



Cambridge Primary School

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Arts program meets all needs

CAMBRIDGE Primary School students and teachers value their arts program.

The program has been carefully developed over the years to cater for a range of learning styles and to give students opportunities to communicate in a way that suits them best.

Students find they can achieve successful learning outcomes a number of enjoyable ways.

Mrs Melanie Polglase has been running the visual arts program for three years working with grade 5 and 6 students.

"The students have produced some very high quality work," Mrs Polglase said.

"We recently entered 10 portraits in the Young Archies Competition and Matt Young won the Grade 5/6 section — a wonderful achievement."

One of the essential elements of Cambridge Primary School's arts program involves early childhood music classes for Prep to Grade 2 students.

Ms Anne Marmion runs the classes and loves to see the smiles on the children's faces.

Cambridge Primary School also offers a choir program for



CREATIVITY: Kathryn Ellis, left, Jackson Hills and Bianca Thorpe enjoy the visual arts program.

students in Grade 3 and above.

The program is run by Mrs Sally Vance and caters for all interested students. Advanced singers can also take part in a choral program.

Both programs have been

very successful in the past, with choirs and choral groups participating in eisteddfods and performing by invitation at many award ceremonies.

During the past few years, the choirs have received a

number of places and honourable mentions at the Hobart and Clarence eisteddfods.

Cambridge Primary School principal Mrs Harvey said incorporating arts into school programs provided a greater

range of ways in which students could express themselves. Mrs Harvey said the programs boosted confidence among students.

By Grace Tame and Louisa Polglase

Soup for all

CAMBRIDGE Primary's Student Representative Council (Riawunna) has opened a soup kitchen to raise money in a fun way that also benefits students. They have been selling tomato and chicken noodle soup for 50c, a price all the students can afford. It is a delicious and cheap substitute for junk food.

Hungry?

ON Friday, August 18, Cambridge Primary School participated in the 40 Hour Famine to help children in East Timor. Riawunna, our student council, ran a disco, face painting and many other activities to encourage people to be involved. Instead of going for the whole 40 hours, students went without food for eight, because of health reasons. It was a great day for a great cause, with almost \$2000 raised for World Vision.

Teddy Kindness

STUDENTS Matt and Josh Hope wanted to raise awareness of cancer and to do something positive for cancer sufferers, after their father was diagnosed with cancer. They came up with the idea of sending Fluffy, a teddy bear, around to different schools in Tasmania, with each school raising money to send with Fluffy on his travels. Cambridge Primary School raised \$744.85 for the Cancer Council. The students are waiting to see what adventures Fluffy has had by the time he returns to us.

A load of rubbish

CLASS 3/4H started a "say no to garbage" campaign this year. On the first day of Term 2 they collected rubbish from around the school grounds and the oval. In total, they collected 1527 pieces of rubbish, including chip packets, plastic drink bottles and straws. After two weeks of school awareness, the rubbish was reduced to less than 100 pieces.

Classy changes

A NUMBER of changes have been made at Cambridge Primary School over the past few years making the school an excellent place to learn.

Cambridge has a new principal, Kim Harvey, who is very impressed with the students' attitude towards the school.

Mrs Harvey said the students were motivated and hardworking. She said she also enjoyed working with the parents and felt the community was very supportive.

In 2004, Cambridge Primary had five new classrooms built because the foundations of the old buildings were rotting away.

The teachers who work in the new buildings said that the

new rooms were everything they had hoped they would be.

There is lots of space in the new classrooms, which enables children to do many hands on activities.

A bright, new outdoor area allows children to work outside or sit in a shaded area during breaks.

Last year the school's canteen was refurbished and extended, and now more helpers can work there.

A new outdoor eating area with a shade sail also provides a comfortable place to eat.

Everyone at the school is thrilled with all the changes.

By Lucie Richards and Laura Harvey

Sporty students getting active

HEALTH and wellbeing are priorities at Cambridge Primary School and a number of sporting activities keep students fit and active.

Mini Wimbledon, a table tennis tournament based on the British championships, recently gave students from grades 4 to 6 an opportunity to test their racquet skills.

The tournament was very popular and was staged over three weeks.

Games were organised and umpired by students and the winners of the tournament were presented with trophies at a recent school assembly.

Kidstuff is a lunchtime program for younger students.

It is run by grade 5 and 6

students and includes parachute games and even toy car activities.

Teachers at Cambridge love Kidstuff because it is easy to run and it keeps children happily occupied.

Go Go Golf is a game based on real golf, but soft rubber balls are used so no one gets hurt. Putting is easier and students get to create their own course.

Chess is another activity that is played regularly at Cambridge Primary.

Lunchtime competitions are very popular and a number of students have been successful in inter-school tournaments.

Recently some Cambridge students created their own

soccer world cup tournament but their games were played in a "crab" position.

Fourteen minute games were played with five people on each team.

Participants wore the colours and uniform of their favourite country and the winner of a close cup final was Brazil, which beat France 9-7.

Other popular activities at Cambridge Primary include soccer, netball, T-ball, Aussie rules, cricket and tennis.

By Abbie Weidinger and Hayden Arnett

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