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Bulimba students prove they Gouda what it takes to be cheesemakers

Bulimba State School have creamed the competition to take out the white cheese title for the first time in the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) Student Made Cheese Competition at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

The primary school's REST Team won the Mould Ripened Cheese White category, grilling a group of 30 other entries that dairy expert and Chief Judge Russell Smith described as the best they had seen in the competitions 10 year history.

"I think technically, these were the best cheeses overall that we've seen in the competition to date," he said.

"The winning camembert exhibited beautiful buttery aromas and flavours, it was absolutely superb - I really can't imagine a camembert with a better flavour profile."

Meanwhile, there must be something in the milk at Caboolture, with Tullawong State High School taking neighbour Caboolture State High School's title of best Mould Ripened Cheese Blue.

Mr Smith said the winning blue was just as good as any cheese available commercially.

"The first place had beautiful texture and a lovely distribution of mould through the cheese. It had a good salt balance which is really important with blue mould, and really gorgeous flavour."

Mr Smith tasted his way through 143 entries from 24 Queensland schools this week and said it was fantastic to see the improvement in the quality of the entries.

"This is not an easy product to make and it's a real credit to the teachers and staff who've been involved in this competition year after year – they put in a huge effort to achieve the level of excellence that they do."

Many of the students will return to the Brisbane Showgrounds in August for the Ekka, known as Queensland's largest classroom, which is now just 42 days away.

2019 WINNERS:

Class 1 – Mould Ripened Cheese – White

Winner – Bulimba State School – REST Team

2nd Place – Moreton Bay College – MBC D

3rd Place – Murrumba State Secondary College – MSSC Group 2

Class 2 – Mould Ripened Cheese – Blue

Winner – Tullawong State High School – Tullawong Group 1

2nd Place – Kilcoy State High School – Tegan, Abbey, Shaylee

3rd Place – St Peters Lutheran College - Alyssa Savage, Josef Ronlund & Michaela Hazel

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