



**SHADOW PUPPETS:** Artist Stephen Noonan works with Year 4 and 5 Reidy Park Primary School students Riley Bradley, Tyson White, Alexis Lunnay and Jai Amoroso.

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# Shadow performance

## Student program to teach puppetry techniques



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HISTORY has come to life in the form of shadow puppets at Reidy Park Primary School.

Artist Stephen Noonan is spending two weeks working with students to create shadow performances based on the his-

tory of the South East.

The Adelaide artist has joined the school to help three classes through an "artist in school" program thanks to a grant from Carclew Youth Arts.

"Techniques include shadow puppetry as they explore fairytales and local Mount Gambier history," he said.

Year 4 student Alexis Lunnay and Year 5 student Jai Amoroso

have had the chance to work with Mr Noonan.

"We have been making shadow puppets and practicing for a show on Friday," Alexis said.

"It's about Mount Gambier's history - it's very interesting."

Jai said he had enjoyed the creative experience.

"We started by gluing paper onto cardboard to cut out our

shapes and then glued sticks on them to make them puppets," he said.

Mr Noonan has performed in theatre, dance, circus and puppetry in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, the USA, England, Canada, Denmark, France and Japan and has taught drama and dance in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Sweden.

Students will show off their performances on Friday.