



# St Michael's Collegiate

Set for Life.

## Sailing excursion an historic snapshot

GRADE 5 students from Collegiate went on a fantastic river trip on the Lady Nelson last month.

The students cruised slowly down the River Derwent to the casino before turning around and sailing back up the river and under the Tasman Bridge.

The purpose of this awesome trip was for students to experience what it was like for Tasmania's first settlers.

"We had a fabulous time on Her Majesty's 'Tinderbox!'" Morgan Blackburn said, referring to the nickname given to the training ship.

The replica Lady Nelson was built at Margate in 1988 and is made out of Tasmanian blue gum.

It is larger than the original Lady Nelson built in England 1793, and has a 118 horsepower engine.

The Lady Nelson was named after the wife of Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson, who was a well known English naval hero.

He fought in the Battle of Trafalgar where he lost his life.

"The excursion was great," Samantha James-Radford said.

"You could really get the feel for what it was like for the early settlers.

"I loved putting up the sails," Alice Terry said.

Students rang the ship's big gold bell eight times and sang "eight bells and all is well".

# CAMP DELIVERS FUN TIMES

THIS year's Grade 5 Collegiate Camp was held in the southern wilderness at Port Esperance where the girls enjoyed camping out and learning survival skills.

Soon after arriving everyone played some games before enjoying a yummy morning tea.

After that the girls formed groups of six and went off to choose a cabin to sleep in.

The camp ran for two days and several groups of girls were involved in four different activities — raft building, bushwalking, archery and rowing.

The girls rotated though each activity, undertaking two exercises each day.

The most important part of each day was eating because the food was simply delicious.

Outdoor education teachers Jilly, Chris, Nicola and Mr Witcomb as well as Grade 5 teachers Ms Brinkman and Miss Ibbott all made sure the camp was a great success.

On the last day there was a big challenge.

The first part of the challenge was to eat a Weetbix with Vegemite and chutney on it, and then run a relay with faces covered with mud.



**BOATING:** Elizabeth Willis, left, Georgina Barnes, Imogen Wurf and Lauren Jones get busy on the water.

## Students enjoy success in Wakakirri competition

COLLEGIATE'S Grade 5 students competed in the Wakakirri Story-Dance Competition at West Point earlier this month.

The girls were thrilled to receive second place and an award for the most creative movement.

Six Tasmanian schools competed in this year's competition and each performed a seven minute story using dance and music.

Every year there is a sig-

nature item that can be included in the presentation and this year's item was a ring.

Collegiate Grade 5s also won an award which recognised the most creative use of the ring within their story.

The school also won the Best Behaved School Award.

The girls made their own props and the costumes were fashioned from school uniforms.

Students prepared and

practised long and hard for the night. Collegiate enters the competition every year because it gives each student a chance to perform on stage and enables students and staff to work together as team.

Grade 5 would like to thank Ms Brinkman, Miss Ibbott and Mrs Butterworth for all their help with this exciting competition.



**TALENTED YOUNGSTER:** Lauren Jones performs at West Point.

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