

# DEMOLITION



## BOOK CONNECTS KIDS TO THEIR ROOTS

Jimmy Russell, Margaret Leabeater and Marli Russell were all ears during author Isobel Bevis's reading of her first children's book, "Nedingar: Ancestors", at the Collie Public Library on Monday. Story page 7

## St Brigid's building to go: Reverend objects

THE former St Brigid's school building will be demolished following a series of incidents at the site.

However, Harvest Life Ministries Reverend Gael Varian believes it is worthwhile saving, and is pushing ahead with a plan to redevelop it as a community services centre.

Father Gerald Tan said the Bunbury Catholic Diocese recently confirmed via email the building will be demolished.

Fr Gerald, who wants the building removed, said he sent a complaint to the diocese after being assaulted by juvenile trespassers. Trespassing and vandalism have been ongoing issues at the building.

Ownership of the St Brigid's property is divided between the parish and diocese.

The diocese owns the school building and the parish owns the church and other buildings, including the Harvest Life Ministries church and drop-in centre.

Fr Gerald said demolition of the building is well past due. "Hopefully it will happen this year," he said. "I was very strong in my opinion with the diocese."

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