

A play in clay goes to awards

DIRECTING, singing, sculpting, filming, writing, and editing: three Year 7 pupils have given new meaning to the term multitasking with a project that secured them a national storytelling award nomination.

Good News Lutheran School pupils Katie Wheatley, Emma Morcombe and Tess McBryde spent five months creating a short claymation film titled *Peace Should Be A Tradition*.

Originally started as a school project, the girls heard about the Wakakirri National Story Festival competition and managed to submit their entry just

before the deadline.

Claymation, used to create characters such as Wallace and Gromit, involves photographing clay figurines as they are put through a series of movements, and then placing the photographs in a sequence to animate the clay characters.

Wakakirri National Story Festival aims to find and encourage the next generation of creative stars by showcasing the year's best student work in the areas of story-telling, singing, dancing, writing, filming and storyboarding.

To view the film, visit www.ekids.net.au and choose *Peace Should Be A Tradition*.



■ Feat of clay ... Tess McBryde, Katie Wheatley and Emma Morcombe with their hand-made characters.