



Howrah Primary School

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SCHOOL PRIDE IN PRINT

Grade 6 Grace/Vickers at Howrah Primary School continue the tradition of producing a *Mercury* School Page in their last year at the school.

MERCURY Newspapers in Education representatives Damian Bester and Peter Carey visited the class to workshop the skills and information needed to produce a School Page.

They shared some tips and ideas, and clearly explained how to go about writing articles. The need to sell advertising spaces was also explained.

Damian described how a page should be laid out. At the very top of the page is the header where the school logo, name and motto should go.

There should be a lead article preferably with a picture accompanying it and maybe one or two smaller articles if space allowed it.

The first paragraph should hook the reader in and contain most of the 5Ws (who, what, when, where, why and how). Details can be added in other paragraphs.

Finally it was suggested that there could be news briefs or even a vox pop down the side.

Peter Carey helped the class to understand the necessity of advertising. Advertisements pay for the newspaper and without advertising the newspaper would cost much more.

The students were given information on the cost of ads and how to approach local business

owners. To produce a School Page, 10 advertising spaces would need to be sold.

Peter explained what a business contract meant and demonstrated how to fill one in.

It wasn't long before the sales team needed to go out into the field and approach local retailers to sell advertising spaces.

The team organised their folders with an information sheet and a contract letter. A lot of role play practise prepared the team for their job. The class brainstormed questions that the sales representatives might be asked.

Next came the tricky part, writing articles. First the class looked at regular newspaper reports to get an idea of how to write the articles.

They analysed the articles to discover where the writers had put the 5Ws. After this they brainstormed what was going on in their school to get ideas on what their articles should be about.

Finally the class decided they would write an article about how to produce a *Mercury* School Page and they also chose two brief articles on the Beachside Kindergarten Twilight Fair and the French Club, which is unique to Howrah Primary.

As the deadline approached,



MIXED MEDIA: Howrah Primary School students work on their Mercury newspaper project: Rusali Palikhe, left, Raka Connolly, Mathew Wheatley, Rachel Dilger and Bailey Warn.

things began to get hectic as the class worked frantically to finish the articles in time.

On previous school pages Howrah Primary had always included news briefs down the side of the page. This year it was decided to include a vox pop for variety.

Did you know vox pop is short for *vox populi*, which means "voice of the people"?

Students brainstormed some vox pop questions and wrote what their answer would be if

they got asked. The class chose the question that had the most varied responses and took a photo of each student whose response would be used.

Producing a School Page provided a number of learning experiences for the students in Grade 6 Grace/Vickers.

A different writing style is required for newspaper articles and this will be an invaluable skill for some of our class members in the future.

Working to a deadline is

experiencing real life working conditions and time management is an important life skill.

The class enjoyed their experience and found the page to be an exciting project where the class had the opportunity to promote Howrah Primary School to the wider community.

And who knows, maybe sometime in the future some of our class members will become famous newspaper journalists.

Rusali Palikhe, Rachel Dilger, Jordan Tidey, Robyn Barber, Olivia Chatterton and Joanne Levis

SCHOOL TALK

Robyn Barber asked Grade 6 students: "What will you miss most about Howrah Primary School?"

Joanna Levis: I will really miss the big play area and ovals.



Kylie Mackenzie: I'll miss everything because it's a really friendly school.



James Purdon: I will miss my friends and teachers.



Olivia Chatterton: I will miss being the eldest. When you go to Grade 7, you go back to being the smallest.



Matthew Hale: I think I'll miss my friends going to other high schools.



James O'Brien: I will miss the teachers, the classrooms and most of all the people.



This *Mercury* School Page was produced by students in Grade 6 Grace/Vickers at Howrah Primary School. Thank you to our advertising sponsors.

French food and fun Beachside fair has it all

Ruby Yeomans

DURING Tuesday lunch breaks, our language teacher, Ms Vicki Pearce, holds a French Club where students are invited practise their French and experience French culture.

Students enjoy a variety of fun activities each week, like cooking foods such as crepes and having fun tasting escargots and pate; learning about famous French artists and producing their own art.

They also take part in plays, verse speaking and preparing entries for the Alliance Francaise competition.

The French Club has been running for a couple of years and the children that started in Grade 3 are now Grade 6s. They have an excellent French vocabulary and enjoy helping out with the younger kids.

Ms Pearce enjoys teaching children how to learn French and sharing lots of French literature.

ROLL up, roll up, one and all, the annual Howrah Beachside Fair will be held on Friday, November 6 from 5-7.30pm.

An army of volunteers is in full swing preparing for another exciting twilight fair at the Beachside Kindergarten on the corner of South and Lower River Sts in Bellerive.

The fair has it all. It is great fun for the whole family and

is a popular community event.

The fair traditionally begins with a pedlar's parade by Kinder students, which is a highlight of their year. The barbecue and other food items for sale are always popular as families make the fair their dinner destination whilst listening to musical performances.

There will be fun activities

for the kids such as the much loved jumping castle, hair spraying, face painting and lucky dips.

The much loved stalls will be there like cakes and biscuits, pre-loved toys, crafts, books and clothing. The chocolate wheel is always popular too, due to the wonderful prizes offered.

Corey Copleman, Bailey Warn, Jessica Sutcliffe, Billy Buracchi and Jake Oldham.

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