



# Howrah Primary School

**GROWING TOGETHER**

## Moving with the times

**I**N the past two years Howrah has undergone major changes as a result of its building re-development

Upgraded classrooms, the construction of a multi-purpose hall and a walkway connecting the Upper Primary and Early Years sections are very welcome additions.

The multi-purpose hall provides a much needed venue for assemblies and specialist lessons. The re-developed top oval is a favourite play area as well as a first-class venue for organised competition.

Howrah has always benefited from a very supportive parent and community involvement.

The school has a strong School Council and two active parent bodies — Howrah Parents and Friends and the Beachside Kindergarten Association.

Students at all levels benefit from the various fundraising events held throughout the year.

One of Beachside Kindergarten's most successful fundraising events is its annual Bike-a-thon which has proved to be very popular with both children and parents. Howrah Kinder-



**The Howrah primary multi-purpose hall.**

garten is due to benefit from upgraded play equipment and shade cloth areas as a result of Parents and Friends' support.

Students are encouraged to participate in programs that provide valuable opportunities for developing a positive attitude to school life and building leadership skills.

In the Upper Primary campus mediator group members are rostered daily to help with minor conflict resolution problems in the playground. The Environment Club has been active with cleaning up rubbish as well as planting native

shrubs. Aussie Sports leaders assist with lunchtime activities such as sideline soccer and netball.

The Student Representative Council, consisting of representatives from each class, has initiated and carried out a number of successful fundraising events, such as the popular Crazy Hair and Outrageous Days.

During Term 3, 2002, Howrah Primary established a website as the result of a project conducted by a group of fourth year information systems students at the University of Tas-

mania. The school's website has provided another valuable link with its parent community.

Information technology has been given a further boost this year through the establishment of a computer lab based in the upper primary area. The lab will benefit both staff and students in the development of their skills by providing a focal point for computing within the school.

Curriculum development continues to move with the times and meet the needs of the school community. The Flying Start program in the Early Years has been strengthened by the introduction of the Reading Recovery Program. Howrah Primary has become a Literacy Centre for the Bowen District this year.

Essential Learning units are being developed and implemented throughout the school, particularly in the area of numeracy.

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### News in brief



**The LOTE Expo.**

#### Bowen LOTE Expo

DURING May the school hosted the Bowen LOTE Expo in the new multi-purpose hall and an evening presentation at Rosny College. There were exciting and educational skits performed by students from schools in the district. Howrah presented five items in French.

#### RSPCA fundraiser

IN Term 2, the school raised \$550 in a money line. The cheque was handed over at a recent assembly to a representative from the RSPCA's Mornington Centre.

#### Art Exhibition

THE school will hold an art exhibition in the Multi Purpose Hall in October. All students will contribute one piece of art work for display. The participants of the Grade 6 woodwind program will perform at the official opening.



**Feline friendly.**

#### Music mentors

DURING Term 2, music students from Clarence High have been running workshops with Grades 5 and 6 woodwind players.

#### Cat Box Competition

TECHNOLOGY was on show when one of our Grade 6 classes won first prize in a Cat Centre competition. They built and decorate a cat-friendly box to house our feline friends and promote the centre. The winning entry was displayed at Woolworth's Shoreline.

#### Learning Together Awards

TWO staff members received awards from the Minister for Education, Paula Wriedt, at a recent Bowen District presentation ceremony. Val Talbot's award recognised her valuable contribution to the visual arts program throughout the school. Lindsay Adlam's award recognised his leadership in ICT and educational computing within the school community.

## Howrah students put their minds to maths

BUILDING numeracy skills has been a priority in the Early Years (Prep - Grade 2) where children are engaged in daily mental computation.

Professional learning sessions for staff were organised by Denise Neal, statewide coordinator in Numeracy and Essential Learnings.

Classrooms have been set up to encourage children to manipulate concrete materials, investigate patterns and to talk about the strategies they use to solve problems.

This is challenging all students to think mathematically.



**Grade 1 student, Athina Tsakiris, with her collection of buttons.**

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