



Lauderdale Primary School

Making learning happen

Everyone wins in talent quest

EVERYBODY needs the opportunity to perform, so in second term this year the Lauderdale Primary SRC organised a talent quest for the whole school.

All members of the council worked hard with publicity, lighting, equipment and other aspects, like audience comfort.

There was a huge number of entries — up to 60 different acts from Prep to Grade 6, with more than 120 different students performing.

The student council technicians, Seb Toombs and Steven Wright, set up a voting line on our intranet so people could vote for their favourite performers and also filmed all the performances.

There were so many entries the quest had to be divided into three lunchtime heats, with the audience's favourite performers being invited back for a final show.

Every Thursday at lunchtime most of the school piled into the gym to watch the

quest. Then, after lunch and for the rest of the week the computers were crowded with people voting for their favourite performers.

A total of more than 900 people attended the four shows.

Acts included piano-playing, dancing, juggling, singing, gymnastics, plays, comedy acts, bike stunts and performance origami.

Matt Horne almost brought the house down with his impersonation of Britney Spears.

Grade 1 teacher Mrs Dicker performed a solo play about a mother who has a dilemma buying toilet paper.

Grade 1 student Ayrton



PLUCKY: Entrants show their guitar style.

was very brave doing lots of fantastic bike stunts in front of a hard-to-please crowd, earning himself a big round of applause from the audience.

Robert's bubble-blowing display was great and the reverse guitar-playing style amazing.

All participants did a great job and next year's shows are eagerly anticipated.



AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Over four days, a total of 900 people watched the talent quest.

Putting the fun in fund-raising

STUDENTS have a big say in the running of this school through the Student Representative Council.

The SRC's brief is "Fun, Fundraising and Further good for the school".

The SRC is made up of 38 students from Grades 3 to 6 and is divided into the general council and the executive.

The general council meets monthly while the executive group of 12 Grade 6 students gets together every Thursday afternoon to make the council's dreams a reality.

The SRC has a president, (Melinda Savage) a vice-president (Thomas Fehlandt) a secretary (Zoe Keleher) and a treasurer (Nikki Mathers).

This year the SRC has been organising fund-raising for charities.

Jeans 4 Genes Day was a big hit. The school was selling

badges of all varieties and we managed to raise more than \$800.

For SIDS 4 Kids we had a red day, where we had to wear something red and managed to raise around \$400.

Operation Christmas Child was something different this year: we had a Free Dress Wacky Day, where we raised around \$500.

As well as all of these events, we have organised a talent quest, three discos, bought a tripod, art supplies and sports equipment for the school, made a full web page about the SRC and put out a newsletter made by kids for kids.

We have also taken the kinder class on an excursion and treated the whole council to a well-earned trip to the Aquatic Centre.

In brief

Hockey thriller

IN an exciting hockey grand final the Lauderdale Primary team (division 3) came out on top against Immaculate White (division 3). The game was drawn 2-2 but the victory was Lauderdale's as it finished on top of the ladder.

Tour of south

ALL the Grade 6 classes went to Lune River, Hasting Caves and the Thermal Pool on October 22.

At Lune River we had

bags and spades ready to find some gems. Lots of people found agate and quartz and some even found amethysts and other rare gems.

Rare trees saved

SOME students from different grades do rehabilitation work at Ralph's Bay Coastal Reserve, immediately across from the school.

They collect seeds from plants native to the area such as blue gum, blackwood and she-oak which they propagate and plant out. They have also helped save a rare species of trees known as *Eucalyptus Mor-*

risbii by planting them in the grounds.

Playground upgrade

OUR principal, Mr Woods, has been working hard this year to improve our playground.

The school has new playground infant and primary equipment. The primary playground focuses on upper-body strength and the infant playground is great fun.

Maths minds

OUR school has competed in the Maths Relay for the last five years. It has become a proud tradition in the school

with teachers like Mrs Farnell (Grade 6) and Mrs Goodwin (senior staff) moulding Grade 5 and 6 students into a "mathematical state of mind".

Younger and older

LAUDERDALE Primary likes to make sure the Kinders are very happy and welcomed into our school. So every term, one of the Grade 6 classes provides five helpers to give up their lunchtimes and go and play with the Kinders and teach them how to co-operate and learn new skills.

Sports leaders showing the way

SPORTSMANSHIP, fair play and leadership go hand in hand at Lauderdale and, as part of that, Grade 6 students can apply to become Aussie Sports Leaders.

Aussie Sports Leaders organise and run games for younger classes, organise other sporting events and

playground gear and take a leading role in carnivals.

"I like taking the infants out for games and helping them learn how to do things such as skipping, hopping and running," one sports leader, Grace Stewart, said.

This year 18 people gave their own time to take classes

for games. They are: Jackson Cracknell, Brendan Mather, Daniel Barwick, Ella Rogers, Lucy Jordan, Zoe-Lee Keleher, Ella Williams, Billie-Jo Keep, Grace Stewart, Katie Newman, Jess Morgan, Steven Wright, Catherine Sikora, Paul Dickson, Josh Cox, Joel Elsey, Nikki Mathers, Meg Dennis.

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Monday: Eastside Christian School (last school page for 2003)

To All Grade Six Leavers. You can finish this year confident that you are well prepared for the future. Lauderdale Primary School is an excellent educator in a great community, and the teacher's and support staff should be congratulated, and would be as proud of your achievements as your families are.

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