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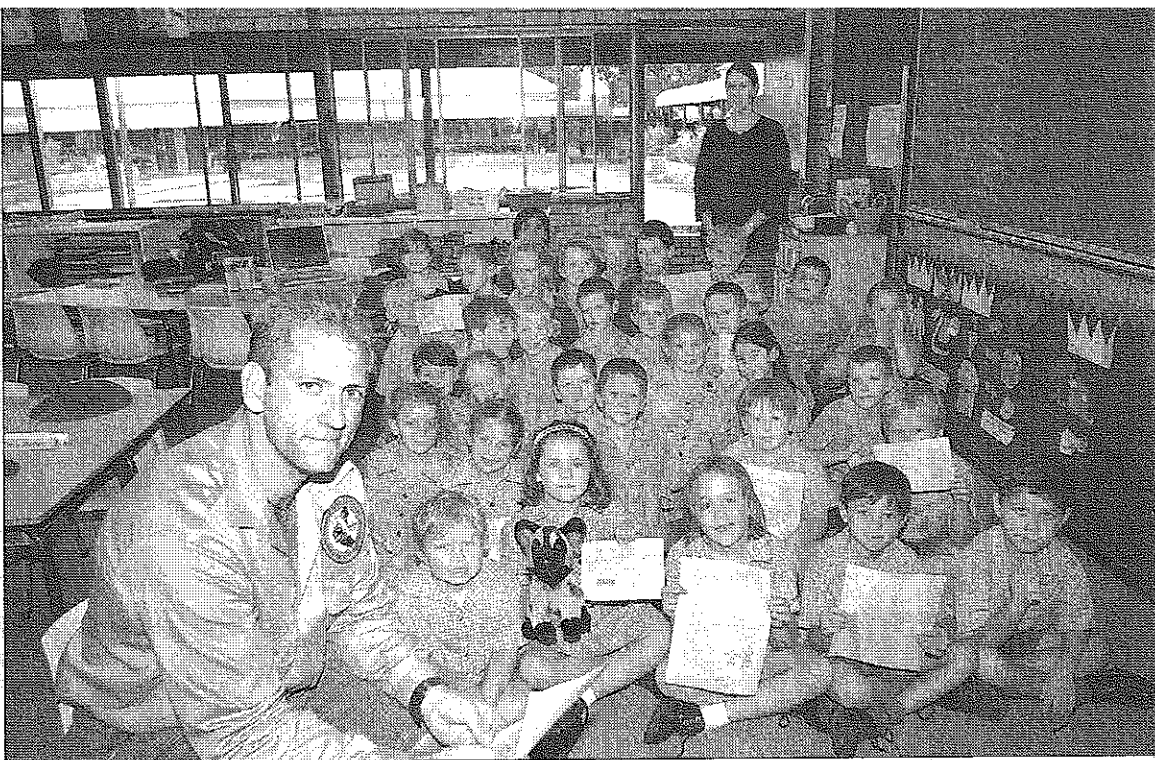
Back in town for a quick fundraising visit and to collect his wife Angela, Dubbo wildlife conservationist John Lemon took time out from his busy schedule to visit some special children at the Dubbo Christian School.

The Year 2 class had earlier taken part in a pen-pal scheme that Mr Lemon set up with children from the village in Zimbabwe where he has been working to save the cape hunting dogs from extinction.

Mr Lemon brought with him a sackful of letters from the Sianyanga community school children, which he hand-delivered to the Dubbo Christian School.

He explained to the Dubbo children why he had to personally hand-deliver the letters.

"The children in



■ **MESSAGE FROM AFRICA:** John Lemon spoke to students at Dubbo Christian school about children he has met in Zimbabwe during his efforts to save the cape hunting dog.

Zimbabwe have little or no money," Mr Lemon said.

To highlight this fact Mr Lemon read a letter from an African child, which said their village had been having a fundraising

drive to raise money to pay for the postage of the children's letters.

"Such is the extent of their poverty," Mr Lemon said.

"The situation in Zimbabwe is such that

people can't even afford something as simple as a postage stamp."

The village where Mr Lemon has established a wildlife conservation centre to save the hunting dogs is in a remote part of

the country with no power or modern conveniences.

During his most recent trip to Africa Mr Lemon took video footage of children from the village school, which he showed to the Dubbo children.