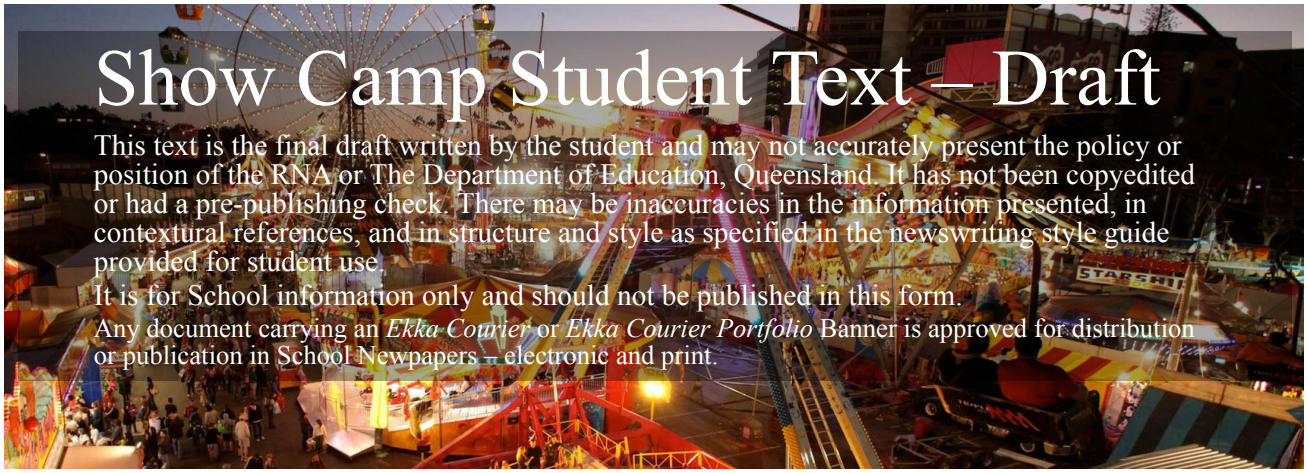


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It's Wheaty Important!

By Ulysses

Inside the Agriculture Education Pavilion all week at the Ekka, children had an opportunity to participate in a hands-on grain workshop.

Narelle Mumcu, was the host of the workshop and went through the process that grains must take in order to become the products we eat and love.

This process included harvesting the wheat, crushing up the grains, sifting the grains, turning it into dough, and finally making today's delicious products, like cookies, bread, and pasta.

Ms Mumcu said that she prefers the hands-on activities because the kids love it, everyone learns differently, and most learn much better with hands-on activities.



Attending children holding up their cookie

One of the kids who attended this workshop was Jackson Hartley, a student from Dayboro State School. He said that the workshop was very well prepared, and well executed.

"I'd say decorating the cookies and getting to, like, be creative with the dough," said Jackson, when asked what his favourite part of the exhibit was.

Jackson thought that all children should have the opportunity to learn and attend the process of handling grains because it's a great learning opportunity, and people get to learn valuable life skills.

Australia is one of the leading countries in the world for producing wheat, and that 75 percent of the 36 million tonnes of the production a year gets exported overseas.

"I learned that flour is in many things, so we need wheat," said Quinn Curtis, another workshop attendee.

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