



Teachers spokeswoman Ann Maree Furney with Clayton Daley, Bradley Rankmore, Eliza Darcey, Kailey Linnane, Dubbo Postal Manager Ian O'Neill, Rebecca Mudford, Chloe Hilder, Wayne Chatfield of Australia Post, Police Liason's Tim Newson and Bradley Stanley.

Bunninyong bags the books

Bunninyong Public School students will lead the way in literacy and learning after the school was the only one in the State to be chosen for this year's Australia Post Books in Homes program.

More than 300 students packed the hall yesterday for the launch of the program, which aims to improve literacy levels of disadvantaged primary school students by giving them new books of their choice to encourage reading as a long-term habit.

South Sydney Rabbitohs player David Peachey was due to present each of the school's students with the first of the nine new books they will receive this year but was unfortunately detained in Sydney after coach Jason Taylor called a surprise training session.

Before Australia Post Dubbo postal manager Ian O'Neill made the presentation on Mr Peachey's behalf he told the students about his own love of books and the importance of being able to read in all walks of life.

Bunninyong principal Sharon Murray said the positive effects of the program on the literacy skills of the school's students would be carried with them through their lives.

As well as providing each of Bunninyong's 300 students with nine new books through the year, Books in Homes donated 144 new books to the school's library to enable current and future students to continue to benefit from the program.