

Kingston Christian Community School

growing up together in Christ

History brought to life

By KISHKA JENSEN and LARISSA RICHARDS

HISTORY Week at Kingston Christian Community School celebrated the bicentenary of Tasmania and gave students a taste of how people used to

It was a fun-filled week full of exciting activities, including community excursions, historic walks and old-time activities held at school.

The highlight was on the last day when students and teachers dressed up in oldenday clothes and a classroom was set up for children to experience what school was like in the past.

Students were shown some old-style teaching and had to use chalkboards to write on. Teachers were very strict and no-one was allowed to smile. The class had to sing the national anthem at the end of each lesson.

Each class had fun activities every day. The Grade 9/10 students cooked a meal for secondary students using



CHALK IT UP: Caitlyn Swinton, Grade 4, does sums in the historic classroom.

recipes from the 1940s and '50s and on another day from having proper afternoon tea

Primary students enjoyed with cups and saucers and home-baked scones.

Primary students did sketches of Kingston Beach to compare with photographs from the early 1900s and visited the Channel Historical Museum.

Grade 3/4 students also visited residents at Bishop Davies Court to interview them about their childhood

The secondary students went on an historic walk around Hobart and found out some interesting facts about the city's beginnings.

Teachers set up a museum in one classroom. School families brought in items that had been used in the olden days and a prize was given for the most intriguing artefact.

Interesting pieces included old magazines and newspapers, a butter churn, old coins, a gramophone and very old kitchen utensils.

Students had a great time learning about these historical items and how they would have been used.

It was a good week for learning about the past and helping us appreciate what we have now.

In brief

Bike repairs

STUDENTS at KCCS are repairing bikes from their garages in preparation for an end-of-year bike ride from Kingston to Bruny Island.

They are also repairing bikes for other children or to give away.

Teacher's award

GRADE 5/6 teacher Sarah Livingston has received an ASG Community Merit Award.

Parents and friends at KCCS nominated Mrs Livingston for the National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEITA), which acknowledged her outstanding contribution to the school and local community.

NAIDOC Week

STUDENTS Grades 3 and 4 were thrilled to be among the first visitors to the new Aboriginal Living History Museum at Nicholls Rivulet.

Their excursion was followed by the visit to the school of guest Abo-riginal artist Scott Darlow, who toured Tasma-nia last week.

Drug education

ALL secondary students undertook a Drug Education course, culminating in an essay competition.

The winners were Amy Campbell-Atkins David Stone in Grade 7/8 and Dennis Van Dam and Pippi Stone in Grade

KCCS playgroup

ALL mums and toddlers are welcome at our friendly playgroup. It is held each Wednesday 10.30-11.30am in the Kinder room. For more information phone Robyn on 6229 2845.

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Birthday time to reminisce

By DAVID ESCOTT

A SPECIAL assembly to mark KCCS's 18th birthday was attended by past and current scholars, and parents.

Former students came to tell stories, watch a slideshow of the school's history and have morning tea.

There was also a birthday

cake large enough for the whole school to enjoy.

A time capsule which had been buried in 1989 by Grade 7/8 was opened by past students Ben Hartog, Ben Johnson and Jonath Swijsten. son and Jonathon Swinton.

The capsule contained a copy of the Yellow Pages, some profiles of the students of the time and other items from the 1980s.

One of the school's very first students, Ruth McArdle, came to talk about her time at the school. She brought some mementos with her, including her roller-skates, a wooden parrot she had made and



COMING OF AGE: Kindergarten student Reuben Hartog gets a hand lighting the candles for the school's 18th birthday cake from pastor Bernie Hartog.

her old school books.

In 1986, KCCS had only 20 students, from Prep to Grade 5. For the first few days of school, the students went to Orford for a camp because the school building wasn't quite

Now the school is very

different with more classrooms, new playgrounds and more teachers. Students can start in kinder and go all the way through to Grade 10.

However, some things haven't changed, such as small classes, caring teachers and the Christian environment.

Cool experiments with dry ice

By AIDEN CLARK

AS a start to the secondary students' chemistry unit, teacher Jill Martin organised a trip to an exhibition called *Ice Cold* at the CSIRO centre in North Hobart.

Students conducted experiments using dry ice, which is

frozen carbon dioxide.

One fact about dry ice is that it doesn't melt but rather "sublimates", which is when a solid turns into a gas.

The presenters performed an experiment placing chunks of dry ice in a fish tank and blowing bubbles over it. Instead of sinking to the bottom of the tank the ice levitated into the air.

When a lit candle was placed in the tank it was immediately extinguished because of the sublimating car-

When the students placed a

chunk of dry ice in a plastic cup filled with hot water, it immediately started bubproduced a bling and fairytale-like mist which flowed down the side of the

Dry ice was also placed in a cup of room temperature water, but with far less spectacular results.

After the presenters had taught some important safety information about liquid ni-trogen (which is a frightening -193.7°), they poured some into a plastic container and dipped a daisy in it. When the daisy was pulled out, it practically shattered to the touch.

The same experiment was performed on another daisy. This time they let it defrost but it was brown and dead.

For a final experiment they made ice-cream using liquid nitrogen to freeze it. It tasted great!



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