Busy officer gets award

DILIGENT AND PROFESSIONAL

Stacy Thomas

OVER the past 12 months, Jen Clissold has compiled 307 police reports, eight intelligence reports, arrested 39 offenders and laid 69 charges for offences.

It is these statistics which have earned her the title of Mt Druitt Police Officer of the Year for 2012.

Graduating from the Goulburn Police Academy, Constable Jen Clissold arrived at the Mt Druitt Local Area Command in May 2008.

Crime manager Brendan Bayliss said Constable Clissold was a highly motivated, keen, diligent and professional police officer.

Since arriving at Mt Druitt, she has been recognised for her good police work and praised by people for recovering stolen property and providing compassion when needed.

The big awards night was held last Wednesday at Rooty Hill RSL Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rooty Hill. Both Mt Druitt and Quakers Hill police stations nominated 10 officers.

All received a pendant as recognition for their nomination and the overall winner from each station was handed the annual Police Officer Shield.

Quakers Hill Officer of the Year was Reginald Schmutzer, and for Mt Druitt, Constable Jen Clissold has been named Police Officer of the Year. Picture: DAVID MARSHALL.

A persuasive case for quality teaching

Ryan Lipman

A MIXTURE of teaching methods gave year 3 students at Bennett Rd Public School an extra edge in last year’s NAPLAN test. 2011 results place the school above average for year 3 persuasive writing. It was the first time persuasive writing was tested.

Year 3 teacher Joerine Thomas and her colleague Chris Moss focused on developing the specific skills tested in the exam.

Mrs Thomas said the students were involved in practical exercises to develop persuasive writing skills. “We did a lot of debating and had a lot of discussions,” she said.

“We tried to link persuasive writing to other areas like science and HSIE. “We took the students to the national park and gave them writing tasks about what animals they think should be in the park.”

Mrs Thomas also developed students’ ability to spot persuasive text and what clues to look for.

Principal Matthew Plummer said both he and the community were happy with the students’ results.

“I want to congratulate the teachers in preparing the students for improvement,” he said.

Bennett Rd principal Matthew Plummer with students Emilee Beecham, Brayden French, Ebony Pitman and Kai Robertson. Picture: DAVID MARSHALL.