



## Students hone footballing skills

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STUDENTS from Ulladulla Public School have been working on their footballing skills with the help of St George Toyota Cup player Shannon Wakeman.

Wakeman spent two hours with Stage 2 students at West Ulladulla Sports Complex last Wednesday.

He was accompanied by experienced coaches from Australian Rugby League Development (ARLD) and Country Rugby League as part of the AUSTAR for Schools Sports Month,

supported by FOX SPORTS.

The students enjoyed a number of games of footy tag and were also presented with AUSTAR t-shirts and drink bottles.

Wakeman proved extremely popular with students and was kept busy signing autographs at the end of the day.

A spokesperson for AUSTAR said the Sports Month was an extension of the existing AUSTAR for Schools service, under which schools receive a free subscription to 20 educational channels such as the History,

Discovery and National Geographic channels.

She said Wednesday's clinic had been designed to teach students about a sensible approach to a healthy lifestyle and to ensure a positive rugby league experience through fun practical sessions.

At the end of the day AUSTAR representative Kia Poolman presented Ulladulla Public School with a cheque for \$2000 to be spent on educational or sporting resources.



**LEAGUE STAR:** St George Toyota Cup player Shannon Wakeman teaches kids from Ulladulla Public School about rugby league.



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**GREAT EFFORT:** After learning more about rugby league, Ulladulla Public School student Jon Violaris was keen to get out on the field and have a go, impressing all when he did.