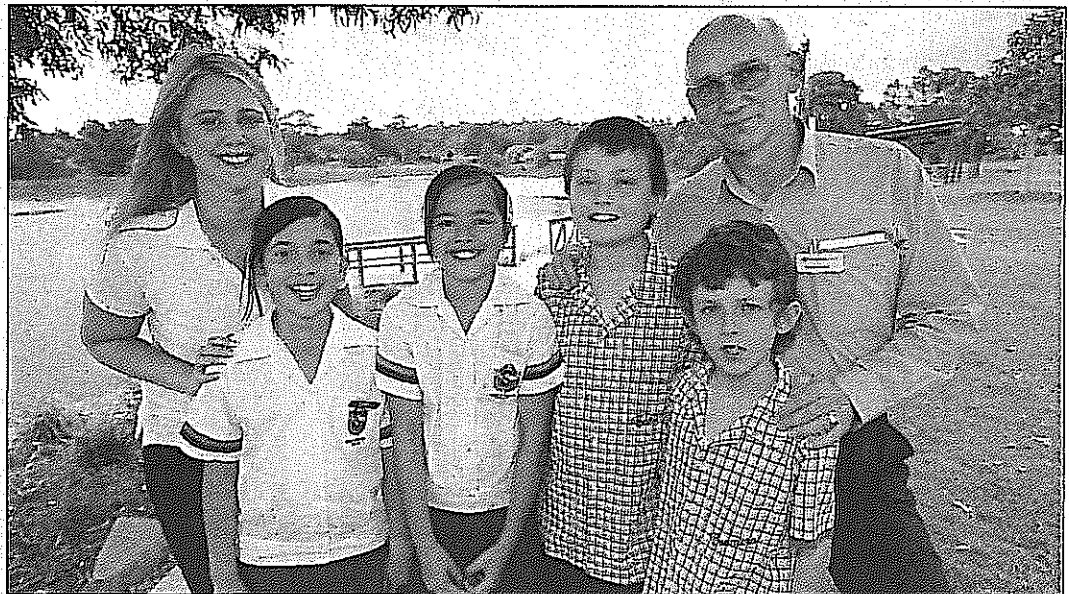


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Nucrush keeps stones rolling along



CREATIVE ... Renee Henville and Michael Cooper of the Nucrush Group, Tara Nelson and Jasmine Coombs of Saint Stephen's College, and Jacob Ryan and James Weightman of Coomera State School.

Schools just rock

GRADE 5 pupils from two schools on the northern end of the Gold Coast have earned prizes worth hundreds of dollars as a reward for innovative ideas about rocks.

They were winners of the 2007 School Resources Project sponsored by The Nucrush Group, which has a quarry at Oxenford.

Jasmine Coombs and Tara Nelson from Saint Stephen's College at Upper Coomera won the poster section with their Rocky Rocks submission; and the Grade 5NM class at Coomera State School won

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the creative section with its Great Rock video. Category winners won a voucher worth \$150 and educational equipment to the value of \$750 for their schools.

The School Resources Project was established three years ago and is an initiative of Nucrush's Good Neighbour Program.

This was developed in conjunction with teachers and aims to introduce children to the importance of rocks and their many uses.

Michael Cooper, general man-

ager of the Nucrush Group, said the group was proud to have initiated and sponsored a project to educate local children about an industry integral to the community.

"Houses, schools, roads, such as the M1, and the water pipeline all use products from our quarry and a growing number of local people work at the quarry and in construction industries," he said.

Students who entered were given a presentation and taken on a tour of the Oxenford quarry.

"The project helps pupils understand the importance of rocks in their daily lives," he said.