

Photo essay: Terry Deefholts



■ Zoe Clark wants answers.



■ Girls can be friends with boys ... sometimes. From left are Kathryn Grainger, Brooke McKenzie, Alice Dougherty and Dylan Collett.



■ Annie Swadling gets some air over her jump rope.



■ ABOVE: James Bloomer gets into rescue character at the Grafton pool. While the expressions are faultless, the rope-throwing technique needs some work.

■ LEFT: Luke Arnott claps to a Christian beat during singing practice.

■ BELOW: Mucking around at little lunch is, from left, Harry Hayes, Morgan Weildon and Rylee Harrison.



■ Jack Giles gathers himself on the diving block before racing down lane 1 at the South Grafton pool.

The age of innocence



■ It's amazing how many games you can get out of a hula-hoop. Ramanjeet Arkan, left, captures Tyarn Clark at a typical St Mary's lunch break.



■ Rylee Harrison, left, and Sasha Smyth get a big laugh out of their recess play.



■ Morgen Parkin gets going with a splash at the South Grafton pool.



■ Kiara Clark delves deep during prayer time.

B EING asked to do a photo shoot at a school is any photographer's dream, because there are a million images to capture.

Of course, you're always going to have the really confident kids running up to you asking to have their photo taken, so to control this aspect I told them I wouldn't take their photo if they were looking at the camera.

But hanging out with the students at St Mary's Primary School for a couple of days, gave the less confident ones an opportunity to really open up, and the more time I spent with them, the more sure of themselves they became.

It really put me in the picture, of where they were and the experience made me want to be a kid again - to be dropped off at school with a packed lunch and be able to play sport twice a day with all my friends.

To see the enjoyment on their faces while out in the playground, and their innocence during class was fantastic.

- Terry Deefholts.

Photos available through Photography Unlimited at Grafton Health Foods. Phone 0413 299 176 or 6642 1589



■ Bestest friends, from left, Catherine Judd, Kiara Clark, Kelsey Burt and Tahlia Herbert.



■ Morgen Parkin has a rest before launching herself into an energetic hula-hoop session.



■ Charlotte Crocker concentrates on the problem at hand during maths.



■ Lindsay Blanch shares a smile that can only be from infants.



■ Stealing the limelight from the boys in the background with a vintage cheese smile is Brooke McKenzie.