



# MONTAGU BAY PRIMARY

'KNOWLEDGE IS POWER'

## Tasmania a resource gem

A JEWEL in the Southern Ocean, the Gateway to Antarctica — heard either of these phrases recently?

Tasmania is on the rise. Our unique resources have put us on the map.

This term, Grades 5 and 6 at Montagu Bay Primary have been studying resources and we have discovered lots of valuable and interesting information about Tasmania.

We were visited by representatives from six Tasmanian industries: Sabatino Cesile (Quarantine Service), Peter Norton (Tasmanian Minerals Council), Lara Vandenburg (Hobart Water), Trevor Sutton (Tasmanian Polar Network), Richard Gerathy (Cascade Brewery) and Roger Hogan (Tourism Tasmania).

They told us about our fantastic state, which has some of the best natural tourist attractions in Australia and, in some cases, the world.

Bet you didn't know:

- Britons are the biggest visitors to our state from outside Australia.
- The average family in Tasmania goes through 250,000 litres of water a year.
- Toothpaste is made out of a rock called calcite which is mined in Tasmania.
- Tasmania gets around 333,000 people more than its population coming here from interstate each year.
- Hobart has the third biggest natural deep-sea port in the world.
- Antarctica is twice the size of Australia.
- Cascade Brewery made the first 'clean green' product in Tasmania — Cascade Premium.
- Tasmania is free of fruit flies. The little flies we see around our fruit bowls are vinegar flies.

Our studies this term are focusing on the importance various Tasmanian industries have on the state economy and the sustainability of our resources for the future.



**ALL ABOUT US:** Montagu Primary School students learning about Tasmania's resources.

### News at a glance

#### E-Magine that!

TWO Montagu Bay students, Tom Palfrey and Felicity Searle, were lucky enough to become student facilitators for E-magine.

E-magine is one big online noticeboard run by the Education Department, where questions can be asked and people post their comments and views. The questions were posted on the site were:

"Is the Tasmanian Tiger still out there?" and "Should we try to clone the remains that we have?"

#### Inspiring visitors

KRISTA Bell, author of children's books *Get a Life, Read my Mind* and many others, recently visited Montagu Bay Primary to share her new book, *Sniffy the Sniffer Dog*, along with a real beagle, just like Sniffy.

The very next day well-known illustrator Ann James, whose works include *Shutting the Chooks In, Pidge* and *Little Humpty*, visited.

While here she drew the portraits of several students and showed us step by step how to create a pastel drawing.

#### Location, location!

MONTAGU Bay Primary is situated on Conara Rd, on the Eastern Shore near three of Hobart's main landmarks: the Tasman Bridge (commenced April 1960 and opened August 1964); the Derwent River (148km long) and Mt Wellington (1271m high).

We often include these attractions in our artwork and other school activities.

Our school was renovated in 2002, changing from the low ceilings and panelled 1950s-style corridors and classrooms to the bright and cheerful nautical-themed school we now love to learn in.

Our large oval enables us to hold an annual sports carnival and a nearby pool caters for our swimming carnivals and learn to swim programs.

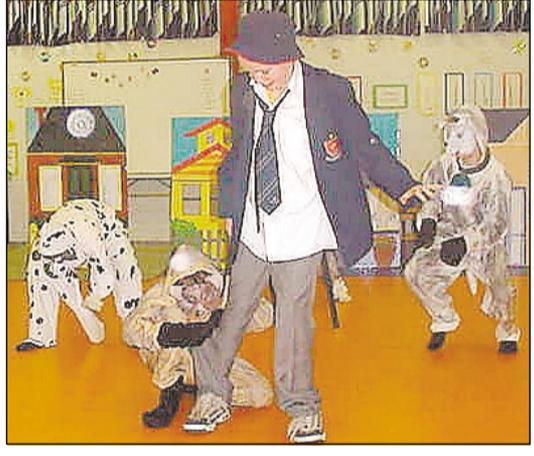
## Murphy's winning story

NEARLY every child has dreamed of performing on stage in front of an audience, but when we entered the Tasmanian heat of the Wakakirri competition, we didn't know what we were in for.

Wakakirri (pronounced wack-a-keer-ee) is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to dance'. Wakakirri is a story dance competition, now in its 12th year in Australia. Not to be confused with a play, a story dance is told with dance and movement, no words.

Heats are held in each state and the winners of these receive \$1000 to purchase items for their school and are automatically entered in the national Wakakirri competition, via video.

Each item can be no longer than seven minutes. Ours was called "Murphy's Morning", about a boy walking to school early in the morning. On his way he encounters a gang of bullies, a forest of scary trees, some netballers who have a crush on him and every other possible obstacle that could delay him. He



**SHOW AND TELL:** Connor Carthy as Murphy, being attacked by dogs in the winning story dance.

finally makes it to school only to be told that it's Saturday.

There were 10 other performances in the heat. They were all very impressive, one of our favourites being Hutchins Junior School's "Excuses, Excuses, Excuses".

We came first, though. All we heard was, "the winner is M..." We couldn't believe that the 'little school under the bridge' had won!

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**HEALTHY ENTHUSIASM:** Kinder kids enjoy their banquet.

## Banquet at the bay

KINDER had a Healthy Food Banquet at the end of second term.

They decided to hold the banquet because they were studying healthy foods.

The children now know there are five basic food groups: meat and meat substitutes, vegetables and fruit, dairy, grains and oils, and that our bodies need food to survive.

The families of the kinder-

garten children were invited.

Kinder and Ms Thorne provided a delicious menu for the parents, brothers and sisters to celebrate all they knew about nutrition.

The hall where the banquet was held was decorated with streamers, balloons, pictures and some books the kindergarten children had made about food.

It was a great success and everybody enjoyed the night.

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