

South Hobart Primary School



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ALUMNI CELEBRATE 150TH

Rivulet plays vital role in educating students

SOUTH Hobart Primary School is lucky to have the Hobart Rivulet on its back doorstep.

Over the years, it has been used in a variety of ways, including providing power via a water mill to a grain factory, fresh drinking water, bathing water and also as the main water source for the Cascade Brewery.

Students and teachers are becoming more aware of the power of the rivulet as a resource.

They used it as inspiration for an overnight arts program last year and a water-based unit for this year's Mountain Festival.

Grade 5/6 students are also developing a plan to keep track of the health of the rivulet with help from students from New Town High School.

The rivulet track is also used regularly as part of the fun run event and the Fitness and Fun program.

So, we are seeing the rivulet taking a more important role in the life of the South Hobart Primary School community.

MANY THANKS

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SOUTH Hobart Primary School will celebrate 150 years of education next week.

The school has not always been at its present location. When it opened in 1858 it was opposite the All Saints Church and was called the Macquarie Street Public School.

In 1896 it moved to the new Macquarie Street State School, where Adult Education is now. In 1930 the current infant block was built in Anglesea St, meaning students were separated into the "top school" and "bottom school".

In 1964, the current primary block was used for the first time, uniting all students at Anglesea St.

As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, students have been talking to past pupils of the school.

Pat Hull, who was a student in the 1930s, shared some fantastic stories.

These included describing the school fair, where there were embroidery stalls, cake stalls and the favourite sweet of the day — toffee apples.

Pat attended the school's 100th anniversary celebrations at the Macquarie St site.

A number of students have gone on to success.

Alex Gurney was a famous cartoonist who started at the Mercury and drew the World War II cartoon strip, *Bluey and Curley*.

Gordon Abbott, a Geelong and Essendon premiership player, attended the school during the 1920s.

Kim Barker, who attended in the 1970s, made the *Guinness Book of Records* for kicking 21 goals in one game of soccer.

Ray Donoghue lost his life saving others in a tram accident in 1960, and was awarded the George Cross for bravery.



NEW AND OLD: South Hobart Primary student Holly Greaves, Grade 6, with 1938 student Noel Williams.

Parent, teacher and history buff David Boon has provided the school with a number of significant resources to assist in the celebrating of this special event.

One of the most widely read pieces of information has been "This Week in History" which is published in the school newsletter.

Principal Mr Greg Turner believes the celebrations have

highlighted, for all of the school community, a value of — and interest in — history.

"I have been fascinated by the way students and their families have embraced not only the history of the school, but their own family history," Mr Turner said.

"The celebrations have provided a great learning experience for all.

"I look forward to the sharing of stories from former teachers and students during our week of celebrations."

During the celebration week, events include an Open Day on August 19 and an assembly on August 21, in which there will be presentations by the school choir, marimba group, instrumental groups, history work by the students and a big cake.

On August 22, there will be a re-enactment day as well as a reunion reception in the evening.

There are also tours of both South Hobart Primary and the Adult Education building on August 23.

If you would like to take part in the celebrations please contact the school on 6223 6040.

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