



Eastside Lutheran College

School Talk: What do you like most about Eastside?



It's small and friendly.
Haydn Woitkowiak
Grade 9



It's a small school and a relaxed environment.
Tamara Tracy
Grade 10



Everyone is caring and considerate and it has great facilities.
Ed Cranwell
Grade 7



I like how people care about each other and that it feels like home.
Serena Head
Grade 8



It's a small school and you can learn a lot better. I also enjoy playing sports here.
Kim Hoth
Grade 10

Auction helps Save the Children

NEARLY \$2000 was raised from an auction of student artwork last term, and half of it will help the Save the Children fund.

Held on August 21, the Great Art Auction featured works ranging from Prep pictures to professional paintings, all displayed in Eastside Lutheran College's big new multi-purpose room.

While the students were working hard at producing masterpieces, staff and committee members mounted drawings, put up artwork and organised musical programs.

The night was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

About 150 pieces of work were sold, including two portraits from art teacher Mrs Zane Yasuda, and \$1919 raised — a great achievement considering Eastside has less than 100 students.

Our art program expanded this year, giving us a new option for the high school electives and Mrs Yasuda's great skills resulted in two students winning art prizes, locally and nationally, for work.

Grade 7 student Myra White won

first prize in the student section of the Clarence Open Art Exhibition as well as the peoples' choice award.

Grade 8 student Yeabsira Kiros finished in the top 50 finalists of the Silk Cut Lino National Awards in Melbourne.

The art program has also benefited from the talents of local artist Gary Gregg, who has been teaching drawing to Grade 5/6 students.

He specialises in drawing and painting faces and we are privileged and grateful for his time.



ARTIST: Student Myra White

Learning growth excites new head

THIS year Eastside Lutheran College was joined by new principal Gundars Simons.

Mr Simons is an experienced teacher and principal who came out of retirement to lead us into the future.

His personality and ambition helped him fit in at Eastside better than the students themselves.

"Being a principal is something I think I am good at, having been a principal for 27 years," Mr Simons said.

"I like the interaction with the students, staff and parents."

Since Mr Simons took over the role of principal, we have seen many pleasing changes.

Mr Simons said his faith was the main reason he took up the job at Eastside Lutheran College.

"I am very committed to my church — St Peters Lutheran Church," he said.



ACHIEVEMENT: Eastside Lutheran College principal Gundars Simons presents a learning award to Maddi Polzin.

"They asked me to become principal, so I prayed about it, took the advice and then took the plunge.

"I enjoy seeing improvement, especially in the students' learning growth. I like the challenge."

Recently, Mr Simons presented Grade 4 pupil Maddi Polzin with a certificate and medal from the 2008 University

of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Maddi gained the highest result among Tasmanian students in the English section, achieving a high distinction and winning the state medal for that subject.

After hearing the news, Maddi said: "It was a big surprise, but I am very happy!"

Fantasy fun in workshops

EARLIER this year Eastside Lutheran College secondary students took part in two workshops to extend their maths and English skills.

The maths workshop was organised by Mr Nick Freeman who used a co-operative learning approach and sorted students into small groups to work together.

The session covered more work than a normal maths lesson, but everyone got a fair go thanks to the specific roles the students played in each group.

Mr Freeman said the workshop had featured a series of tasks, which were engaging and fun.

Student Jack Cooper said: "It was quite good and I reckon it was much easier to learn that way".

The English workshop, entitled Fantasy Worlds,

was organised by Ms Sue Kitto and also featured co-operative learning groups.

The work varied, but was focused around fantasy. Students produced their own books as a group and watched movies to fully explore the theme.

The English workshop was enhanced by posters, book displays and decorations around the room.

It was a wonderful week of learning and enjoying the world of fantasy.

Ms Kitto said it had been fun exploring fantasy.

"I was impressed with the students' abilities to work together on some extensive study," she said.

Student Yeabsira Kiros said it was one of the best workshops ever held.

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