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CHICKENS WIN PRIZES

While looking after chickens and learning about responsibility, students at the Fahan Infant School have also produced some prize-winning poultry.

DIPPY, Mattie, Moon, Twinkle-starry, Tinkerbell, Violet, Milo, Lucy and Henny-penny are all much-loved members of the Fahan Infant School.

Last year at the Royal Hobart Show the students' chickens won a number of prizes, beating people who show chickens professionally.

Violet won first prize for best peking bantam and a special award for being the top of the class.

A former pet, Sir Spottalot won a prize for soft-feathered bantam cockerel, and Moon won second prize. To prepare for the show the girls washed and brushed the chickens, then saw them off at the gate.

The children look after the chickens and feed them vegetables from the school garden, which they also look after

themselves — even acting as scarecrows. One student said they "made scary faces to scare away the birds".

They also feed the chickens pellets and scraps.

"The tuckshop lady gives us a bucket of food to put in the cage," another student said.

Straw from the chicken cage is then used to fertilise the garden.

The Infant School initially kept chickens as pets many years ago before they decided to enter them in competitions.

The children collect the eggs the chickens lay and sell them.

The money raised goes toward the school in East Timor Fahan supports.

This year the infant school also has a new pet rabbit.

● This page was an initiative of Grade 10 students at Fahan School.



BIG HUG: Fahan Kindergarten student Rose Speakman gives one of the chooks some TLC.

Fahan teacher's French sojourn

FAHAN School's French teacher Holly Lutzow is spending part of this year teaching at the Lycee Escoffier School in New Caledonia.

New Caledonia is situated in the Pacific Ocean, east of Australia and is a self-governing French territory. With a population of about 222,000, it is comprised of many islands.

After a gruelling interview process for a teaching visa from the French Embassy, Miss Lutzow was one of a handful of lucky people who were fortunate enough to be selected to go to Noumea for seven months to teach English to local high school students.

After studying French since Grade 7, Miss Lutzow went on to complete a university degree, majoring in French.

She then got a job at Fahan School, specialising in French.

Two years later she applied for a study trip and was one of the successful applicants given an opportunity to travel to France to teach in schools.

Now she is in New Caledonia.

"I'm really excited to have this opportunity to improve my language skills and collect resources which will make me a better teacher for my students," Miss Lutzow said before leaving for Noumea on March 16.

School celebrates its happy international family



GOOD MATES: Fahan School boarders are best of friends.

THE Fahan School Boarding House hosts a wide range of live-in students.

Of the 33 girls that board, 13 are international students from countries including China and Thailand.

Hidden from view, the boarding house would probably not stand out to the casual onlooker. However, the many who live there say it is a place that makes them feel at home.

The original boarding house, Nateby, was once the

school house. Now, it is the living quarters for girls up to and including Grade 10.

The senior boarding house is the home of girls in Years 11 and 12 and has single room accommodation as well as 24-hour internet access to make it easier for girls to study.

Tor Nicholas has been living in Nateby for six years.

She says she loves the company in the boarding house.

Head boarder Hannah Voll-

merhouse says living in the boarding house is fun and like camp.

The international students find the boarding house a massive change from their homes overseas.

When asked if she got homesick, Young Bin Hwang, the youngest student in the Boarding House (Grade 6), said she did, but it was good to have friends around her.

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