



Princes Street Primary School

WORKING TOGETHER

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Feeding the future

PRINCES St students involved in a program called "Feeding the Future", working together with teachers, parents and an expert from the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens to cultivate herbs, vegetables and fruits. These are harvested and passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution.

ANKIE GIOMATARIS

Food and fun fair

THIS Friday from 5-8pm will be an exciting and memorable evening at the school because its annual fair time! Everything will be available from curry to cupcakes and pony rides to the peddlers parade. As this is a major community event, parents and classes have been busy preparing activities. It will be fun and spectacular and everyone is invited to come along.

ARKI FARGHER

Leadership lessons

"WHAT do you like best about being a sports leader?" Ask any of our Grade 5/6s who lead our daily fitness groups and you'll hear comments like: "I get to know the kids better and get enjoyment out of teaching them", or "You learn skills like being encouraging, patient and how to keep your cool" and "You get to practise giving instructions and how to teach co-operative skills". Activities include dodgeball, skipping, basketball, relays and running activities. It's about having a go, working together and getting fit.

ELOISE WALKER and KATE WILLIAMS

Thanks!

THIS Mercury School Page was produced by students in Grades 5/6 Ling, 5/6 Davis and 5/6 Grace/Bird. We would like to thank all advertising sponsors for supporting our students with this real-life project.

A FOCUS on teamwork and collaborative learning has brought clear rewards and benefits to Grade 5/6 students at Princes Street Primary School this year.

Creativity, sharing, belonging and commitment have all been enhanced through successful learning together.

Grade 5/6 GB worked tirelessly to produce a movie which won the Tasmanian division of the Kid Witness News "new vision awards".

Will Smith and Jacob Julian-Best travelled to Sydney to collect the trophy and \$2000 in Panasonic products.

A team of top players from our dynamic chess club recently competed in the state chess finals in Launceston.

As former state champions, we battled to keep the title but eventually relinquished the trophy to Goulburn St as both schools declared check-mate.

Bill Chen was the Under 12 state champion, winning eight out of his nine games.

The team will go to Melbourne this month to compete with the best junior chess players in Australia for the national title.

Teamwork was the essential ingredient in the success of Princes St's Tournament of Minds Teams this year. Our two teams competed in the Tasmanian finals held in Launceston.

The Language/Literature group was runners up, winning tournament honours, while the social sciences team won a "Spirit of T.O.M." award, for exceptional teamwork and upholding the values of the competition.

"It was an amazing experience I'll never forget," participant Steph Duncombe said.

We love to read at Princes St and our team had its moment in the spotlight when it won the Readers Cup Tournament recently.

They read six books, completed a trivia quiz and used the themes in the books to perform a creative response.



DREAM TEAM: Princes Street students, back from left, Gretel Withers, Kate Williams, Sam Abel, Xavier Scully and Tom Cochrane. Front, Eloise Day, Stephanie Duncombe and Ashleigh Crisford.

Our win was the result of much hard work and co-operation, shared ideas and leadership.

"It was a really fun experience that I would do again if I had the chance," said Eloise Day.

"Reeep!" That's the sound of robots at work at Robocup. During August we competed with other schools at Robocup in the soccer, dance and rescue categories. We enjoyed working with each other,

helping each other and having fun.

Working and learning together at Princes St, we can achieve much more than we could achieve on our own.

JACOB JULIAN-BEST, BILL CHEN, AIDEN OH, TOMAS WILTSHIRE, EMMANUEL KLONARIS, SHUQI YU, ELOISE DAY, STEPH DUNCOMBE, ALEX HASAN and TOM KESSELING

Creative partners in modern learning

AT Princes Street Primary School we are educating for the future in creative and innovative ways.

Princes St and 20 other schools across Australia were selected to participate in the 2011 Microsoft Partners in Learning Program.

Our principal and two teachers have attended forums in Melbourne and the Gold Coast and will be attending another in Sydney.

One of the reasons we were chosen

for this program was because our school was already using a lot of technology. Students have access to wikis, blogs, webcasting, robotics, video production, online interactive activities, creating three-dimensional worlds, Skypeing with other schools, and multimedia presentations among other technologies.

Being able to communicate and share innovative ideas with other schools locally and globally will con-

tinue to benefit our students and teachers.

The new e@discovery space at Princes St school demonstrates possibilities for changing physical learning environments.

In this space, students can personalise their learning and express their innovative and creative sides.

One exciting project from the e@discovery space has been exploring another language and culture

through technology using hand-held devices, Skypeing, and accessing the most current computer software.

Our Microsoft team of teachers has modelled innovative ways of teaching and learning in the e@discovery space. They have shared, guided and supported the learning of other staff and students. Everyone is excited about learning.

PHOEBE WINTER, ED QUARMBY, CLARE CARRINGTON and JAY HULL

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