



# Howrah Primary School

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## MIND TEAM REPEATS SUCCESS

IN another smashing success for Howrah Primary school's Tournament of Minds team, last weekend it competed in the Australasian Pacific final.

Tournament of Minds is a creative problem-solving program for primary and secondary school students.

It challenges students in the areas of language/literature, maths/engineering, social science and applied technology.

Howrah students won the state language/literature primary school final for the second consecutive year and received another invitation to represent Tasmania in the Australasian Pacific finals.

This was a wonderful achievement and our school, families and community are very proud of the team's efforts.

One of the best things about the tournament is that students get to solve each challenge in a team situation.

Tournament of Minds is about learning and developing individuals within a team structure.

Our team consisted of four Grade 6 and three Grade 5 students plus teachers Dianne Vickers and Catherine Grace.

Following the regional finals we were presented with a special award for upholding the "Spirit of Tournament", thanks to our co-operative problem-solving skills.

This year we had two regional tournaments leading up to the state final in September.

More than 100 teams competed for the honour of representing Tasmania



**GREAT MINDS:** Tournament of Minds members (from left) teacher Dianne Vickers, Cameron Quinn, Georgina Davis and teacher Catherine Grace. Back (from left) Brontie Froud, Nathan John, Clare Boothroyd, Hannah Foster and Sarah Grace.

in the Australasian Pacific final against teams from Australia and Singapore.

Businesses associated with the school community generously donated money to assist our travel costs to Melbourne and we held our own fundraising events.

One such event was a morning tea

stall, which required us to handle food and money responsibly and count the funds raised.

Howrah Primary School's Tournament of Minds team included Sarah Grace, Brontie Froud, Claire Boothroyd, Georgina Davis, Hannah Foster, Nathan John and Cameron Quinn.

Congratulations to Nathan John who represented our school for the second time.

The team performed well in Melbourne and was a strong contender for the national title, which eventually went to Eagle Junction State School, Queensland.

By Taylor Assmann and Samantha Fleming

## Howrah happenings

AT the end of the Grade 6 year a fiction competition is held to show English talents honed during our primary school years. The competition is in honour of Bev Kitto, a former teacher who passed on her love of stories. Stories are judged by a panel and the best three are bound in a book and placed in our library to inspire others.

This is a highly sought after award and Grade 6 students try to keep their audience guessing.

By Bronte Davison and Conor Barnett

### Tassie reps

STUDENTS from Grade 6 Grace/Vickers have been chosen to represent Tasmania this year including Paul Stevens, Ben Ling, Brayden Dart and Will Reibel. Bronte Davison will compete at the International Futsal Championships in New Zealand in November and Tim Coad will compete in the Pacific School Games in Canberra in November.

By Jarrod Harper and Will Reibel

### Talent quest

FROM November 17-21 Howrah Primary is searching for talent! A talent quest has been organised and students from Grade 3-6 are preparing their acts.

There is a 50c charge to enter the talent quest and a 20c charge for audience members.

By Maddy Smith-Dakin and Chloe Groves

### Book task

FORMER premier Paul Lennon asked Tasmanian students to read 20 books between April 30 and September 30.

He set a list of books that were suitable for children in different grades to read at their own level. Every student in Grade 6 Grace/Vickers completed the task.

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## Excitement mounts for the fairest fair of all

PREPARATIONS are well underway for this year's beachside Howrah Primary School twilight fair on November 7.

Organisers are promising to deliver another highly successful event with something fun and exciting for everyone.

There will be craft, home-made cakes and biscuit stalls, a pedlar's parade by Kinder students and a visit

from some of our wonderful emergency services workers.

You can try your luck on the chocolate wheel and win prizes like wine and gift vouchers, which have been donated by the school's generous supporters.

The usual favourite stalls will include stalls for pre-loved toys, books and clothing where you can find some fantastic bargains.

Musical entertainment for the eve-

ning will be provided by the Howrah Primary School choir as well as the Clarence High School band.

As this is a major school community event, every class has prepared a stall to operate.

In addition, many of our Grade 6 leaders will be helping around the different stalls on the night.

This popular community event is held in order to raise funds for the purchase of much-needed materials

to support our Kindergarten to Grade 6 literacy programs.

If you have never attended the Beachside Howrah Primary School twilight fair, then this is the year to give it a go.

This wonderful family-focused event will be held on the corner of South and Lower River streets, Howrah from 5-7.30pm.

By Ben Ling and Brayden Dart

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