School tribute to volunteer

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WHITEHORSE Primary School turned yellow last week in a bid to find a cure for cancer.

The students united during Daffodil Day to pay tribute to school volunteer Peta McCarthy who died of lung cancer in May.

Acting principal Paul Merriweather said Ms McCarthy had visited the school in Nunawading a few days a week and would be dearly missed.

“She listened to the children read, helped out with the perceptual motor program and assisted in making concert costumes,” he said. “In the ’90s she singlehandedly made our school uniform which consisted of shorts, trousers, T-shirts, windcheaters and art smocks.”

Mr Merriweather said she also staged a craft group during lunchtime to teach students to sew and knit.

“She always enjoyed the company of children and wanted to enhance what they knew and to extend their knowledge further,” he said.

Nunawading Primary School students for Daffodil Day. Left to right, Natasha, Jemma, David, Alexia and Holly. Picture: FERGUSON MICHELE No9WH213