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□ **Read on:** Australia Post's possum Gary Dawson met with Westport Public School students Ashlee Weston (year four) and Tristian Stone (year three) to encourage them to read books as part of the Books in Homes Australia program.

Possum tales are perfect for reading

THE Books in Homes program is helping Westport Public School's children to improve their literacy by giving them quality new books of their choosing, as well as 144 new books being added to the school library each year.

Principal Mark Youngblutt said the program reinforced that reading was the key to a successful future through inspirational role models, sponsors who were

committed to the children's future and success, their families and the community.

The term's role model was Gary Dawson who has a strong passion for Australian charities and his amazing fundraising efforts have enabled him to raise \$13 million for worthy causes.

Mr Dawson has been awarded an Order of Australia for his services to charity.