



# WOODBRIDGE

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL TALK: Which is better? Board shorts or Speedos?



**IVAN MEGIRIAN:** I don't like Speedos, but I think they're better for swimming.



**BLAKE BLOOMFIELD:** Board shorts.



**CHRIS BARNES, PRINCIPAL:** Speedos.



**LIAM DOWSETT-CLARK:** Board shorts. Guys in Speedos ain't a good sight.



**ADAM CLYDESDALE, PE TEACHER:** Speedos are better if you are a serious swimmer.



**FRIEND:** Skye with her favourite chicken, Boken, which enjoys tasty scraps from classrooms.

## Looking after the land

WOODBRIDGE pupils are learning how to care for the land.

We grow vegetables and plants and do lots of weeding on our school farm.

We have some chickens that we look after and we feed them scraps collected from each classroom.

Skye has a favourite chook called Boken.

We enter lots of different competitions like water

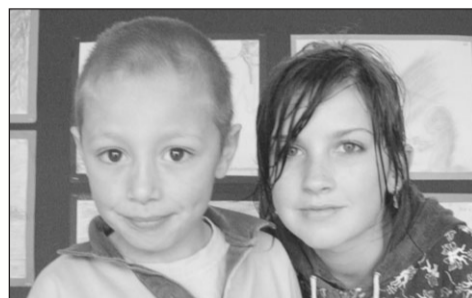
saving projects and recycling posters.

Each year we participate in National Tree Planting Day.

On rainy days we cook the vegetables that we have harvested.

The teachers that help us in landcare are Mrs Christine Worley and Mrs Kate Murphy.

By **JESSICA LAWLER** and **SKYE SCHWANN**



**MATES:** Prep student Joel Oakley with Grade 6 peer support leader May Vincent.

## Pupils provide support

LAST term Grade 6 pupils attended a two-day peer support training program.

They studied how to resolve conflict and help younger children learn and improve skills through class friendships.

Each week Grade 6 pupils teach the Prep/Grade 1 class

skills to improve their friendships.

Everyone has a buddy that they meet each week.

It is Term three now and everyone in Grade 6 has formed a strong friendship with the children in Prep/Grade 1.

By **KACHINA PRIOR**

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# Research boat is 50 years old

WOODBRIDGE School has its own boat — the RV Penghana — and it's 50 years old this year.

Built at Bellerive in 1958, the Penghana is made from Celery Top pine is 13.5m long and weighs 27 tonnes.

Skipper Tim Nossiter recently visited the Grade 6 class to discuss the history of the Penghana, which means river crossing or fjord.

The Penghana was originally built for cray fishing with the wheelhouse at the stern. It was later moved to the middle of the boat.

In 1958 it was worth about £8000 (\$16,000), but today it would cost \$800,000 to build.

The Penghana is now a research vessel (RV) and is owned by the Woodbridge School, but it was once a government fisheries patrol boat.

On April 28, 1979, the Penghana was given to the Marine Discovery Centre, which is attached to Woodbridge School.

It is a wonderful resource and well located to make good use of the more sheltered waters of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

The Penghana has been with the Marine



**AHOY:** Student Jorden Mundy at the wheel of the RV Penghana.

Discovery Centre for 29 years and students travel from around Tasmania to visit it and learn about the marine environment.

The boat holds 25 passengers and Woodbridge School is lucky enough to have year-round access to such a valuable education experience.

Mr Nossiter often

voyages to Roberts Point where the water is 43m deep.

Every year the vessel is checked by marine safety officers to ensure everything is working correctly, including the machinery and personal flotation devices.

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