



# Eastside Christian School



## Plans to expand to Year 9

EASTSIDE Christian School is a budding primary/middle school which is just starting to bloom.

Eastside is an independent Christian school which is a member of Lutheran Education, Australia.

The school, situated off Bounty St, Lindisfarne (the site of the old Eastside drive-in theatre), has been open for 21 years. However, the move into middle school (grades 6-8) only began last year.

There are currently 81 students in years prep to Grade 8.

This year Eastside welcomed a new principal, Mr Rob Sellars from Concordia College in Adelaide. He has a background in ministry as a pastor, which enhances the school's focus on Christian education.

The school is busily developing its facilities in preparation for the move into year 9 next year, including two new classrooms as well as new science, technology and computer labs.



**JOY OF LEARNING:** Owen Kelly and Natalie Cowie at work on a research project.

Building grants have been received from the Association of Independent Schools and the Lutheran Church of Australia.

The curriculum is being re-designed to incorporate the Essential Learnings Framework, which will be a great way to deliver value-based education in a friendly, small and caring atmosphere.

This year's middle school students have been very positive about the move into middle school. The grade 6 students work together with the grade 7's, which makes an easier transition into secondary schooling.

"It is good because we get all these new subjects like IT and drama," Shannon Kleywegt, a grade 6 student, said.



**SCENIC SPORTS:** Bryce Fletcher, Ben Pasanen and Emmanuel Johnny-Moore having a ball on the school oval.

A new Grade 6 student at Eastside, Aaron Moss, said: "The school has a loving Christian environment. We

get lots of individual attention and the staff are really nice and easy to talk to. "My favourite subject is

Library because we go on our private school bus to Rosny Library where we can borrow books," Aaron said.

### Books celebrated with dress-up fair

By DUSTY JOHNSON

BOOK Week celebrations at Eastside Christian School culminated in an all-school Book Fair on September 2.

Students and teachers came dressed up as book characters. The fair included quizzes, games, prizes and performances by the school choir.

There were displays of children's Book Week work as well as a Giant Book Sale featuring books from Koorong Christian Bookshop and bookseller Stories.

The student representative council organised a book stall for pre-loved books, and the Parents and Friends put on a yummy supper.

● THE middle school students at Eastside Christian

School have taken part in a literacy program helping the younger children in grades prep to 3.

The students worked with their "buddy" each week, helping them with their reading and writing skills.

It was good for the little kids to get to know the older kids and make new friends.

A highlight of the program was for the older children to design a book for their buddy. It was a good learning experience in writing for a purpose as well as writing for a younger audience.

The books were displayed in the library as part of Book Week and National Literacy Week.

DAVID FREEMAN

### Maths honours

By ANDREW HAIGH

STUDENTS from Eastside Christian School achieved a superb result in finishing third overall in this year's Maths Relay organised by the Mathematical Association of Tasmania.

The competition involved many teams in four divisions organised by grade. It was held in three locations across the state: the north, the northwest and the south.

The southern division was held on August 15.

Each team had to answer 20 questions getting progres-

sively harder in difficulty in 45 minutes.

The Eastside team of Andrew Haigh, Matthew Knight, Matthew Harris and Jamee Coombes finished with an outstanding score of 180 out of a possible 200 marks.

The team members were highly pleased with their efforts.

"It was challenging," Matthew Knight said.

"We never thought we could get such a high mark!"

### Fifty new trees for school



**BRANCHING OUT:** Erin Noyes and Kloe Brooks.

EASTSIDE Christian School took a big step towards looking more beautiful on August 4 when year 2/3 students planted 50 trees.

Eastside won the plants, donated by Hobart Regional Nursery, from the Clarence City Council for participating in the Water Conservation poster competition.

Each student planted two to three trees each.

"We take care of them every recess and lunch," Dylan Peace, grade 2, said.

JOSHUA CORNER-WALKER and TIM NOYES

### Japan, India top teams of school mini-Olympics

THE Eastside Christian School Mini-Olympics for grades prep to 3 was held on August 27.

The event was the celebration of class research work about the Olympic Games.

Children in the 2/3 class worked with "buddies" from the 4/5 class. Each team represented a country taking part in the 2004 Athens Games.

The events included the

paper plate discus throw, the cotton ball shot put, the straw javelin, the squishy ball shot put, the bean bag race and the obstacle course.

Japan won but was closely followed by India and Greece.

Winning students received medals and leaf crowns and all participants received awards.

A great day was had by all!

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