



■ Cracking film, children ... Rachael Bretherton, Emma Phillipotts and Ai Takagi.

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Stars have feet of clay

SENIOR pupils at Middle Park's Good News Lutheran School are certainly patient.

Year 6 and 7 pupils have taken part in claymation this year.

It is the technique that created the popular Wallace and Gromit characters.

A group of 16 pupils are making Christmas-themed clay movies as part of their senior

enrichment classes.

Teacher Andrew Robitaille said the pupils took "one photo at a time" for each movement. Computer software was then used to collate the snaps into a one to two minute real-time video.

It took six photos to make one second of animation.

Mr Robitaille said claymation

taught pupils "the value of patience" and the rewards which can be the result of "a lot of toil".

Year 7 pupil Dominic Killoran participated in claymation last term. "It was hard thinking about how to get the claymation figures to move, but everyone got the hang of it after a while," he said.