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Recreate with prize

AN ART competition to be hotly contested by Sunbury primary schools is set to reimagine the town and help residents who have fallen on hard times.

The concept, developed by CareWorks SunRanges manager Nicky Gallus, will see students reimagine the streets of Sunbury.

Each of the 11 participating schools have been given cut outs of buildings and landmarks in prominent Sunbury streets, which they will recreate in mediums of their own choice.

The cut outs will be reassembled later as street by street murals to be on display at Sunbury Square in September.

Ms Gallus said the project gave students the opportunity to participate in a collective art project with the knowledge their efforts would raise the issue of families who are struggling to put food on the table.

"The children put in gold coin donations to partici-



SunRanges manager Nicky Gallus with Goonawarra Primary School students Llamera and Courtney. Picture: KYLIE ELSE

pate, while the display at Sunbury Square will also give the public a chance to vote for the favourite after their own gold coin donation," she said.

"The feedback I'm getting is the kids are loving helping out in a way that will make a difference."

Ms Gallus said more than \$50,000 was needed to keep the two-day a week volunteer food bank running in Sunbury annually.

"We need to pay our bills, our electricity and rent, and we are hoping the art project will keep us on top of costs for a little while," she said.

Ms Gallus said an increasing amount of critical cases of financial stress was presenting at the Macedon St food bank, which services Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges.

The cut outs were made by the Sunbury Men's Shed, with Western Water and the

Sunbury Community Health Centre supporting the project.

The public can view and vote for their favourites in the CareWorks Community Art Project at Sunbury Square, September 2-7 with the three most popular winning prizes for their schools.

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