



Emmanuel

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEW TEACHER:
Ashlee Rootes.



Science success

SARAH ELLIOTT and ASHTON FERGUSON

THE Marine Study Centre at Woodbridge was an exciting, informative and interactive destination for Emmanuel Christian School's Grade 9 students last month.

In the same week, the students attended the Science and Engineering Challenge at Moonah.

At Woodbridge the students looked at the impact that humans have on the marine environment.

On the Marine Study Centre's boat they tested the oxy-

gen, temperature and salinity levels of the water.

The class was given the opportunity to drag a dredge across the bottom of the ocean.

When brought to the surface, the dredge revealed a variety of scallops, shrimp and sea plants.

A rare female spider crab had been collected as well. These are normally seen only once per season so this was a special experience.

Students had the opportunity to learn about and touch dog sharks.

They were also able to encounter small starfish, sea cu-

cumbers, scallops, sea squirts and more.

Grade 9 and 10 students attended the Science and Engineering Challenge at the Moonah Sports Centre on July 7.

They competed in a number of challenges that included building a miniature car out of wood, straws and balloons.

Using limited supplies they had to create enough electricity to power a whole city, build a bridge and test its strength, among other interesting challenges.

Emmanuel students tested their skills in science and

engineering against five other schools. "It was a good opportunity for the students to experience a different learning and social environment to test their skills," Emmanuel teacher Drew Roberts said.

The students learned how to deal with difficult issues when put under pressure.

"I really enjoyed these two excursions. It was an amazing educational opportunity and it was great that we could have a hands on approach," student Kati-Rose Tiller said.

"It was interesting to learn about the different types of marine life," she said.

Ex-student returns to teach

JUDY COLE and RACHEL TRY

A FORMER student of Emmanuel Christian School, Ashlee Rootes, is now back as a teacher.

Miss Rootes started school at Emmanuel in 1994, at the age of four and continued on until graduating in Grade 10.

Miss Rootes says it's weird coming back as a teacher but also a good feeling.

She says that there have been quite a few changes since she left, like new technology, different teachers and interesting programs.

Students today certainly do more work than when she was here as a student. This reflects the school's progressive learning style.

Miss Rootes says the best thing about teaching is that it's different every day.

Students describe Miss Rootes as a nice, friendly and amazing teacher with a great fashion sense.

She is a teacher who smiles all the time and likes to make jokes.

Miss Rootes is funny and entertaining, always in a good mood and finds ways to make all her classes fun.

● THE other writers on this page were Isabelle Hesketh, Emily Grubb, Isabella Jacobson, Beth Sharples, Rachel Saunders, Zane Casboubt and Kati-Rose Tiller.

Bush dance

MAXINE JACK and SHERIDAN SOUTH

AN amazing time was had at Emmanuel Christian School's first bush dance at the Police Citizens Youth Club in Belterive last month.

Primary co-ordinator Saskia Loeff organised the event with the help of parents from the school community.

The entire primary school student body took part as well as several of the teachers.

With the help of the Billy Tea Bush Band, everyone had an amazing time learning this style of dancing.

The Billy Tea Bush Band is renowned as one of Australia's most experienced school bush bands.

Many of the students who attended said they had a great time learning how to bush dance and eating the bush

tucker for dinner. It was also a great chance to meet different people from the school community.

Grade 9 student Judy Cole said the bush dance was really fun. She had a great time and

hopes we have another bush dance soon.

The bush dance program normally involves morning workshops, an afternoon bush dance and an evening family bush dance.

This format was employed at Emmanuel Christian School and worked well.

The band played a lot of good old Aussie songs. Most were based on native flora and fauna and the Outback.



WALTZING MATILDA: Students Hannah Denman, left, Rebecca Florisson and Gabriella Freckleton take a break from the bush dance.

SCHOOLshorts

Joseph revisited

EMMANUEL'S primary school students will present an original production called *Seven Fat Cows* at the Rosny College Theatre on August 31. Teacher Janet Tiitinen has adapted the Bible story of Joseph to create a contemporary play giving a modern interpretation of his life. Mrs Tiitinen has directed many of the school plays while she has been at Emmanuel and this will be her last as she is leaving at the end of the year.

Public speaking

STUDENTS Beth Sharples, Rachel Saunders and Sarah Keane represented Emmanuel Christian School in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition on May 14. Beth Sharples was the runner-up in the competition and all the girls represented Emmanuel with elegance and poise and spoke with passion about topical issues.

Grandparents' day

THE school's primary section is preparing for Grandparents' Day on November 2. This is a day of fun and enjoyment for teachers, students and grandparents alike.

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