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BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS

Plastic not so fantastic

ECO-CAMPAIGNERS TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO BATTLE AGAINST STRAWS

WASTE warriors at Balgowlah Heights Public School have set up an environmental project.

The school's new action group, The Last Straw, aims to reduce the number of straws at the school.

They had been inspired by an 11-year-old American boy, assistant principal Belinda Richardson said.

Milo Cress, founder of the Be Straw Free campaign visited the school during a five-nation tour.

"Milo set up the Be Straw Free campaign when he was nine. Everyone at school was so impressed with his actions that a small group of our older students decided to create their own environmental project," Belinda Richardson said.

Milo told his audience the US used 500 million dispos-

BE STRAW FREE

■ American student Milo Cress began his Be Straw Free campaign in 2011

■ Milo has been touring five countries promoting his campaign to 5500 students

■ Details go to www.bestrawfree.org

able straws each year – enough to fill more than 46,000 school buses.

Charlotte Delaine, 11, said she was "disgusted and ashamed" at how many straws they used at the school.

The Last Straw is now seeking to cut straw use and will work with the canteen to change products, raise awareness at assemblies and post comments on Milo's website.



Balgowlah Heights Public School students Amber Richards, 11, Vivianne Paduch, 9, Caitlin Mulquiney, 10, Charlotte DeLaine, 11, and Lachlan Johnstone, 9.