



MARGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A true community school dedicated to educational excellence



MILLIE DE VRIES,
Grade 1/2: I like my friends and how my teacher teaches me.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MARGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL?



HAYLEY KHULL,
Grade 2: Crazy Hair Day.



JOE LIPS-COMBE,
Grade 3: Good teachers.



LUKE KOOY,
Grade 2: Maths.



ANNABEL HAZELL,
Grade 1: You get to make new friends.



EDWARD MCEVOY,
Grade 3: I really like the principal.



LIZZIE OSBORN,
Grade 3: The teachers and people.



JACKSON MAZZER-ELLA,
Grade 4/5: Throwing sponges at the principal for fundraising.



EDWARD HAMMOND,
Grade 1: Playing with friends and reading books.

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HEART OF COMMUNITY

MARGATE Primary School has a community which is dedicated to providing its students and families with an environment which aims to ensure children can develop to their fullest potential.

This dedication has led to the building of a community centre on the school grounds. It is expected to become the hub of the school community.

It will be a place where adults and children can meet to develop life-long friendships, a love of learning and to share interests old and new.

The centre is divided into two main areas and includes its own kitchen and toilet facilities.

The community centre will also deliver the Tasmanian State Government's "Launch into Learning" program.

This initiative will offer



LEARNING HUB: Students outside the new community centre at Margate Primary School, where the Launch Into Learning program will be conducted.

early years educational experiences for families with children aged birth to four, with parents being valued as children's first teachers.

Children will have the opportunity to learn and develop through a play-based curriculum which nurtures and supports their individual learning

needs. The centre aims to provide opportunities to connect families and children with each other, with Margate Primary School and services in the wider community.

The programs offered will promote the development of emergent numeracy and literacy skills in

fun and positive ways. In the 2009 school year there will also be opportunities for children to enrol for play sessions and pre-kindergarten classes.

Contact co-ordinator Amanda Urquhart at the centre for more information.

Innovative programs help shape students

IN an innovative approach to pooling resources, Margate Primary School has this year established a dedicated unit called the Learning Centre.

From this centre, coordinated by Mrs Libby Brown, several teachers and aides run various programs aimed at catering for specific aspects of the teaching and learning program.

These include Literacy and Numeracy Support, Flying Start, Bridges, Extension programs and assisting students with additional needs students.

In May Dr Carol Christensen's Reading Link program was introduced into early childhood classes up to

Grade 3. As the year progressed older students were introduced to the program.

In consultation with classroom teachers, the Learning Centre staff are able to further each student's individual progress.

The extension programs include robotics, philosophy for kids, chess club, EngQuest, junior and senior ArtyFacts, and Holly's Heroes.

● MARGATE Primary School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students for next year. Inquiries can be made by calling the school on 6267 2238. Tours can be organised and school informa-



LIFE SKILLS: Teacher Liz Finlayson inspires her students.

tion packages are available.

● ON October 12 Margate Primary School was represented by teams of students from Grades 3-6 at the Epilepsy Australia trivia challenge in Launceston. Every-

one represented themselves and the school very well. The Grade 4 team was the state winner at its grade level, receiving a trophy and medallions. Congratulations to all who took part.

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