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■ Mathoura Public School students Skye Krispyn, Ethan Gruber and Antwoin Morgan with their Picasso cow.

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A life-sized fibreglass cow has moved into the gardens of Mathoura Public School.

It is all part of the Picasso Cows Program - a curriculum-linked initiative which brings the Australian dairy industry to life in the classroom.

The school recently received the cow to name and paint, with students letting their imaginations run wild and unleashing their creative talents.

She was named Winnie The Moo and Ryder Douglas' design, capturing the devastating effect of drought, was selected.

"This highlights the issues facing dairy farming from a local community perspective," principal Janice Eddy said.

"Painting was completed over a few weeks and each student took an active role in the process under the guidance of Mr Edgar.

"Winnie the Moo will take pride of place in our gardens. We hope that she will serve as a visual reminder about all facets of the dairy and farming industry that is such an important part of our community."

The program provides primary schools from around Australia with an engaging and challenging way to learn about the dairy farming industry, its products, health and nutrition benefits, as well as farming practices.

"As part of our health unit, all classes have been completing learning activities that explore the importance of a balanced diet to ensure they are provided with the nutrients that they need to stay healthy and active," Mrs Eddy said.

"Students are also learning about the importance of building and maintaining strong, healthy bones during childhood and throughout life."