



Mystery and intrigue abounds at Blackburn Lake Primary. Grade 2A pupils Kieran, Sarah and Kate helped classmates in, telling about 'Nature's Thief'.

# Kids plot a story

ON MONDAY morning at the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, some of Nunawading's littlest sleuths were out in force for a book launch with a difference.

Throughout the year, pupils at Blackburn Lake Primary School have been working on 'Cluey Writing', a project conducted under the guidance of author Hazel Dean, through Nunawading Council's 'Artists In Schools' project.

Each of the 12 grades have produced their own book of mystery stories with the help of Ms Dean, using Blackburn Lake Sanctuary as the setting for each story.

The books feature titles such as 'The Sanctuary Sleuth

Investigation', 'The Mysterious Mix-up', 'Unsafe Sanctuary', 'Nature's Thief', 'Chilling Mysteries of the Lake' and the 'The Funghi Finders', to name a few.

Children from each grade introduced their books and told the gathering at the launch about their story's plot.

Guests were then taken to the various sites of the sanctuary where parts of the different stories took place, where they were treated to an 'on-site' reading of excerpts from their stories.

The Mayor of Nunawading, Cr Savvas Athan, released balloons above the lake in the school's colours - red and green - to officially launch the books.