Centre from 10am to 12.30pm.



WORM WORDS: Habitat in Harmony garden co-ordinator Chris Brown shows worms from the garden's worm farms to garden volunteers.

Focusing on water

By **GEORGIA OSLAND**

CHARLESTOWN East Primary School is about to make its big screen debut.

The school was selected as one of nine in the Hunter to take part in Hunter Water's Acting Water Wise short film competition.

Each school was asked to submit creative scripts and storyboards that focused on the state government's newly-introduced Water Wise rules in the Hunter.

The finalists will have their short

film produced by a professional director and film crew on location at their school throughout October.

Last Friday, it was Charlestown East's turn.

Gigi Hubber, year 2, and siblings Brydie and Ella Hoad, year 3, were three of 12 students in the film.

The trio were dressed as the water police, who found three people disobeying the water-saving rules.

Other students acted out these scenes, including someone washing their car without a trigger nozzle, another person hosing down their

driveway instead of sweeping it and a woman watering her garden in the middle of the day.

Each scene highlighted a different Water Wise measure.

Charlestown East Primary School's video, along with the eight other schools' submissions, will appear on the Water Catchers website from November 3.

The public is encouraged to visit the site at thewatercatchers.com.au and vote for their favourite entry.

The winning school will receive \$10,000.

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