



# Howrah Primary School

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## TASSIE WINS MIND GAMES

HOWRAH Primary School's language/literature team won the Australasian-Pacific final of the Tournament of Minds in Darwin recently.

The team competed against all other states and territories in Australia as well as Hong Kong and New Zealand.

Howrah Primary School entered two teams in the Tasmanian Tournament of Minds finals held in Launceston. These were language/literature (Ella Wescombe, Samantha Muskett, Tally Dobber, Anna Stocks, Isabella Pearce, Emelia Hawkey and Clare Grace) and social science (Mikaela Ewington, Abbey Johnston, Casey Cheetham, Lucy Southcott, Kathryn Edwards, Hannah Richardson, and Madie Warmbrunn).

Both teams received a special award for exceptional teamwork and upholding the values of the competition.

It is the third time in four years that a Howrah language/literature team has been selected to travel interstate to represent Tasmania in the finals.

In Darwin, the task involved choosing a current affairs, develop it into a 10-minute folktale, legend or myth, and then act out the presentation in front of an audience.

The Howrah team chose to investigate the idea of fame and celebrity through the eyes of the media.

In the middle of the three-hour



**MINDBENDERS:** Howrah Primary School students in Darwin, front from left: Tally Dobber, Anna Stocks, Emelia Hawkey; and back from left: Isabella Pearce, Samantha Muskett, Ella Wescombe and Clare Grace.

preparation time, in which they were not allowed any adult help, they had to also complete a spontaneous challenge.

The judges thought Howrah's presentation was deep, ideas were clear and all the criteria had been addressed.

The national victory was a

result of their teamwork, working co-operatively, sharing leadership, putting ideas forward and taking it in turns to shine.

The team had to raise more than \$10,000 to make the trip possible. Many kind sponsors helped the team get to Darwin by making small and large

donations. The team also held morning teas, car washes, car boot sales and barbecues to help raise funds.

The team met the challenge and thanks everyone who supported the fundraising effort.

MIKAELA EWINGTON and LUCY SOUTHCOTT

### BRIEFLY

#### Supportive parents and friends

AT Howrah Primary we are lucky to have a Parents and Friends Association to organise walkathons, discos, fairs, carols by the sea and other fun events we really enjoy. It also raises money for the school and buys sports equipment and reading books throughout the year. Parents enjoy working together and having fun. They make new parents feel welcome and they help in the uniform shop and the canteen. I hope the parents at your school help out too.

AMELIA BURDON, Grade 4

#### All about respect

PARENTS, teachers and students at Howrah primary school are serious about respect. This year we talk about what respect looks like, sounds like and feels like. Classes have been making charts, drawing posters and performing plays in assembly promoting respect. To get respect, you need to give it. It is about treating people with politeness and consideration.

JOSHUA PULFORD, Grade 4

#### Assemblies display talent

ASSEMBLIES at Howrah Primary School celebrate achievements and are a chance to showcase what we do in the classroom. We get to hear poems, show artwork, play games and enjoy musical items. But what everyone really loves is the amazing dramatic items. Getting involved in drama is a way to make learning fun and build confidence.

KYLE O'HALLORAN, Grade 4

#### Street art

GRADE 5/6 students are anxiously waiting for the mural art project to start. This will take place in the Clarence St underpass in an effort to minimise graffiti. The project will run from November 22 until December 6. Sixty students will be selected by artist Nick Orme to create a beautiful mural for everyone to see. Students are presently drawing their ideas on pieces of A3 paper, hoping theirs will be chosen. We can't wait until the program starts. This is street art, not graffiti.

LAURA NEWELL and JAKE PERCEY, Grade 5

#### Triathlon fun

EACH year there is a school triathlon challenge and every school on the Eastern Shore goes in it. The triathlon consists of a swim, bike ride and run. It will be held on November 25 for Grades 3-6 at Bellerive Beach. Most of us at Howrah are looking forward to it. Students can get teams together or enter as individuals. Howrah kids are lucky because we have our own triathlon each November. We swim at Howrah Beach, ride along the bike track and run around our school grounds. This prepares us for the school challenge.

DALE FELSCH, Grade 4

## Students say goodbye and hello

MUSIC teacher Mrs Jos Bruno left some big shoes to fill when she retired after working for 13 years at Howrah Primary School.

But we think Mr Phil Oddie has just about filled them.

Students are flocking

into the music room to attend Mr Oddie's guitar group on Fridays.

It gives Grade 5-6 students a chance to learn some guitar.

They play heaps of cool stuff by Green Day and Bill Withers.

There is also the oppor-

tunity for primary students to use any instruments at lunch time on Thursdays.

With a little help from some students, Mr Oddie is continuing with some of the great things Mrs Bruno started, like choir and the ukulele group.

So it's goodbye Mrs Bruno and thank you for being part of this school for such a long time, enjoy your retirement, and welcome Mr Oddie.

TOM MALES, Grade 4, and ASHTEN LAUGHER, Grade 5

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