



Dodges Ferry Primary School

Winners are grinners

IT was a long hot drive to Launceston for the State Literacy/Numeracy awards on August 30.

It was a particularly big day for Alex Coyle and Jeremy Howe, who were escorted by school principal, Mr Hamnet, and Flying Start teacher Mrs Daniels.

The school was very excited to be nominated for such a prestigious award. There were four levels of awards — \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 and the big prize was \$10,000.

Alex and Jeremy were sitting there waiting very

patiently. The \$1000 went by, then the \$2500. And when it was announced that we had won \$5000 we thought that we were on top of the world. That was terrific!

We walked up on the stage and shook hands with The Governor Sir Guy Green and were very nicely presented with a plaque that now hangs in our office area.

We believe that we are very worthy winners. We will spend the money on literacy supplies and materials for the school, which will benefit the students and staff.



This page was produced by students from 5/6 Buckley, Dodges Ferry Primary School.

ON TOP: Governor Sir Guy Green with Alex Coyle and Jeremy Howe.

Basketball blitz

STUDENTS from grades 3/4 and 5/6 will play in the Southern Basketball Tournament at Moonah Stadium later this month.

The school last year won the southern competition and were runners up in the state competition.

Open morning

TO celebrate our literacy program parents and friends were invited to our school to see a display of our work and also to see our literacy block in action.

E-pals

MANY classes in our school have e-pals in many places around the world.

We have some local buddies but also communicate with children from as far as Denmark and Texas.

One of our classes had a visit from local buddies. It was great to put faces to the names that we often email. We are able to find out a lot about many places and our overseas e-pals are always interested in our area.

Let's do our part

WE have been learning about the blue gum and it's importance for the swift parrot.

On National Tree Day we finished a corridor of blue gums at the entrance to our school.

We hope this will help the swift parrot in the future.

Variety Clubs Bash

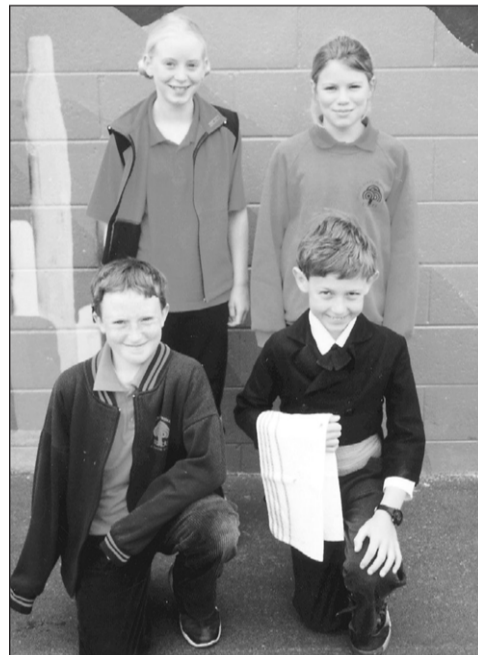
LAST month we had the NSW Variety Clubs Bash visit our school to raise money for charity.

The school raised some money and on the day members provided us with some very handy sports equipment, a video camera and books. It was their second last stop for Tasmania.

Some of the people were dressed up and cars were brightly decorated.

A helicopter also landed in the middle of our oval.

Students dine out with good friends



HELPERS: Back, Rhianne Price, left, and Ella Rowe. Front, Tim Noyes, left, and Orin Winter.

SOME of the Dodges Ferry Primary 5/6 students regularly take part in a community function provided by Okines House.

Co-ordinated by Natalie Siggins, students help to provide lunch and company to some community members.

The students love this experience and look forward to the next time.

Leading the way

DODGES Ferry Primary students took part in the Curriculum Consultation Project display in August.

Eight students from two classes went to the Bowen support Service for a rehearsal and to set up.

The next day, students were to share the work they were doing with The Essential Learnings as part of the Curriculum Consultation Project with other schools.

Parents took students up to the Bowen Support Service and waited while the teachers and organisers got ready to present the work.

The students showed inventions and design projects and after the teachers and organisers had finished their part they gave their presentation.

Emily talked about what she had invented and the advantages and disadvantages of her design. Alex talked about assessment. Farron talked about sharing projects with a friend and an inventor's visit. Sam shared the processes of inventing and designing.

Mr Harper's group shared their work about Aboriginals. They had looked at how Aboriginal lifestyles and culture have changed and continued from white settlement until now.

Students showed and talked about the Curriculum Consultation project and Essential Learnings and how we are using these in our school.



ESSENTIALS: Farron Boxall, left, Emily Burns, Alex Coyle and Sam Langfeldt.

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