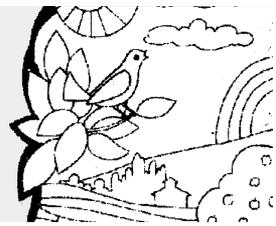


Molesworth Primary School

growing with the environment



Embracing the environment

In brief

Freshwater year

THIS is the International Year of Freshwater and our school has received a grant from the Artists in Schools Program for workshops that explore water. These will be conducted in third term.

In first term, the senior students went on an excursion called the Catchment Cruise.

Starting near the top of Sorell Creek at Myrtle Forest, we studied the changes in the creek as we followed it until it reached the Derwent River.

Learning landcare

ANNIE is our school's Landcare teacher. She takes small groups for recycling, developing a wormery, Paperwise, Waterwatch and other landcare activities.

In Paperwise we use our school's scrap paper and learn how to make books and decorative objects like boxes and bowls from recycled paper.

Environment centre

THE Molesworth Environment Centre welcomes many students from around southern Tasmania every year.

One of the highlights for them is crossing Sorell Creek on the two rope bridges. The Derwent Valley SES is helping the school by making a replacement second rope bridge because the old one was disintegrating.

Mediating skills

THE Student Mediator system has been working at Molesworth since the start of the year.

It is the mediator's job to work with any children having problems in the playground and to see if they can come up with a solution to the situation themselves.

Two Grade Sixes go out every lunchtime and wear a yellow hat so they can be noticed.

LEARNING about the environment is an important part of being a student at Molesworth Primary School.

This year the Grade 6 class has embraced the Environmental Leaders project.

Students have formed groups then chosen an environmental topic and a presentation method.

Groups have been emailing people with knowledge about their topic, then one of these people can hopefully be the group's mentor. The mentor comes to the school to work alongside the group.

When the projects are completed the class will be sharing them with younger children from the school and from other schools — an example

of "kids teaching kids".

Tom and Thomas chose to study the plants that grow near our local catchment, Sorell Creek. Their mentor is Dean Vincent from Greening Australia.

They are working on an herbarium and will design a brochure about weeds and native plants to distribute.

Jake and Matthew are interested in the human impact on the local environment. They have two mentors, local residents Betty Beament and Kevin Leeson. By the end of the year they hope to present a model of the area past and present, some tape transcripts, a book of maps and a Powerpoint about changes to the natural habitat.

Sarah, Amber, Hanna and Joey are studying native

plants and weeds found in the bush areas around our school.

Towards the end of the year they are hoping to have made a herbarium of weeds and native plants, done dyeing with weeds, propagation of the natives and produced a Powerpoint presentation.

Their mentor is Andrew Crane from the Department of Primary Industry, Water and the Environment.

Breanna, Melissa and Paige are focusing on rabbits and methods used to control them. Their mentor is Glenn Graves from DPIWE.

They have now finished a rabbit model and have prepared an oral presentation. They plan to produce a booklet about control methods and the impact the rabbit has had on the environment.

Aaron, Mitchell and Ben are interested in frogs and their habitats.

They have had Karyl Michaels sharing her knowledge with the group. They are building a frog pond in the school grounds and producing a Powerpoint.

Tristram and River are working on invertebrates in and around Sorell Creek. Their mentors are university student Rachel Anderson and water invertebrate expert John Gooderham.

When Ms Anderson was in the classroom they made models of different insects. They did a test score with John Gooderham about the population of some invertebrates found in the creek and this gave an indication of the pollution in the creek.

She's still here!

STUDENTS Sarah Bond and Bonny Hall interviewed Molesworth Primary's longest-serving staff member, Fay Figg. Sarah is Mrs Figg's grand-daughter.

When did you start teaching?

In January, 1953.

What schools have you taught in?

New Norfolk Primary School, Rossarden Primary, Glenora Primary, Huonville Primary, New Norfolk North Primary (now Fairview), and Molesworth.

When did you start teaching at Molesworth Primary School?

1980

How many children were at the school when you started?

There were 18 in the whole school and we were all in one classroom. The grades were Grade 1 through to Grade 6.

How many staff members were there then?

There was only myself and the principal.

When did you become a



PART OF HISTORY: Molesworth Primary's longest-serving staff member, Fay Figg, with one of her interrogators, grand-daughter Sarah Bond.

teacher's aide?

In 1982, when the kindergarten was established.

How long have you been at Molesworth?

23 years.

So, you have been teaching for a total of how many years?

50 years.

Wow, that's a very long time, Mrs Figg, to be doing one type of job!

Yes, it is a very long time, girls. So now do you think I deserve my gold or diamond watch? What do you think?

Yes, Mrs Figg, we think you really do deserve it. Well, thank you for your time and your assistance

with this interview and hopefully you will still be working at Molesworth Primary School for a few more years.

Thank you and yes, I think I will be around for a little while longer. After all, I am part of the school history now.

I LIKE living in the country because there is hardly any cars and it is quiet and also I can ride my motorbike every day. In the city there are a lot of shops but it is too noisy with all the trucks and cars and they will get annoying after a while. I hope to always live in the country — Aaron

I LIKE living in the country better than the city because you don't have neighbours peeping over the back fence at you and it's quieter and more peaceful. You can sometimes see wildlife on your property and there is always something to do like go walking or kick a football in the paddocks — Jordy

LIVING in the city can be a little difficult because there is a lot of traffic and some people don't like living in the city because it doesn't have a lot of trees. Living in the country isn't really difficult because there are still shops and a natural environment. I would like to live in a bit of both, eg, New Norfolk.

— Sarah

THE old church, the hop kilns, our special school — all tell a story.

Of all the years gone by with all their glory

Our hops may have gone but we linger on

Molesworth, what a place!

— Mitchell

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