



MARGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A true community school dedicated to educational excellence

School Talk

School is vital part of children's family and community development so we asked some parents and students what they think of Margate Primary.



Debbie Adkins, parent: Margate is a great school with a variety of programs. All the teachers are easy to approach and are interested in the children's well-being.
Joshua Adkins, Grade 4: I like doing PE and I can't wait for our new gymnasium. I enjoy doing art, and Maths on the computer. I've already got lots of certificates. I have a plant in the class garden.
Tiffani Adkins, Prep: I love swimming lessons and the new playground. I've got lots of friends. I love playing games outside. I love daily fitness with the Grade 6 leaders and going for walks.



Adam Birbeck, parent: It's a happy school and it's growing with the community. The learning program at the school is offering challenging experiences. The children are progressing well and are happy in the environment.
Sarah Birbeck, Grade 4: All of the new renovations are good. I'm looking forward to the gymnasium which is being built.
Thomas Birbeck, Grade 3: I like my teacher and I've got lots of friends. I enjoy my soccer and we won a few games.



Janice Hammond, parent and staff member: Becoming a part of a school community is important to me and making life-long friends. I started as parent help at the school which has led to a job I love doing and that is working as a teacher aide.
Eddie Hammond, Grade 2: Margate Primary School is awesome. I like to play with my friends. I like playing with Lego on wet days.
Andrew Hammond, Grade 4: I like playing sport at school and being with my friends.



Scott Ragg, parent: The school has outgrown itself in the last 10 years and the new buildings, renovations and teaching resources have brought the school into the 21st century. I am vice president of the P&F and Prep-2 Soccer coordinator.
Josh Ragg, Grade 3: We've had a wet season for soccer, but the school allowed us to play and fixed the grounds when a lot of other schools closed theirs. I love the new Starboard in our classroom.
Daniel Ragg, Grade 1: I like the new Starboard. I enjoy my running, soccer and cross country. I'm looking forward to the new gym.



Susan Lukic, parent: It's a safe and caring school where children are encouraged to reach their full potential. It offers such a range of academic, artistic and sporting experiences for all children.
Danika Lukic, Grade 6: I have been here for eight years. It's an awesome school and I'll be sad to leave.
Mitchell Lukic, Grade 3: I like all the new developments and I can't wait until it is all finished.

Anniversary celebrates excellence



TERRIFIC TEAM: Margate Primary School Principal Paul Woodham with Grade 6 leaders.

MARGATE school is celebrating its 140th anniversary this month. It began as Margate Public School on November, 1, 1869 with one teacher, 18 girls and 16 boys. The site was on Sandfly Rd a short distance from the Channel Highway intersection in a weatherboard building. By 1905 there was an additional teacher's residence. The school transferred to the current Channel Highway site in 1919. We are celebrating our anniversary with a number of activities. It is a chance for the community to get together and to see the changes and the current building projects. This year in Term 2, the students, teachers and parents welcomed the appointment of a new principal, Mr Paul Woodham.

Grade 3/4 students interviewed Mr Woodham to find out how he has settled in and to ask him about the Federal Government building program at Margate. Mr Woodham visited the classroom and responded to questions asked by class reporters. He explained that he had worked previously as a teacher and a principal in various schools. Mr Woodham wanted to be a leader of teachers in a school, because a principal can make changes. He has been a principal for a long time, most recently in management roles working on the changes to curriculum with other principals. Mr Woodham said he felt it was time to come back into a school and because Margate Primary School

had an excellent reputation and a position was available, he wanted to work here. Mr Woodham said the programs offered to Margate students were varied and included a band, music, choirs, recorder groups, marimba, a library, languages other than English, a daily fitness program lead by Grade 6 students and Reading Link. "Margate excels with its specialist art program developed by Victoria Sullivan," Mr Woodham said. Demonstrating Margate's successful programs is the school's strong literacy and numeracy results from NAPLAN. ●This Mercury School Page was produced by Margate Primary School's Grade 3/4 Osterloh, with thanks to all sponsors.

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