

Fairview Primary School Out of the fire into the Future

Program builds literacy bridge to success

building the bridge to success for students at Fairview Primary School who need help with their literacy skills.

Fairview Primary heard about a well-structured and effective literacy program being run in the north of the State and looked at implementing it at our school.

At the end of the last summer holidays, more than 30 committed staff and partrained to become Bridges tutors.

Over the year more parents have trained to tutor in the program, which helps children improve their reading.

Ms Susnja and Mrs Jackson have been the coordinators of the Bridges program.

Mrs Jackson said it had been a lot of hard work in the beginning but the program was fantastic.

Fairview won a \$500 literacy grant and will be using Bridges in action.

Other schools and senior people in the Education Department have heard about the success of Bridges at our school and have visited to see how the program works.

They have also been able to see how much the children love participating.

Jarrad Campbell-Smith has been in the Bridges program for a term. "I reckon it is fantastic because it's a sound literacy program," he said.

"I think it is easy for teachers and tutors to follow and it's fun because there are always games involved in the sessions.

Parent Mr Wright said it has been great fun working with the children and it had helped build the children's confidence in reading.

NAKITA KÜBE and JARRAD CAMPBELL-SMITH



ABC KIDS: Parent Cheryl Morse, a Bridges program literacy tutor, works with Josh Clark.

Good start to the day

THEFairview Breakfast Club was launched on October 10. The aim of the club is to make sure children who aren't having breakfast at home get some.

Research shows that children who have breakfast are more capable of concentrating during school time and achieve better results with their schoolwork.

For the launch there was food like muffins, toast, Milo, juice and many different sorts of cereals.

wouldn't have the Breakfast Club without Mrs Jana Ure, who worked tirelessly to gain the support of many generous sponsors.

These have included the Salvation Army, Chicken Feed, DJ's Bakery, the Derwent Valley Health Promotions group, Valley Vision and Woolworths.

The Breakfast Club has been very successful with plenty of students arriving early to be a part of it.

> **TONI QUINN and TAMIKA TEMPLE**

Reborn from ashes

CONSTRUCTION of our new school buildings is finally finished!

Months spent wondering and imagining were finally transformed into more than a dream when we were given the nod to move into our new and colourful buildings.

The construction project came about after a deliberately lit fire on New Year's Eve 2001 burnt many important school facilities.

The school administration offices were destroyed along with student files and other important documents.

Both our principal and AST2 lost their offices. The staff room and its contents were also damaged beyond saving as were three classrooms for the senior classes.

We also lost our senior students' toilets and our excellent gym facilities.

A wonderful team of volunteers made up of teachers, parents, students and supportive community members arrived at the start of January 2002 and worked during the remainder of the holidays until the beginning of the

One of the biggest jobs was to salvage as many of the school resources as possible, including student files, and this was a very sooty job.

When the school year began in 2002 there were a few changes for our school community to get used to.

The primary students and staff had to use Portaloos in the playground.

Many of the classrooms had to be moved to other spaces because of the classrooms destroyed in the fire. This resulted in many people feeling cramped.

The lack of space we had after shuffling classrooms around resulted in the loss of our Flying Start room and for 12 months the Preps had to move down to the kindergarten, two blocks from the main school, as there weren't enough classrooms for them.

This meant we didn't get to know the youngest members of our school.

Sports lessons were very tricky without a gym, especially in wintertime when the frost and the fog was thick or the rain was bucketing down.

But our sport teacher Mrs Fisher was great and at times

very creative. Cricket and basketball up and down the corridor was very entertaining to watch.

The biggest change at our school was that we no longer had our weekly assemblies where classes would share work and what was happening in their classrooms, and we would hear the weekly sports results.

The senior students who were looking forward to running the assemblies could no longer take on those responsi-

Slowly the plans for the new buildings were approved and work began.

Even though we had to work through the noises of drills, hammers, bulldozers and other building tools and machinery, it was all worth it in the end.

The architect, Mr Ian Johnson, designed funky new buildings with funny-shaped doors and walls.

In the gym there is a 3D theatre on the wall that makes the gym look like a Bells Construction worked

very hard to build the new buildings during extreme

weather so that we could move into our buildings as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate all the builders' efforts.

It was very exciting to see the buildings grow but it was more exciting to use them for the first time.

The new buildings are awesome and all the sacrifices have been worth it.

Our new buildings include the new gym, new toilets, a new administration area, and new staff room, meeting room and offices for the senior staff. We also have a new music room and canteen.

The new buildings have been decorated using all the colours of the rainbow and we think they look awesome and that we now have the grooviest looking school in Tasma-

Our whole school assemblies are fantastic in their new surroundings. The "togetherness" of the school has returned and the future is looking very exciting for the whole Fairview school com-**LAUREN BURN and**

BLAIR WARDLAW

In brief

Social skills

TEACHERS at Fairview Primary have devised a program called Learn a Fair View to teach the social skills students need and provide a model for good behaviour.

Learn a Fair View was devised because staff and parents wanted students to get on better and have less incidence of fighting and problems caused by anger and gossip.

By participating in this program we are learning the skills to become positive role models and active citizens.

Eco-winners

GRADE 5/6 Neal at Fairview won the Tasmanian section of the national Murder Under the Microscope, or MUM, online competition.

The competition involved us researching a series of clues to identify the catchment in an area in environmental crisis, identify the problem facing the river system and generate a management plan for sustainability.

The students of Neal were also crowned Junior Eco-Planners 2003.

Helping hand

Fairview Primary stu-dents decided to be part of an international fundraising program. As a result, our school now sponsors an eight-yearold girl named Lydia Adhiambo, who lives in Nyanza, Kenya.

Lydia has planted a mango tree in Fairview Primary School's honour to thank us for becoming her sponsor.

Healthy hearts

Fairview raised \$2081.30 taking part in Jump Rope for Heart.

Not only did all the students from Grades 3-6 exercise daily for the sixweek duration of the program, but we were also making sure we have a healthy future.

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