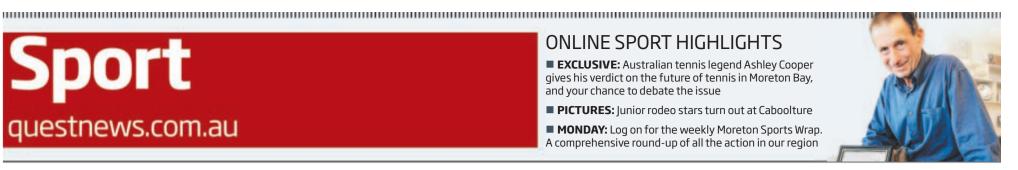
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## Kamaia makes her point in javelin

ATHLETICS: QUEENSLAND SCHOOLGIRL IS NATIONAL CHAMP AND HAS HER SIGHTS SET ON OLYMPIC GLORY

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MURRUMBA Downs' Kamaia Peina has set her sights on making the Australian track and field team by 2013.

She has also added a long term goal of competing at Olympic and Commonwealth games after exceeding expectations in claiming gold in the 16 years girls javelin at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships last weekend.

Kamaia's plans for glory were thrown into chaos one hour before the final when she injured her knee after tripping up some stairs.

But she decided she wouldn't let her training go to waste and battled through the pain to throw a personal best 45.18m to win.

"I was really excited because I wasn't even going to throw after I hurt my knee,' Kamaia said. "But I just

wanted to throw as I'd been training for a couple years.

'I've been doing weights and I've been focusing hard on training.

Kamaia's strong performance extended to the shot put where she earned a silver in a personal best 13.33m.

"That's the best I've done in shot put and I only started training for it in October,' she said.

Kamaia broke the Queensland schools javelin record on her way to the nationals and was junior national champion earlier this year, which she followed with selection to the Australian under-17 squad.

Her mum Michelle said it was a special moment for the family, who were all able to attend the titles.

"I was absolutely ecstatic. I wasn't too sure what to expect when I found out she hurt her knee," she said.

"To win it by 4 metres was quite extraordinary.'



GREAT ASPIRATIONS: State record holder Kamaia Peina took gold in the Australian schools championships last weekend.

