

# KINGSTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL on Redwood Road

### Sports in brief

By JESSICA EDWARDS, POPPY FORD-JENKINS AND REBEKAH PEARSALL

#### **Athletics**

FORTH-one records were broken at the recent athletics carnival.

The score was 4038 for Jordan House and 3890 for Jericho House.

The students who received medals for outstanding performance were Heather Williams and Reuben Hartog from the infants, Mary Otto, who broke six records, and Simeon Dempsey from the primary grades, Sarah New and Samuel Thorp from the Secondary grades. Lara Kovacs and Boden Gent won the Principal's Awards for excellent effort and participation.

#### **Basketball**

GRADES three to five had fun learning professional basketball tips from Brendon Clowry who plays in the Hobart Chargers team.

During two afternoon clinics, students learnt things like focusing and concentrating on what is happening around them, using their finger tips and shooting like a professional.

#### **Swimming**

ELEVEN students competed in the southern primary schools' swimming carnival at Huonville Pool recently.

After the 50-metre events in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke there were fun events over 11 and 22 metres such as the flipper race, noodle race and the relays.

Everyone came home with ribbons after a fun day.

# **School thrives in 2005**

HIS year our school has a theme of "Thrive in 2005."

Every student is encouraged to be the best we can be in every area and teachers are giving us new opportunities to develop and showcase the things we are good at.

Because we have small classes everyone gets a turn at activities and we can encourage each other in different areas. Incentives to do well include special lunches with the principal for primary students and shop vouchers for secondary students.

Our physical health and well-being are important and we are always learning about keeping fit and being careful about what we eat. Even the infants now have a good understanding about the importance of bringing healthy lunches to school and we all try really hard not to bring junk food or too much processed food.

Next term students will be involved each Thursday in preparing healthy lunches to serve to students.

A variety of sporting activities and programs are regularly offered to different grades so students have the

chance to try out new skills and sports. Secondary students now have a lunchtime roster of sports to play and every student has to participate at least once a week. They can choose from volleyball, soccer, cricket, indoor hockey and baseball.

At assemblies we get the chance to share work we have been doing as we learn some skills in public speaking and performance. Parents often join us for assemblies either to watch or sometimes as guest speakers or performers. We enjoy having parents help in a variety of ways around the school and we are looking

forward to their production later in the year.

This year the New Horizons program for primary students provides extra challenges for students who excel in different subjects. It has focused this term on writing and in term two will be for students who are talented in art. Students are selected for this program and undertake special projects suited to their abilities.

Leadership training is very important right across the school with extra focus in the secondary grades.

Our students get many opportunities to hear motiva-

tional speakers, lead school activities and be encouraged to develop leadership skills that will benefit us in the future as well as at school.

One of the really good programs offered to students who are 14 years or older is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award that is recognised internationally. This year we have six new students participating and working towards their Bronze Medal through achievements in four areas: community service, physical recreation, skills and an expedition.

### Students get their cars on track

By DANIEL HINDLE

GRADE 3/4 students have developed an area for their remote control cars in the playground.

With their teacher Miss Ragus and some parents, students cleared an area of the playground that wasn't being used.

They built a track and put tyres around the edge to contain where the cars go.

The students and teachers used recycled materials that were around the school to build it.

The car-track has rugged terrain with rock and mounds of dirt forming the road way and jumps.

The idea came from Miss Ragus and Mrs Livingston because students were bring-



**WORD:** Grade 3/4 pupils, Daniel Nyhuis, left, Eliza Cockshutt, Simeon Dempsey, Beth Smithies-Sharples and Bradley Pearsall.

ing their cars to school but didn't have a suitable area for using them. It took about two days of working as a team over a weekend and then the class added the finishing touches.

Some students said it was hard work bringing in wheelbarrow loads of dirt while some others said it was easy, but everyone was pleased with the result.

They all worked very hard and now enjoy using it at recess and lunch times.

#### Art work on show

STUDENTS are brightening-up the school by painting a mural showing Tasmanian animals.

Two years ago, students took on the challenge to paint a mural at the Channel Highway roundabout.

They chose a wall at the top of the school building and sketched out a design with the help of their art teacher.

The mural shows a landscape painted in bright colours with a number of different Tasmanian animals such as a Tasmanian devil, cockatoos, wallabies, possums and a kookaburra.

Students have used Options Days to work on the wall and are looking forward to getting it finished this year.

A student who helped paint it said: "It was fun and took a lot of skill and a lot of time."

JESSICA EDWARDS

#### Parents performing

AFTER seeing the students perform at the school's Celebration Night last year the KCS parents decided that they would put on a production called Sister Act (Kindasorta maybe).

At the start of school term a group of keen

parents started practicing twice a week.

Parents and Friends group president and director, Mrs Adams, has given all the mums and

director, Mrs Adams, has given all the mums and dads their roles and organises rehearsals.

All the main roles have been filled but there are some parts still for behind the scenes people. Mrs Adams said that the parents loved the idea

and were all working very hard.

The aim is to raise some money for the school and to build relationships between parents.

The show will be performed at Citylight Church auditorium in mid-August and everyone is invited to come along for a fun night.

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