ELEVEN budding rock stars at Sunshine Harvester Primary School are hard at work for their next school performance.

Music teacher Andrew Lilley said the school’s rock band formed three years ago, and the band, which specialises in modern rock music, has performed at graduations, school assemblies and even participated in a battle of the bands with other schools in the past.

“Two of the students have been part of it for two or three years and the rest of them are new,” Mr Lilley said.

“The rock band has four girls and seven boys between the ages of 10 to 12 years.”

The students play electric guitar, base, drums, electronic piano and also sing.

“They perform regularly at school assemblies and they have played at The Granary in Sunshine,” he said.

ARDEER

Bird on steep learning curve

BUDGIE SITS IN ON LESSONS

BIRD is the word at an Ardeer school where students and staff have taken two lost feathered creatures under their wing.

Mother of God School principal Gerard Broadfoot said a green budgie flew into the schoolyard on August 4.

A yellow canary also flew into the schoolyard a few weeks ago.

The budgie is living at the school in a cage donated by PETstock in Sunshine and is being cared for by students.

Mr Broadfoot said the budgie has been named Petie and has fitted into the school routine quite well.

“It’s one of the noisiest members of the Grade-5/6 class,” he said. “I guess that means it’s a boy.”

Mr Broadfoot said he suspects Petie is someone’s lost pet because the bird is “very happy in the cage”.

Mr Broadfoot said anyone who believes the budgie or canary could be theirs should phone the school on 9363 1734 or visit the school’s office in Blanche St.

An, Rachel and Isabella with the budgie. Picture: SABAH MATRAY

SUNSHINE

Trade-training centre a tribute to industrialist

A NEW trade-training centre named in honour of one of Sunshine’s founding fathers was officially opened last Wednesday.

The Harvester Technical College, a precinct of Sunshine College, has been named as a tribute to inventor and industrialist Hugh Victor “HV” McKay.

Descendant Scott McKay attended the centre’s official opening last week to represent his famous ancestor, who established the Sunshine Harvester Works during the early 1900s.

Mr McKay was also responsible for creating Albion’s H.V McKay Memorial Gardens, formerly the Sunshine Gardens, for his workers.

The centre will offer opportunities for students to complete their education while also studying pre-apprenticeship certificates in building and construction, engineering, hairdressing, electro-technology, bricklaying and plumbing.

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