



ART IN HAND: Puppeteer Stephen Noonan with Dernancourt Primary students Joshua, 5
Joslyn, 6, and Casper, 5. Picture: Roy Van Der Vegt H039069

Kids taught to pull strings

DERNANCOURT Primary students have been expressing themselves through performance thanks to a series of puppetry workshops.

Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 students have learnt about the ancient form of theatre under the guidance of talented Adelaide puppeteer **Stephen Noonan**.

Mr Noonan took time between performances at the Imagination Festival in Scotland and

the Out of the Box Festival in Brisbane to teach children about shadow puppets and junk puppets made from recycled materials.

“This is a form (of art) that kids understand and don’t question,” Mr Noonan says.

The sessions are part of Carclew Youth Arts’ Artist in Residency program, which aims to boost students’ confidence and self-esteem through interaction with professional artists.