

# School back at Eisteddfod - and in fine style too

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**WEE WAA HIGH SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD WINNERS:** Back, Sarah Hamilton, Luanna Smith, Ashleigh Smith, Alanna Bennett Clancy, front, Amelia Kiern, Lorina Williams, Claire Young and Alice Haire.

This year has seen Wee Waa High School's re-entry into the Narrabri Shire Eisteddfod and the many weeks of hard work and preparation has paid off in spades.

Under the guidance and direction of Carmel Schwager, 12 students have spent the past few months using their lunch breaks to prepare and rehearse. "It has been terrific to see so many of our students become involved and for many it was the first time they had performed outside of a school setting and for most it was their first solo performance," Mrs Schwager said.

"Every one of our students placed either first, second or third in their chosen categories.

"Of note was Alice Haire placing first in each of the three categories she entered including Bible Reading, Own Composition and Sight Reading. Sarah Hamilton and Amelia Kiern gave a wonderful duologue performance of Alice and the Queen of Hearts.

"The adjudicator, Noel Stallard commented that their performance

was 'an excellent, dramatic and entertaining presentation.'

In the Poems for Two category Lydia Moon and Luanna Smith placed first while Claire Young and Alanna Bennett Clancy were runners-up with Lilliam Smith and Ashleigh Ross in third place.

The Humorous Poem category saw Tyanna Gaydon take second place and Lorina Williams third.

Mrs Schwager said: "A great deal of time an effort went in to preparing and ensuring that our performances were of the highest standard."

"We were fortunate to have Sally Knight come to the school on several occasions during the last few weeks to help the students prepare.

"It was immensely pleasing to see every one of our students give their best performance possible and to receive such a strong response and so many placings was great encouragement for each of them."

Wee Waa High School would like to thank the Narrabri Eisteddfod committee for being so encouraging and to Mrs Knight for generously sharing her time and expertise with the students.