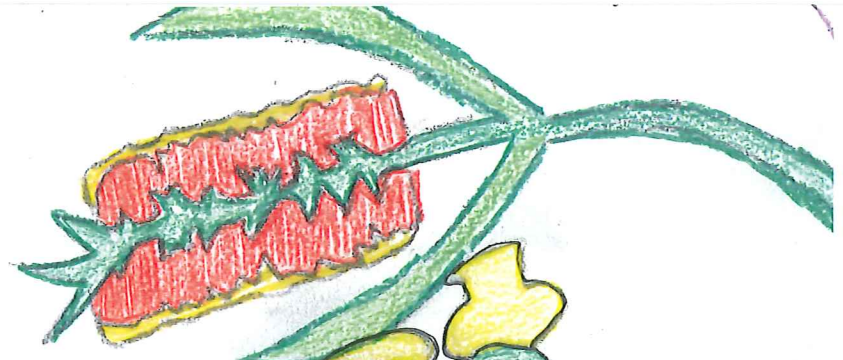


Original
Dowerin Lakes
School Site



WATERLOO



2009



Anderson Hall



As Principal of Dowerin District High school I am delighted with the successes of 2009. The Harvest provides the opportunity for us to showcase all the wonderful memories of 2009 and provide further evidence of the quality of education we provide and why our school is highly regarded by the community.

We have continued to develop many initiatives and enrichment programs this year. There are so many that one publication is not enough to reflect all the great work of the students and our hard working staff.

I am particularly impressed with the increasing profile of the following initiatives which we hope to expand further in 2010:

Student Leadership Programs: Junior School Council,

Anti-bullying stance

Environmental awareness

Choir

Swimming Program

Incursions and excursions, (including various sports clinics throughout the year)

Computers in the classrooms and I T across our school - All students from Years 3 - 10 have their own lap tops which they take home on a daily basis

Active After School – Each Wednesday we offered a sporting activity with a focus on healthy lifestyles. To date students have participated in swimming, squash, golf, badminton, swimming, table tennis and lawn bowls.

Astronomy Club – This interested group of students met after school, lunch breaks and at night to learn more about the galaxy. We have first class telescopes, computer programs and links with WA Astronomy Association and use these to learn more. Students have been to Lancelin, Northam and farms to get the best view of the Galaxy!!

School camps - This year we went to Point Walter and had a fabulous time. Plans are well underway for next year's camp.

STEP program - encourages all children to work at their level with incentives to strive for greater achievement.

Pastoral care and rewards for good behaviour – This will be an increasingly important facet of our new Behaviour Management strategy on 2010 and will provide the positive encouragement to ensure our students continue to strive to be the best they can.

I consider myself very fortunate to be Principal of such an inclusive school providing high quality, creative and challenging education within a secure, caring and happy environment, where every child experiences a sense of enjoyment and achieves full potential.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming years. Please have a happy and wonderful holiday. Enjoy your families and return rested, happy and safe in 2010!!

Gary Taylor
Principal

P and C Report 2009

As another school year draws to conclusion and we cast our minds back, 2009 could be best described as a period of consolidation for the Dowerin District High School, School Council and the P&C. There is no doubt that 2008 was an extremely busy year and in 2009 there was the need to bed down the newly introduced computers and education programmes, whilst at the same time enjoying the enhancements made to the school grounds.

Having said this, we have not been resting on our laurels at committee level and have continued to look for ways to improve the school experience. This has included improvements to the school car park and significant discussion surrounding the Governments "Building Education Revolution" programme with the approval and location of the new library. As you would all have seen, the car park surface has been completed and work is starting on the new water tank for the enterprise area. Following these projects, there is no doubt that some work will have to be undertaken by the P & C to again present the school in pristine condition – so you can look forward to a few busy bees in the New Year!

It is reassuring to report that educationally the School continues to flourish and we are very proud of the many achievements this year. We would like to congratulate and thank the staff and students for their enthusiasm and hard work. In particular we have had a strong Student Council who in their roles have made an outstanding contribution to the school community. This strong and friendly leadership to the school is important and appreciated.

The Harvest is testament to some of the exciting times at Dowerin. As P & C and School Council President I have enjoyed working as part of the Dowerin School team. I have developed great respect for the different skills, knowledge and experience that is evidenced by our staff, students and parents. None of which was more evident than our ability to negotiate the timetable for our Kindergarten children in 2009 – achieving an outcome which best suited all involved. There will no doubt be more items to address in the coming years and I look forward to being able to work with the community and school to achieve the best possible outcomes for all stakeholders.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Corey Mann, Travis Mann, Glenn Stubna, Damien Falconbridge and Brydee Pickup every success and happiness in their new schools. I would also like to thank Sue Martino and Daniel Harkness who are leaving us this year, Kate Petchell who is taking maternity leave and most importantly Betty Ward, Trish MacNamara and Di Hatwell who are retiring after many years of service to our school.

I would also like to personally thank Jason Sewell for his commitment to the School and the P & C in his term as President. He has achieved many improvements which are obvious to all of us. I now look forward to his continued involvement as his clear focus on improving the education of our children is a credit to him and a significant benefit to the community.

Congratulations on a wonderful 2009 edition of Harvest. This is something unique to our school and is a demonstration of the partnerships which exist between the staff, students and our parent body. Merry Christmas and have a happy New Year in 2010.

David Ward

Kindy and Pre-Primary Class

In the Kindy and Pre-Primary class there is always lots of fun,
And something special to say about each and everyone.

We started with Mrs Main, who left to be a mum,
So Mrs Q. and Mrs P. came in to get the job done.

Charlotte is the creative one, who loves to draw and sing,
While helpful little Emily takes the Kindy's under her wing.

Joel is very confident and likes to take the lead,
And Jayden enters with a smile each day and helps us all to read.

Our headband wearing Ava, loves to write and is always neat,
And during free play we have Isabelle whose accents are hard to beat.

Fraser is very helpful and always has something nice to say,
And as Evie left, we welcomed Eilish to our class to stay.

Then there are the Kindy kids, who add activity to our room,
With clever little Tiahn, through her work she does zoom.

Energetic Ryan is always keen and keeps us on our toes,
While fashion loving Scarlet, gives us lots of detail about what she knows.

Our blue eyed boy Cameron is determined and very neat,
And Miss Independent Grace, is happy to read quietly at her seat.

Bright and bubbly Kirralee loves to have a chat,
And our curly haired Chaya is always quiet when on the mat.

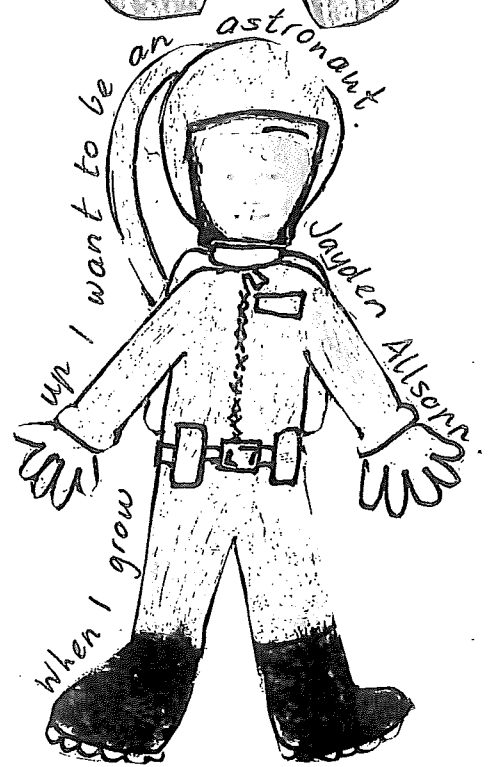
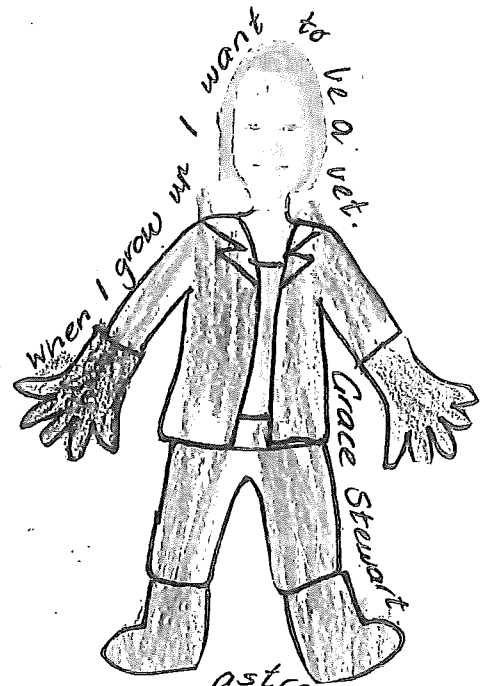
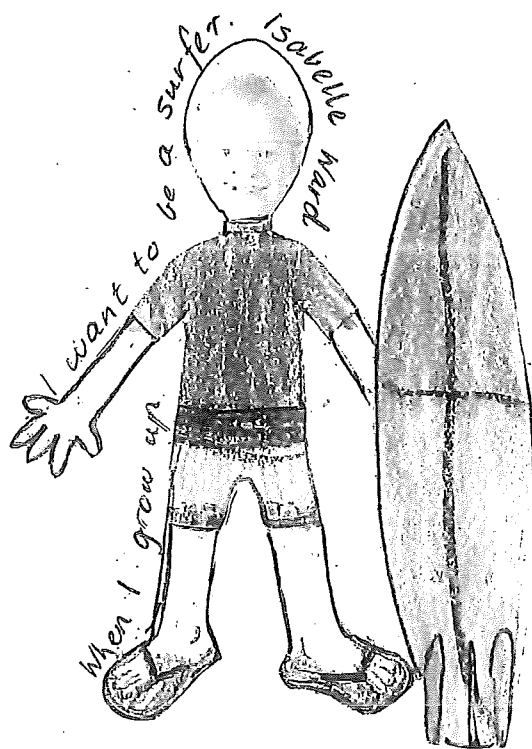
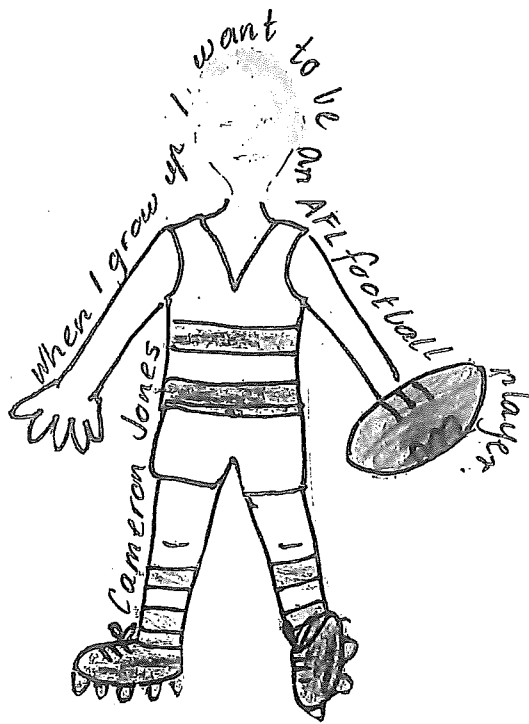
The quiet achiever and careful cutter is definitely Alicia,
And we all know that yellow is a favourite colour for Tanisha.

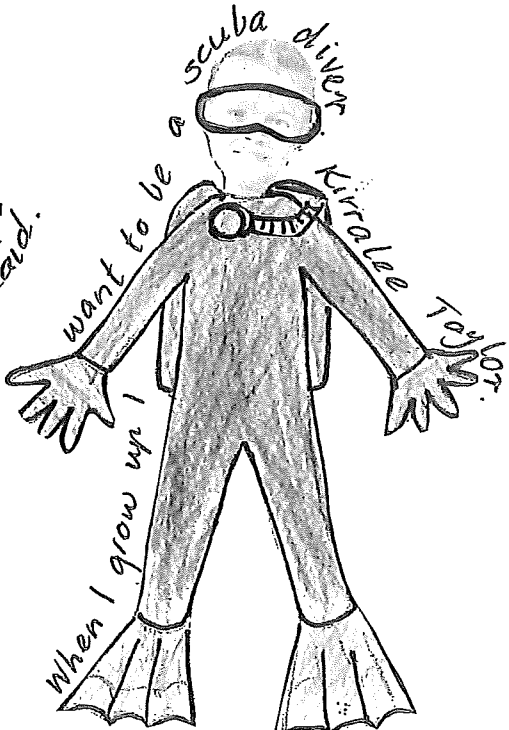
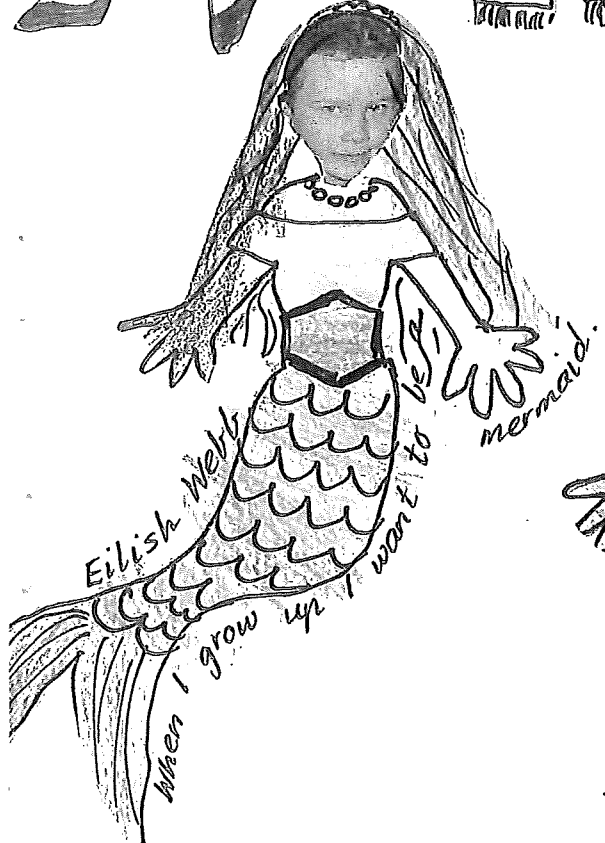
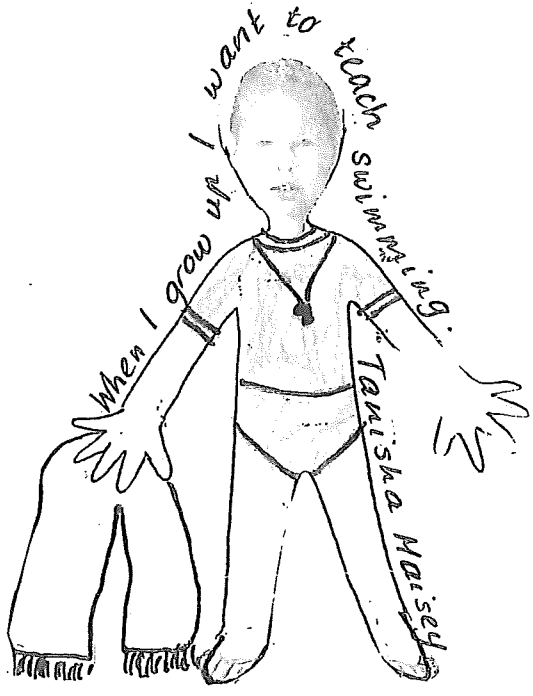
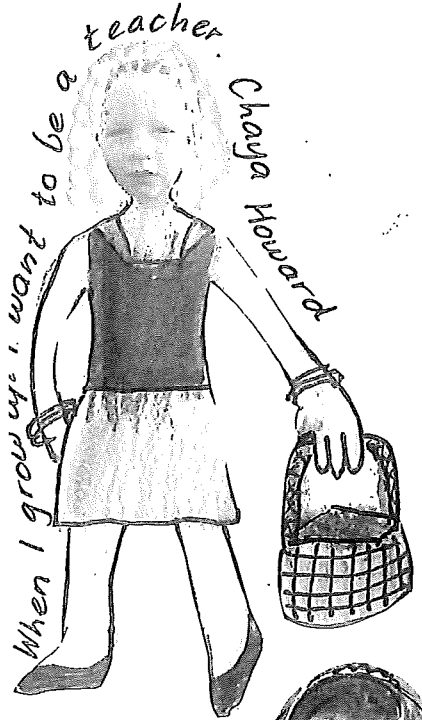
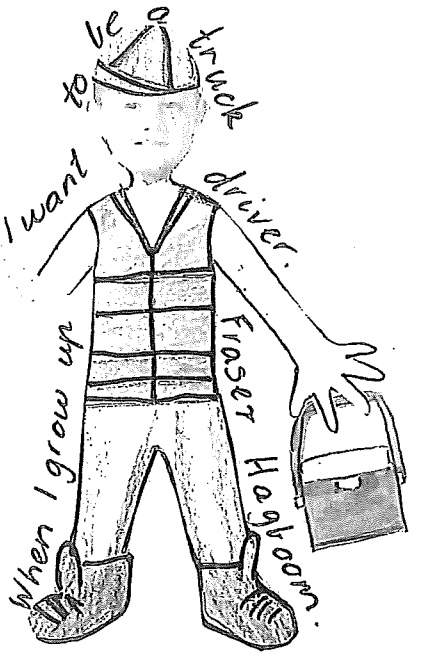
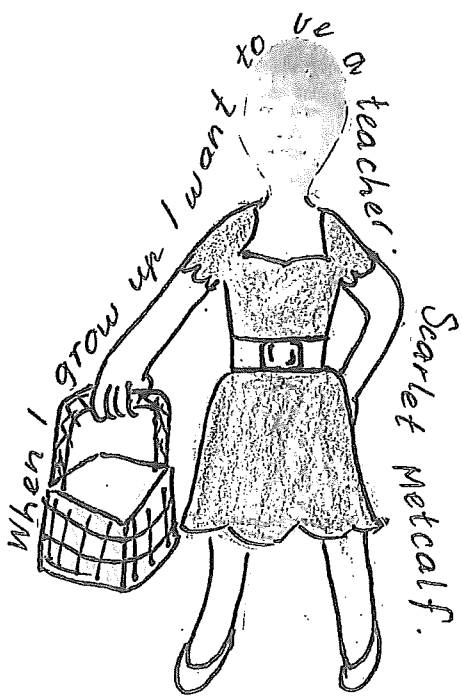
And of course what would we do without the talented Miss Gerrard,
Who can make and draw anything because nothing is too hard!

We hope you have a fabulous holiday with fun and lots of rest,
So you're ready to tackle next year and always do your best.

Kindy and Pre-Primary's, we have had a wonderful time teaching you and loved every moment with you all in class. Thankyou for making us so proud.

Mrs Petchell and Mrs Quartermaine







Year 1/2

We have had a wonderful and very busy year in Room 1. We have explored many topics that have ranged from fun and fantasy to Australian animals. Our classroom has been a Pirate Ship and has been filled with scary monsters. We have done a lot of amazing things this year and the students should be very proud of their achievements. Thank you for a wonderful year Room 1!

Andrea Stewart



Name : Madison Pickering Age : 6

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

is swimming lessons.

Name : Jaifrod Age : 6

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

was swimming lessons
and the class party.



Name : Elony Age : 7

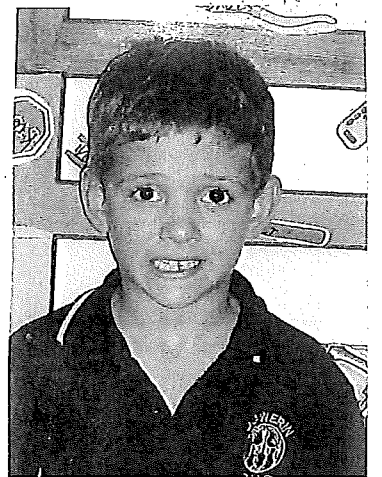
My favourite thing in Year 1 :

My best thing in
Year 1 is a party.

Name : Lewis Jones Age : 6

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

My favourite thing
was sport





Name : Danna Lee Age : 7

My favourite thing in Year 2 :
was making 3D city, book fair and
the class party.

Name : OSCAR Age : 7

My favourite thing in Year 1 :
was MS Stewart.

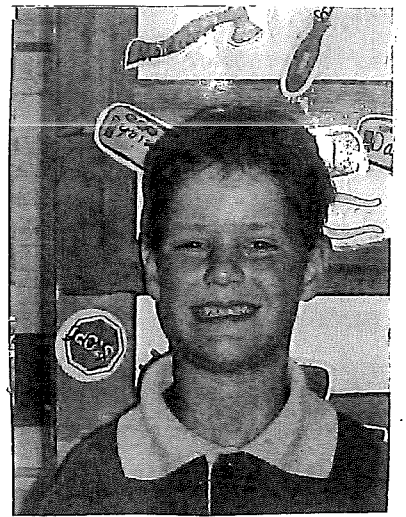


Name : KURT RICHARDS Age : 8

My favourite thing in Year 2 :
miss Stewart teaching
and the go.

Name : Michael Age : 8

My favourite thing in Year 1 :
my friend and my like
thing is sports.





Name : JAVIS Age : 6

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

was sport.

Name : TARA RALPH Age : 7

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

was spelling.



Name : CLARE VAUGH Age : 8

My favourite thing in Year 2 :

was maths, making a 3D city
and buddy reading

Name : JEREMIAH Age : 8

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

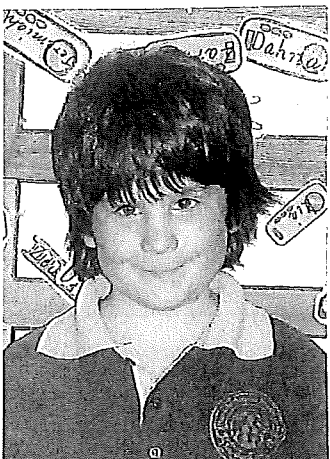
was music



Name : DYON METCAL Age : 7

My favourite thing in Year 1 :

was the class party



Name : KEVIN Age : 7



My favourite thing in Year 1 :

was line chasey.



Name : KIA Age : 7

My favourite thing in Year 2 :

was my contact MS
for work

Name : PARCY JONES Age : 6



My favourite thing in Year 1 is

having a class party.

Name : ZARA Age : 8

My favourite thing in Year 2 :

My favourite thing
was where we went
to Field Day.



YEAR 3/4 CLASS

THEME 'SPACE'



NAME: Kelly Thomas Jones
FAV SUBJECT: PE
SPACE: There are 88 constellations
WHEN I GROW UP: Engineer

During terms 1 and 2 we learnt about space. We studied the time line of space, the firsts in space, famous astronomers and constellations.



NAME: Jasmine Buxton
FAV SUBJECT: Art
SPACE: The sun is a star
WHEN I GROW UP: RSPCA officer



NAME: Jaide Dix
FAV SUBJECT: D&T
SPACE: Leo is a constellation
WHEN I GROW UP: Work with RSPCA



NAME: Matson Taylor
FAV SUBJECT: D&T
SPACE: The sun is a medium sized star.
WHEN I GROW UP: Pet store owner



NAME: Tom Hutchison
FAV SUBJECT: PE
SPACE: Jupiter has 62 moons
WHEN I GROW UP: ??



NAME: Chloe Taylah Pickering
FAV SUBJECT: D&T
SPACE: We learnt about the planets.
WHEN I GROW UP: Vet

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

THEME 'SHOPPING'

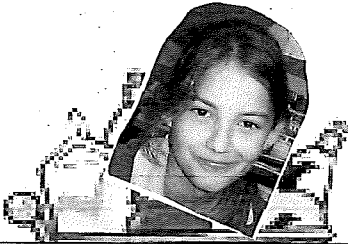


NAME: Stephanie Hollins
FAVE SUBJECT: Drama
SHOPPING: The journey of milk
WHEN I GROW UP: Vet



NAME: Ashton Hagboom
FAVE SUBJECT: D&T
SHOPPING: I learnt how to make pancakes
WHEN I GROW UP: Farmer

During term 4 the focus has been 'shopping'. This was able to lead into some interesting topics such as 'the journey of milk', other products milk makes, what we can buy at the shops and cooking (to name a few).



NAME: Karri Lee
FAVE SUBJECT: Art
SHOPPING: A Jersey cow is from Jersey
WHEN I GROW UP: Dancer or Artist



NAME: Jedd Quartermaine
FAVE SUBJECT: S&E (space)
SHOPPING: I learnt about the Holstein Dairy Cow
WHEN I GROW UP: Farmer



NAME: Alfred Taylor
FAVE SUBJECT: Art
SHOPPING: I learnt about milk
WHEN I GROW UP: A police officer

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

THEME 'AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS'

NAME: Atalia Pickering
FAVE SUBJECT: D&T
ANIMALS: Cats and
foxes are foreign.
WHEN I GROW UP:
Palaeontologist



NAME: Shane Metcalf
FAVE SUBJECT: Space
ANIMALS: We learnt
how to set a trap
WHEN I GROW UP:
Farmer



NAME: Blair Sewell
FAVE SUBJECT: PE
ANIMALS: There are only
4000 Spotted Tree Frogs
WHEN I GROW UP: Vet



NAME: Danika Cott
FAVE SUBJECT: D&T
ANIMALS: The Tasmanian
Devil is very shy
WHEN I GROW UP:
Farmer



NAME: Olivia Ward
FAVE SUBJECT: Art
ANIMALS: The Emu is
the fastest 2 legged animal
WHEN I GROW UP: A
Shop Keeper



In term 3 we studied Australian plants and animals with a focus on endangered Australian animals. We all got an endangered animal to research and then give a presentation on in front of the class. We learnt all about listening and speaking skills and did a fantastic job with the final product. We also got to go on an excursion to the Perth Hills National Park Centre. There we learnt about setting traps, identifying Australian plants and had an animal encounter.



Year 5/6 Class

Another busy year in the Year 5/6 class. We learnt about a range of topics; from magnets and astronomy, to primary industries and resource distribution. We had camps, incursions and dress up days (which we do really well at!)



Primary Industries

In term 3 we learnt about Primary Industries. After we covered all 4 areas of Primary Industries (Agriculture, Fishing, Forestry and Mining) we did our own research project. The first step was to do research and put it into a structured overview. Then do a draft and then present it as a booklet, poster or a report. One Friday afternoon our parents came in and we presented our projects.

By Zoe

Field Days

In term 3 our class went to the Field Days. We all had loads of fun; we even got to do a quiz. We sang at the opening ceremony of the Field Days. We got information for our Primary Industries project that we read out to the class, parents and family members.

By Tynika & Danita



Magnets

In term 3 we studied magnets. We found out that not all metals are magnetic and experimented different strengths of magnets. We discovered that north and north poles repel and south and north poles attract. We also created 'Magnet Art' with iron filings and oil pastels.

By Lachlan W & Chris

MS Readathon

In July some people from our class participated in the MS Readathon. MS Readathon raises money for Multiple Sclerosis, which is a disease of the central nervous system affecting more young Australians than any other neurological condition. We had to read as many books as we could in a month and gain sponsorship. Eleven students from our school helped raise \$938.35.

By Jasmine

Enterprise

In term 3 the year 5/6 class made quiche, using the spinach we grew in enterprise. At the end of the day we ate it and it was really yummy. At the assembly we sold spinach and we also sold worm whiz (natural fertilizer). We made money for new equipment for enterprise, which we really enjoy.

By Brock & Tayla



Warrior Shield

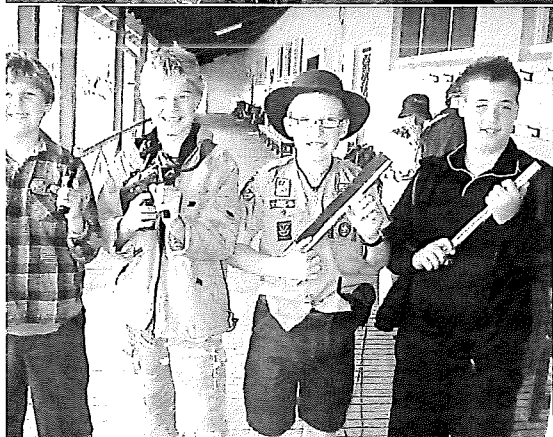
On the 5th of November the Warrior Shield was held at the town oval. Many schools participated including the Year 3-7s from Dowerin. The day was really fun with one of our teams coming Runner-up. We played lots of games with Mr Harkness, Mr Taylor and Mrs Metcalf coaching our teams. At the end of the day everyone got a little bag of milo and people couldn't wait to start eating them.

By Kane & Daneeka

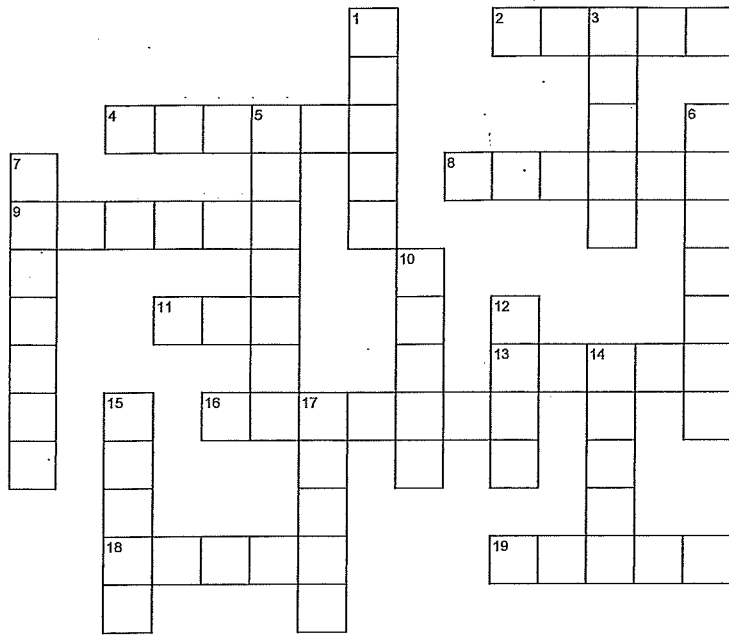
End of Year Pool Party

On the last day of school, our class had a pool party at the Dowerin Swimming pool. We enjoyed a day of fun games in and out of the water. We had a sausage sizzle and a few treats. We worked hard all term towards having a party and making it a successful day. Parents, teachers and our class enjoyed a day of fun, food and games!

By Kyara, Hayden & Rheanne



5/6 CROSSWORD



Across

2. I'm in a wheel chair and I have a broken hip
4. I am a girl, I am a student leader and have blonde hair
8. I am the oldest year 6 girl and have a scar on my chin
9. I am a boy in year five and my Dad has a beach house in Geraldton
11. I am a year 6 girl and I am Stirling's Faction Captain
13. I ride a 65cc Motocross bike and earlier this year I broke my arm because of it
16. I was born on Black Friday 13/11/98 and I am a boy with blonde hair
18. I was goalie in hockey for most of the year, I'm in year 6, I have brown hair and blue eyes and I'm a girl
19. I am the eldest year 5

Down

1. I'm a year 6 boy with multi-coloured hair
3. I am a Year 5 boy and I like cats
5. I am a girl and my birthday is 2 days before Christmas
6. I'm in year 6, I'm a good swimmer, I laugh lots, I was born in May, I'm a girl and I'm not Zoe
7. I have 1 brother and 1 sister, I have a gold bangle that I always wear and I am half Greek
10. I have 2 sisters and i am the youngest year 5
12. I'm a boy, I have red hair and I have the only birthday in August
14. I am a Year 6 girl, I have 2 brotehrrs, a sister, 2 cats and a dog
15. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, I like playing sport and I play Ben Dover in our play
17. I am a year 6 boy and have a sister in year 1

AIDAN

BROCK

BRYDEE

CHRY ANNA

CHILOE

CHRIS

COREY

DANEEKA

DAYNA

GLENN

HAYDEN

JASMINE

KANE

KYARA

LACHLAN

LOCKY

TAYLA

TYNIKA

ZOE

IF I WAS AN ANIMAL I WOULD BE A.....

DRAGON
because they
are mythological
creatures that
breathe fire.

GUINEA PIG
because they can
play all day and have
cool slides.

CHEETAH
because they are
cute, have spots
and run fast.

SHEEP DOG
because they
chase sheep and
that would
be fun.

JAGUAR
because they
run fast and
camouflage
well.

TIGER
because it's
the Dowerin
mascot, and
they're fierce
and fast.

CAT
because
they have
good balance
and good
hunting
skills.

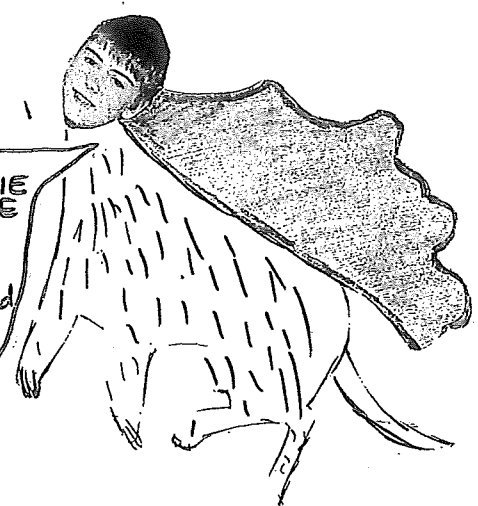
HORSE
because
they gallop
free.

PENGUIN
because they
swim fast and
have feathers.





DONKEY KONG
because
he is huge
rudy and
+ afraid to
and up
or himself



DOGGIE
DUDE
for his
incredible
ability to
eat dog food
and speak
to dogs.

IF I WAS A SUPERHERO I WOULD BE



ENOM
cause
s strong
d jumps
und
ally
fast.



MR FANTASTIC
I'd love
his elastic
abilities



CATWOMAN
so I
can be
an amazing
feline and
always land
on my
feet.



ALICE CULLEN
so I'm
fast, strong
and can
see the
future



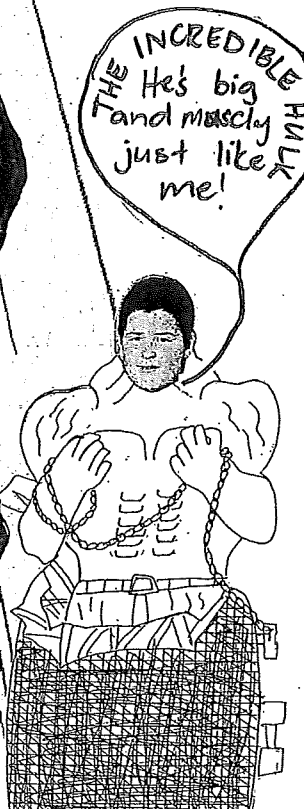
VAMPIRE
because they
are fast
and have
super
powers



VIOLET
INCREDIBLE
So I can see
people, but
they can't see
me. Sneaky.
Sneaky



CARNAGE
He's
evil like
me. Mwa
ha ha
ha!

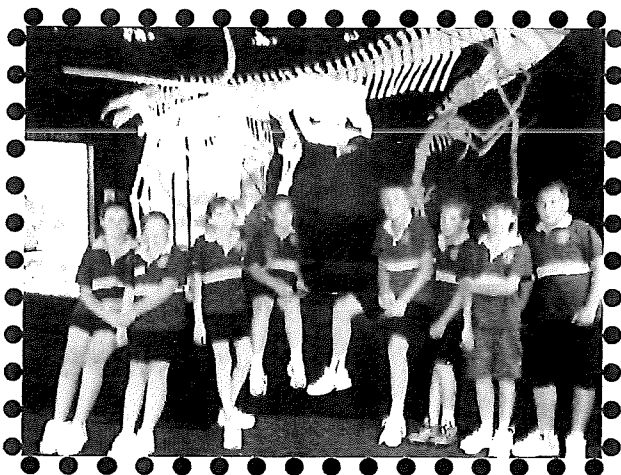
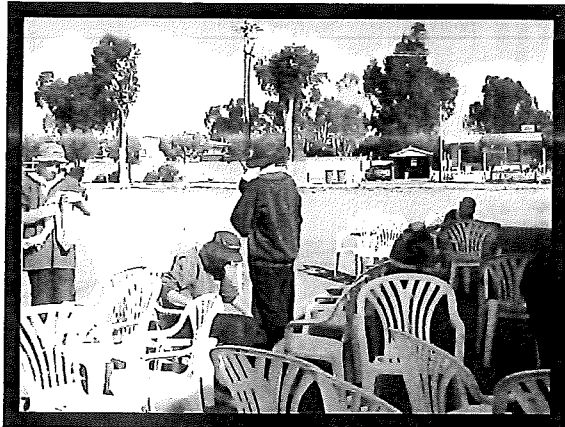
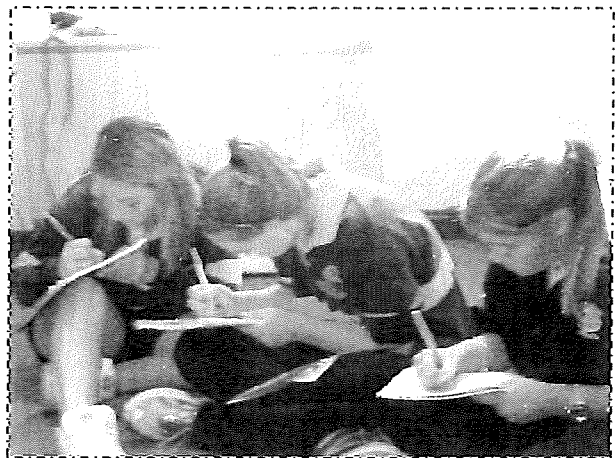


THE INCREDIBLE
HULK
He's big
and mascly
just like
me!

Year 7-10 Class

2009 has been a very busy year for the 7-10 class.

Throughout the year we have slowly expanded, with new additions to our year ten class. We have had lots of exciting excursions and incursions including Science Day, School Camp and a visit from the West Coast Eagles. Below are some pictures from our fantastic year.



YEAR 7-10 CROSSWORD

Word bank

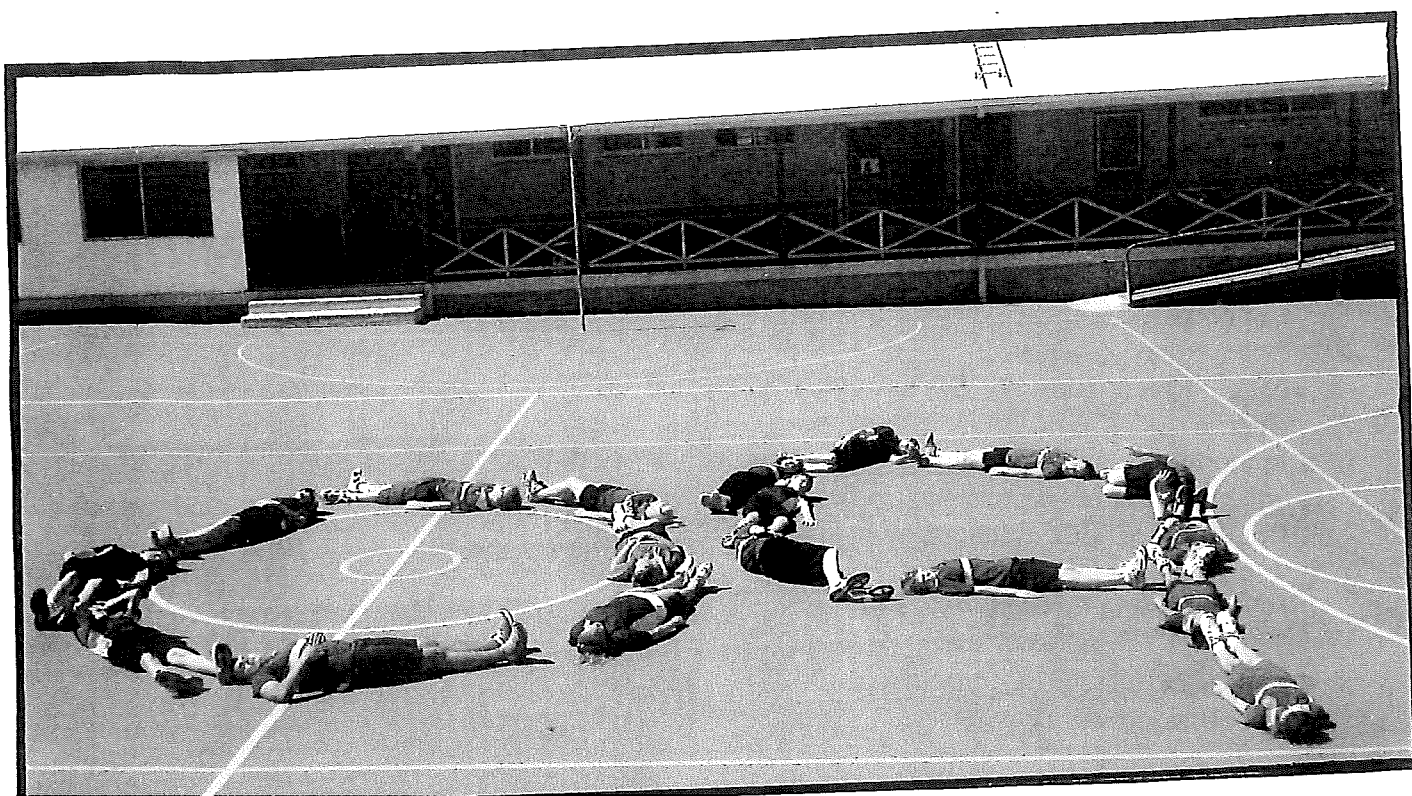
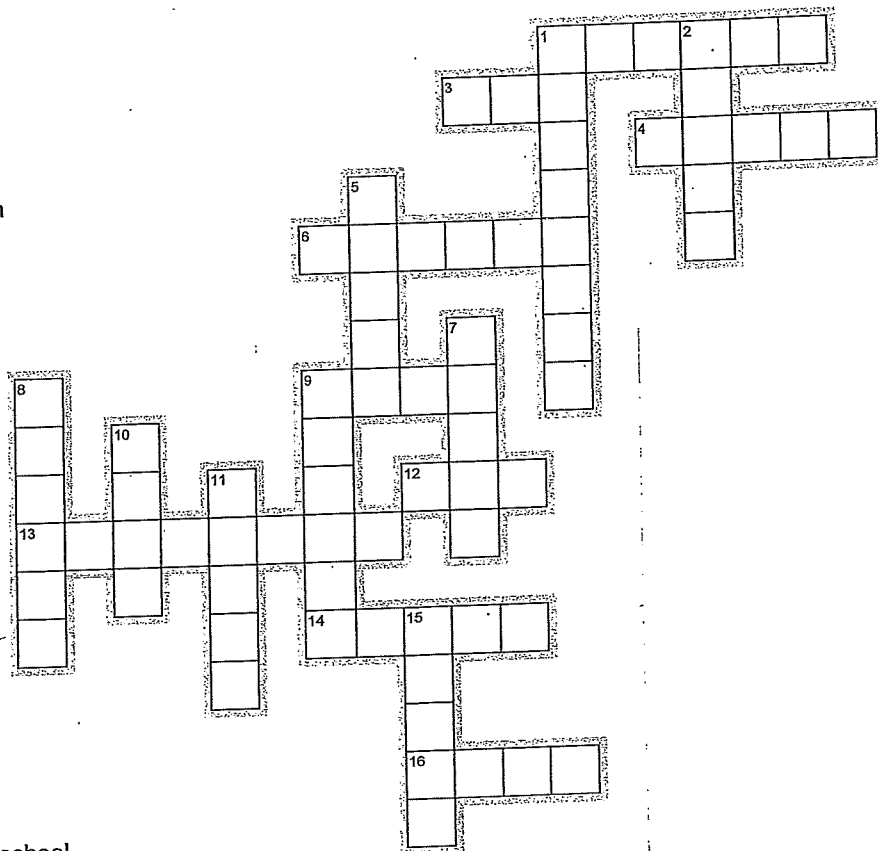
ALEX COREY DAMIEN DAMO DANIEL JASMAN JO-ELLEN KODEE MARIA MEL
MITCH NYREE RHIAN ROO STEPH TRAVIS VICTORIA ZACH

Across

1. Has a big family
3. Loves playing golf
4. Is a year ten girl from Goomalling
6. Enjoys playing basketball with Mr Main
9. Likes to read books upside down
12. Is a good cross country runner
13. Is good at drawing dragons
14. Owns a horse
16. Is always hungry

Down

1. Loves the Twilight saga
2. Is good at Maths
5. Has over twenty cats
7. Has lived in Alice Springs
8. Is a good netball player
9. A year ten boy from Goomalling
10. Spends most weekends with Mitch
11. Is always tired
15. Always brings a fashion statement to school



Year 7-10 class profiles

Name: Damian Allsopp

Year: 9

In the future I will be playing AFL or driving trucks.

I'm obsessed with: Playing footy and cars.



Name: Nyree "LOL or Miss Haybale" Anderson-Smith

Year: 9

In the future I will be still in the country, either working with children or animals. I will drive a Ford Territory and own two horses. I will get married and have children.

I'm obsessed with: Hayley Williams from Paramore and horses.

Name: Damian "Roo" Bailey

Year: 7

In the future I will be a mechanic or I will be playing sport.

I'm obsessed with: All different kinds of sport.



Name: Victoria Bird

Year: 8

In the future I will be attending Merredin High School as a boarder, and then going onto uni once I have finished school.

I'm obsessed with: Okami and Nissan 350/70z.



Name: Mitchell "Wonga" Collard

Year: 8

In the future I will be an Australian cricket player.

I'm obsessed with: Fords.

Name: Daniel "Danny Boy" Evans

Year: 9

In the future I will be playing basketball for the Australian Olympic team.

I'm obsessed with: Basketball.

Name: Damien "Fuzz" Falconbridge

Year: 10

In the future I will be an electrician.

I'm obsessed with: My bike and my computer.



Name: Melissa "Mel" Guazzelli

Year: 8

In the future I will be a journalist.

I'm obsessed with: Ice cream.

Name: Rhian "Blond3y" Hathaway

Year: 8

In the future I will be living in Hollywood with my best mates Nyree, Jo and Mel. I will be either starting my hairdressing career or becoming a dance choreographer.

I'm obsessed with: Emmet Cullen and Channing Tatum.

Name: Jasman Hayden

Year: 8

In the future I will be a mechanic.

I'm obsessed with: Sports.



Name: Jo-Ellen "Drippy" Jones

Year: 9

In the future I will be a make up artist after I finish my time in the Air Force. I will be driving a VE SS Holden ute which will be green and pink. I will be living in Hollywood with Rhian, Mel and Nyree.

I'm obsessed with: Taylor Lautner, the Twilight books and movies.

Name: Corey "Sticks" Mann

Year: 10

In the future I will be a carpenter in the Army and will be driving a Mercedes Benz SLR 500.

I'm obsessed with: Playing footy and building.

Name: Travis Mann

Year: 9

In the future I will be graduating Northam Senior High School. After that I will be living in Eaton, Bunbury, probably being an engineer on site at Worsley mine.

I'm obsessed with: White chocolate, tennis and bowls. I'm very good at both sports because I'm very competitive.

Name: Kodee "Kodak" McKenna

Year: 8

In the future I will be attending the Western Australian College of Agriculture in Cunderdin.

I'm obsessed with: Horror movies, Cam Gigandet and pizza



Name: Alex "Singas" Sinclair

Year: 9

In the future I will be driving a truck or playing AFL.

I'm obsessed with: Trucks and footy.



Name: Zach "Lishy" Sinclair

Year: 7

In the future I will get a fast Holden.

I'm obsessed with: Holdens.

Name: Maria "Mario" Spark

Year: 8

In the future I will have graduated from school and getting a degree in agriculture.

I'm obsessed with: Listening to music, sketching pictures and the Twilight saga.



Name: Stepanie White

Year: 10

In the future I will be in the Army working as a mechanic.

I'm obsessed with: Cars, wearing other peoples' glasses.



EXCURSIONS

2009 saw many classes participate in some enjoyable and educational excursions. Let's recap the excursions throughout the year.

In term 2 the year 7-10 went on an excursion to Toodyay to visit the Ned Kelly exhibition. This fitted in perfectly with their theme for Society and Environment of Villains and Heroes.

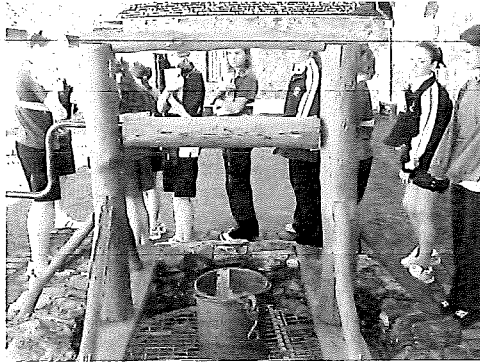
In term 3 we had the GWN Field Days and each child got to go over to explore the site with their teachers. The children really enjoyed watching the dog trials and looking at all the machinery.

Term 3 also had the year 3/4 class go on an excursion to the Perth Hills National Park Centre. The theme in room 2 was 'Australian Plants and Animals'. On the day children got to have a live animal encounter with some endangered Australian animals, a nature walk looking at Australian plants and to set a trap and examine

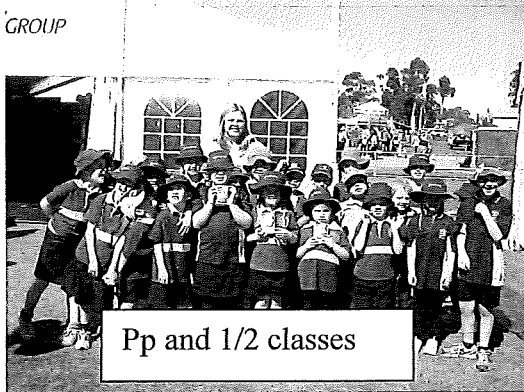
In term 4 the K/PP class went on an excursion down the main street in town. The students visited the Post Office, IGA, National Bank and the Butchers. They finished the day with lunch in the park.

Wow! It's no wonder the children are looking forward to the Christmas break after such a hectic year.

Ned Kelly exhibit



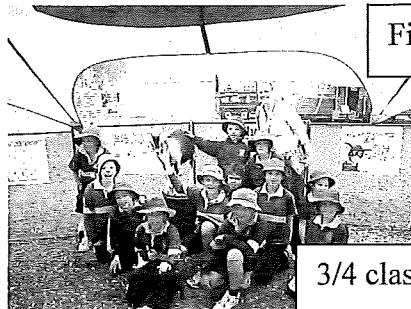
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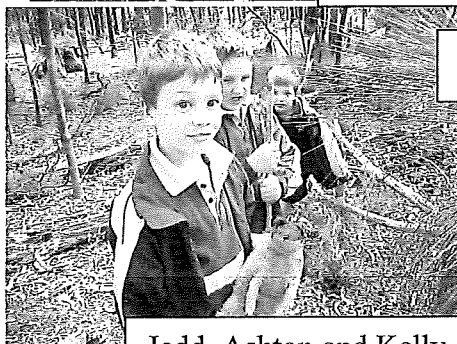
Pp and 1/2 classes



Field Days



3/4 class

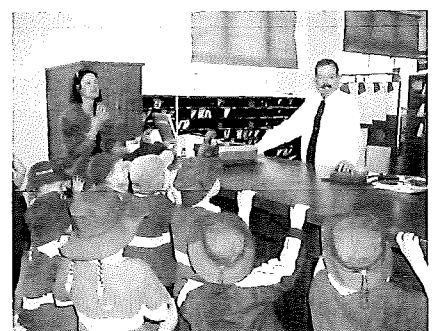


Jedd, Ashton and Kelly

Perth Hills



Main Street Excursion



SPORTS CARNIVALS

Throughout the year our Students have been involved in many fantastic carnivals, participating “The Dowerin Way”- with good sportsmanship and to the best of their abilities. As usual the rivalry between Forrest and Stirling continues throughout the Inter-house Swimming, Cross Country and athletics carnivals. We sent teams to represent Dowerin District High School to lots of Interschool

Carnivals such as Primary and Secondary Winter Carnivals, Athletics and Cross Country. A fantastic Inter-school Swimming Carnival was held in Dowerin labelled “the best organised in quite some time!” All in all Dowerin students can be proud of the spirit in which our Sports Carnivals were conducted.



School Camp 2009

Tuesday

In Term 1 the Year 5-9 students and four teachers set off for the big smoke for four days, packed with activities. The journey started on Tuesday morning, with a morning tea break at Toodyay, where we played on the equipment and skimmed rocks along the river. We then made it to Perth and played on the Rotary playground, which was great as it had a lot of different and exciting equipment. A few of us ate our lunch too quickly and went on too many dizzy things! We then headed around the lake to Neil Hawkins park where we were fed the birds sunflower seeds. If you stay still, the birds land on you and eat the seeds. We then arrived at camp (Point Walter) for some team games, unpacking, with dinner followed by a movie.

Wednesday

We started the morning with a walk and play around Sensory Park. The park has play equipment, a pond and a sculpture walk. Some people found the ducks interesting and others were engulfed in the world of art and the price tags they hold. We then headed back to Point Walter and walked down to the river side for lunch at the café. The food was delicious and we entered a colouring in competition in which Chianna and Victoria won. We then walked back up the massive hill to burn off our lunch ready to head to the Zoo. However our comfy coach had a flat battery, so we played a giant game of Kinect 4. The bus finally started so

we got on quickly to get to the zoo. As we had lost time, we had to walk/jog through the zoo to see all the animals we wanted to. The African savannah, orangutans,

Sumatran tiger and rainforest retreat were some favourites. We then piled onto the coach to make it to Dark Zone. This was a crowd favourite as you run around in teams trying to laser tag other people. The aim is to protect your team base and tag others. Jo-Ellen and Kane were ranked first in the two sessions, as they put their aiming skills to show. We all walked out puffed and excited ready for tea and ten pin bowling. With our bowling shoes on we were ready to roll! The busy day had eventually ended and we slept well.

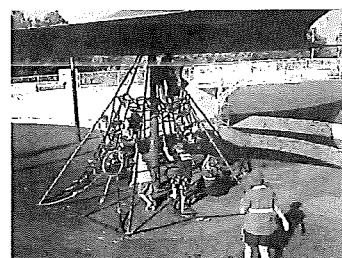
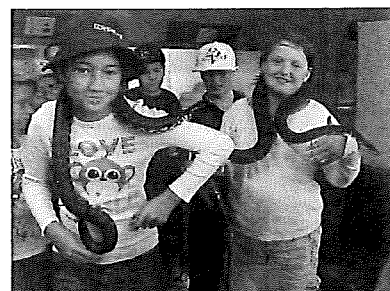
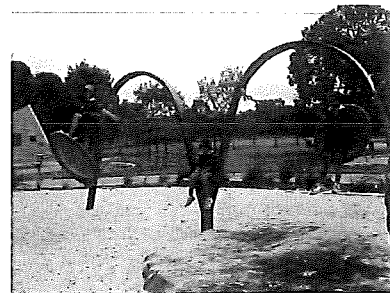
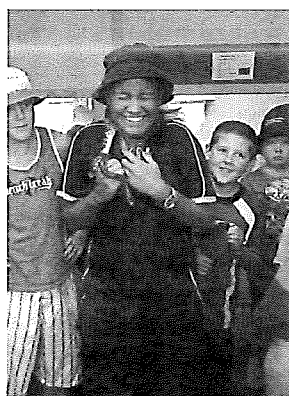
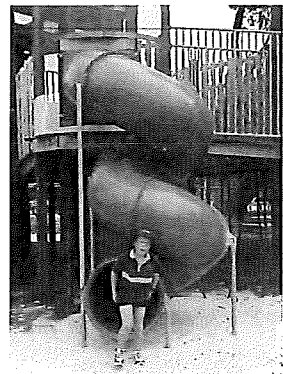
Thursday

Our morning began with a stroll along the sand spit at Point Walter. The tide was out, so we were able to walk a fair distance. We saw a dolphin, crabs and hundreds of jellyfish. This was followed by jumping off the jetty. We arrived at Scitech and watched a show on how the brain works. We were then allowed to venture through the many exciting exhibits that Scitech has. This was followed by watching two shows at Horizon. The first was a live show where we looked at the Perth night sky and found constellations. The second show was called Astronaut, where we

saw what it was like to live in space and what they do. By the end some people felt a bit dizzy as the screen is 3-D. We then wandered through the Museum for an hour, looking at the many exhibits, like the diamonds, dinosaurs, mammals, birds, butterflies and old gaol. It was then time to get busily prepared and organised for Dowerin has Talent, where we put on acts to be judged by the teachers. It was a really funny night and we truly have some budding actors!

Friday

Camp was ending and it was time to pack and clean our dorms. On the way home we visited the Reptile Park, where we learnt about reptiles and first aid. We all got to hold two types of pythons and bobtails. After lunch we made the journey home to Dowerin. I'm sure we all slept very well that night!



Scholastic Book Fair Week 2009

We held our Book Fair during the week of September 14th 2009.

This was a wonderful event and most successful.

The theme for this semester was Safari so during the book fair week we held a dress up day. This event was very popular with the students and it was difficult to choose the winners on the day.

This time our prizes went to:

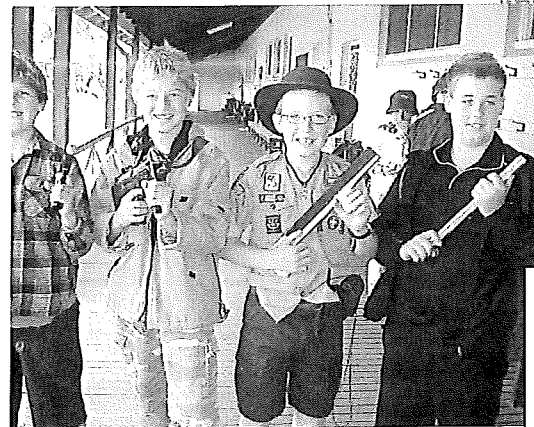
Year 2 - Tara Ralph and Kurt Richards
Year 3/6 - Keeley Williams and Kane Ralph
Year 7/10 - Jo Ellen Jones

Thank you to parents, students, staff and community members, with your support we raised a little over fifteen hundred dollars. This enables us to choose around five hundred dollars worth of books from the book fair for the school library. What a fantastic effort.

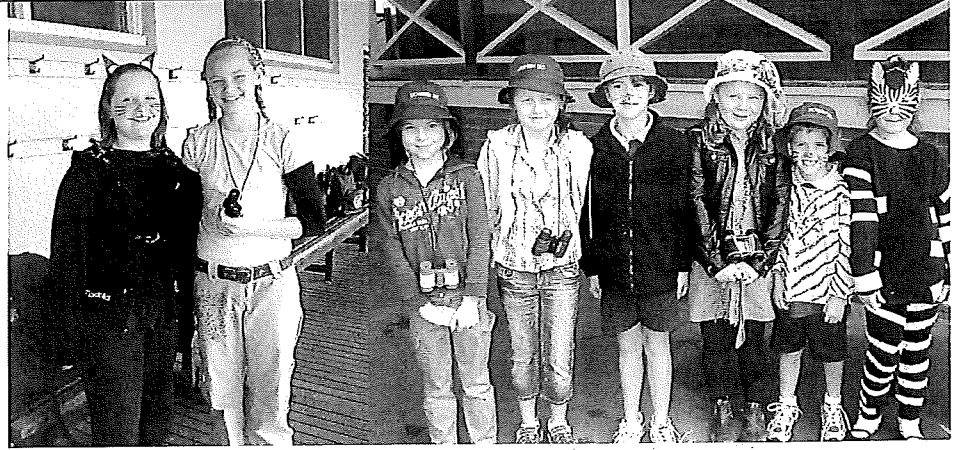
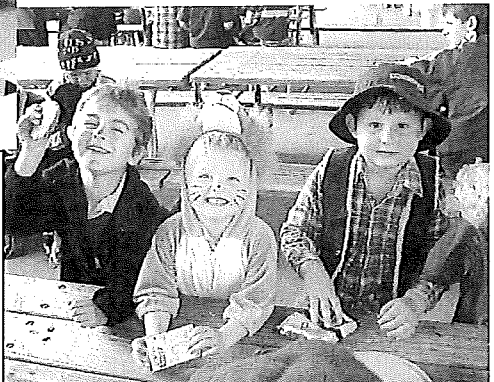
I would like to thank staff, teaching and non teaching for helping me organise the book fair, your help was greatly appreciated.

I look forward to organising another exciting book fair in 2010

Ruth Munyard
Library Officer

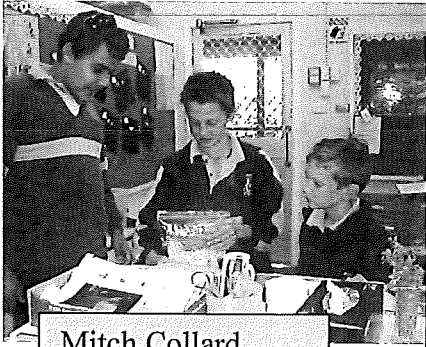


You could have been excused for thinking you were on safari when the Book Fair came to Dowerin!!



Whole School Science Day

20th August 2009

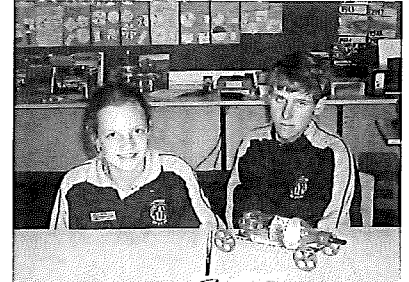


Mitch Collard,
Blair Sewell and
Shane Metcalf
making ice-cream.

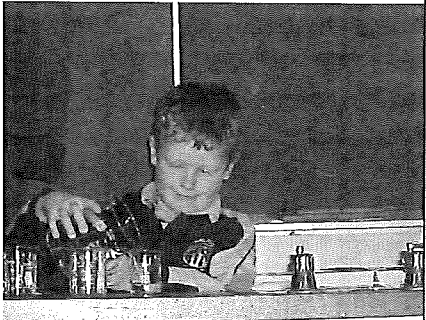
On Thursday the 20th August Dowerin District High School participated in a whole school science day to help celebrate National Science Week. The day saw the children rotate around in three multi-aged groups, participating in three different science based activities.

The three activities were all based around 'Energy and Change', which was a major theme in all the classrooms. The first experiment was making ice-cream without a freezer (using ice and salt to drop the temperature of our mixture). The children then made rockets with Mr Heldt (a specialist teacher from Perth). The last experiment was making drag racers and looking at how forces work (with an extra special mentos and coke bottle explosion).

The children were extremely well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



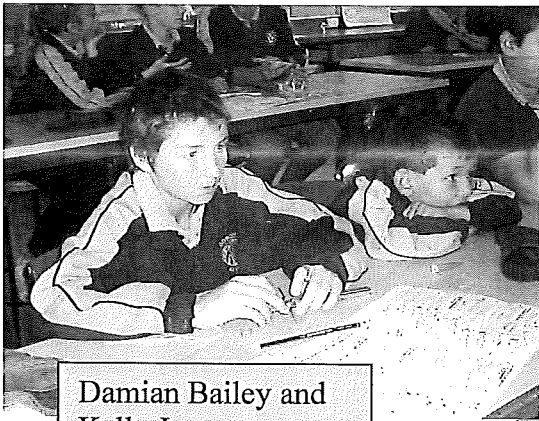
Brydee Pickup and Daniel
Evans, constructing a
racer



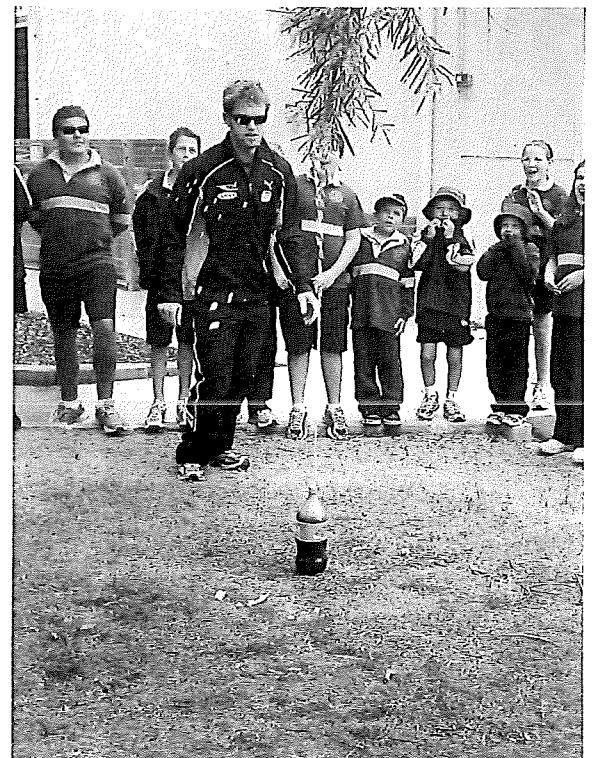
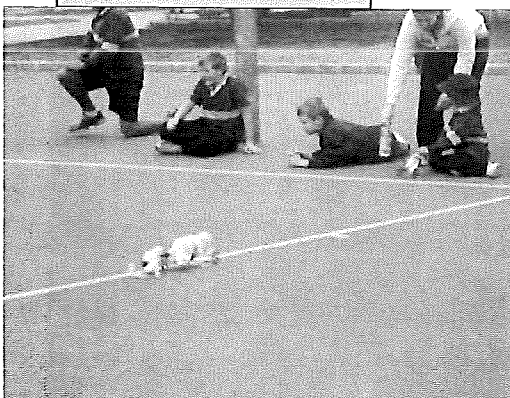
Joel Richards
lending a hand



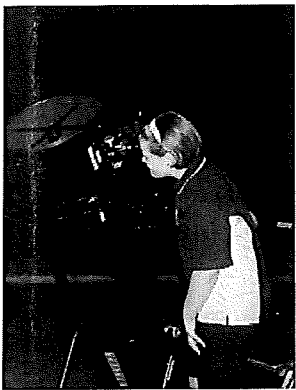
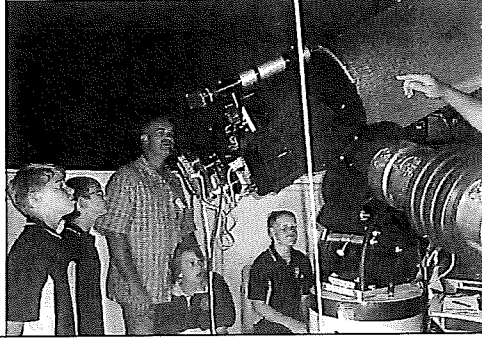
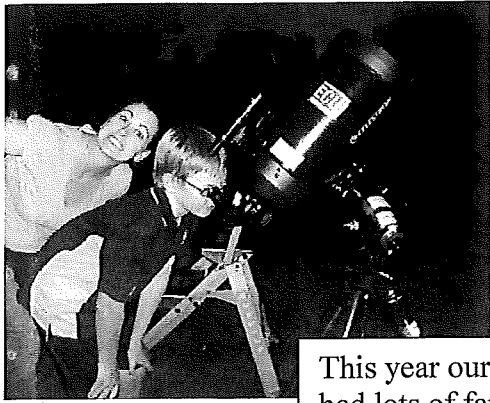
Ms Stewart and
Tara Ralph.



Damian Bailey and
Kelly Jones
following the
instructions to make
rockets.



EXPLORING THE EARTH AND BEYOND

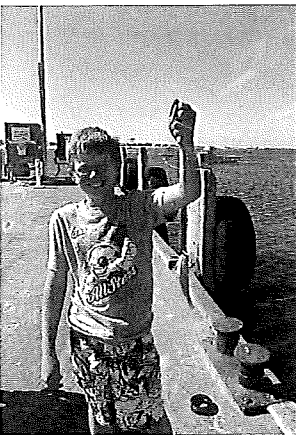


This year our students have been quite "Spaced Out". We've had lots of fantastic space activities over the course of the year starting out with the "Space Party." Students came in for an evening of star gazing (clouds were a bit of an issue), Space food and stella surprises. There were lots of costumes that were "out of this world."

Goomalling Primary School joined us for the Cosmodome incursion where we watched some amazing 3D movies and presentations that made us almost believe we were out amongst the stars. It was quite an experience to watch the constellations spinning around our heads and made us realise that you'd need a strong stomach to be an astronaut.



We were fortunate enough to receive a BP Education Grant that enabled us to establish an Astronomy Club for interested students. Four fantastic telescopes were purchased which has allowed us to go on some fantastic outings. The Astronomy Club had an evening viewing session on the oval, two camping trips at 'Cloverdowns,' *many thanks our early morning rescuers!*, excursions to Scitech's Horizon Planetarium, WA Museum and Trinity College Astronomy Centre and Astronomy WA night in Northam.



Astronomy Club wound up the year with a much anticipated trip to Lancelin where many stars were seen and many a good time had by all.

Thanks must go to all the dedicated staff members and helpers that worked towards offering the many varied activities for all students. A Special award also goes to Mr Taylor for his fantastic bus driving skills at all the Astronomy excursions. (*failure to start, bogged, out of fuel...need we go on????!!!*)

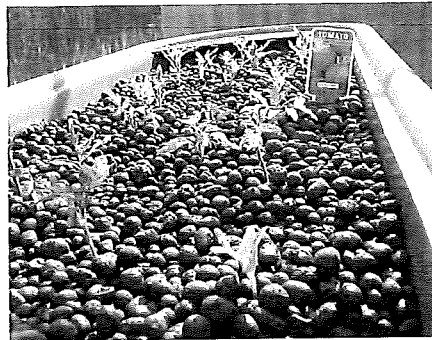


Enterprise



This year in Enterprise 'the stalk' (Kevin the Worm Man) delivered some baby worms to our school! This involved learning about worms, making mini worm farms (in coke bottles) and setting up larger scale worm farms in old fridges. We collected the Worm Whiz, which is a great natural fertilizer and used it on our vegetables and sold it to parents.

This year we gained two hydroponics set ups from the Field Days, which have grown magnificent tomatoes, cucumbers and pumpkins!



On 24th of March our school participated in Harmony Day, where we celebrate and respect diversity and other cultures. The day began with a sausage sizzle at lunch, or as some called them a 'snagga in a blanket.' After the sausage sizzle, the Year 5/6 class made damper with two special guests from Northam, Thea Buckley and Yvonne Green. After lunch the whole school was split into four groups and sent off to a station for 15-20minutes. The first activity we did, we learnt some of the symbols the Aboriginals use to communicate. We then decorated hand prints with these symbols. The next activity was with Thea, a special guest who read us a dreamtime story about how the kangaroo got its coat. We then drew a picture of our favourite part of the story. Our third activity we decorated paper masks. Our last activity was in the art room with Yvonne, another special guest. Yvonne showed us two emu eggs that had been carved to make pictures. We then decorated paper emu eggs and stuffed them with paper. Once all groups had finished at all the stations we all went down to the benches and ate the yummy damper the Year 5/6's made! The day was a great success and great fun!

By Maria Spark and Nyree Anderson-Smith



Yvonne helping make damper



Eating the damper.



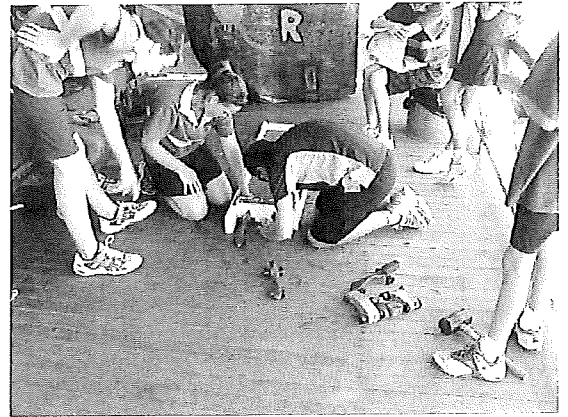
Thea reading a story.



Yvonne showing the emu eggs

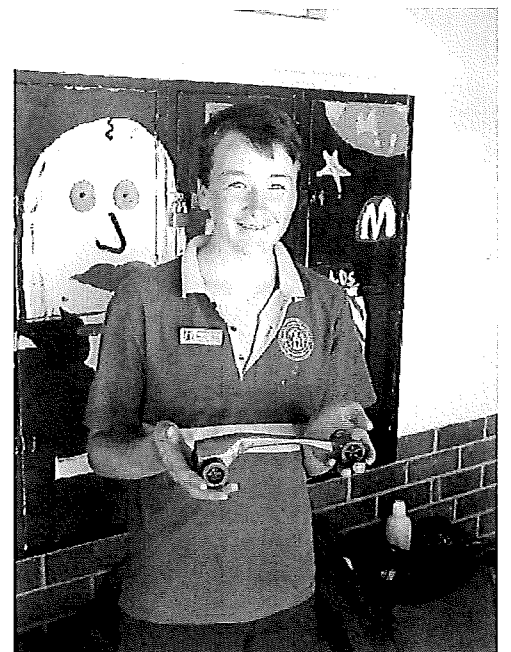
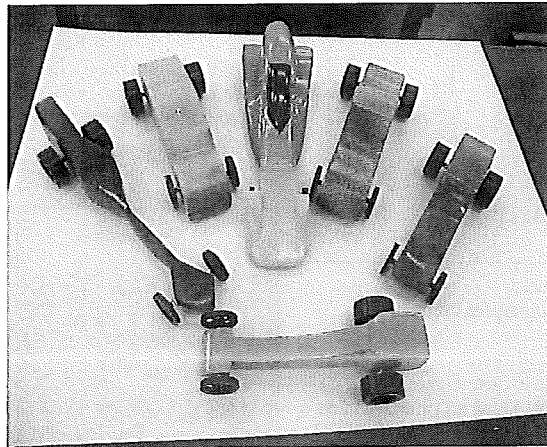
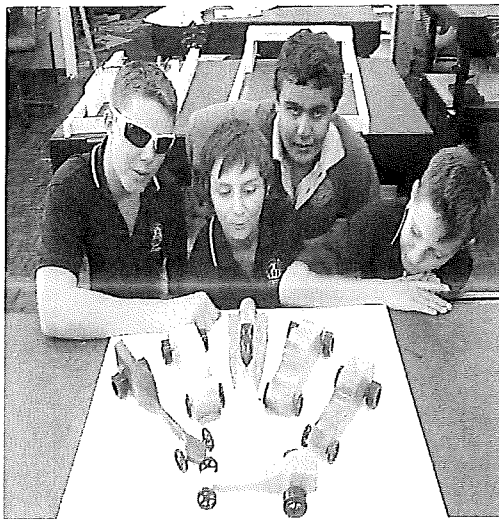
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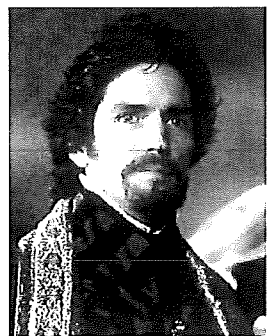
What a year we've had in Design and Technology in 2009. In the High School, students have learned about designing their own projects like the "Hobby Horses", how to use machines like the wood or metal lathe. Jigsaws and others. The highlight for the High School had to be CO2 race cars. I was very impressed at these light and speedy race cars. Many exciting races here held on the veranda with Zac coming out on top, Champion of Champions...until next year!



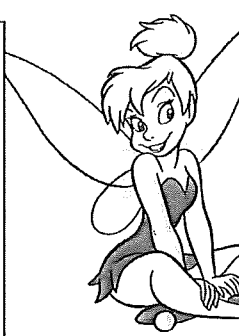
The year 5/6's and 3 / 4's worked on a variety of projects like kites, wooden boxes, pencil holders and others. The primary students also learned some designing and drawing skills and I hope to improve on these next year. Some of my students also "reverse engineered" some old computers. Until next year...

Mr Mark McClellan
D&T Teacher





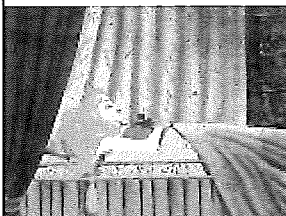
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 If I were a fictional character I'd be...
 Edmond Dantes (The count of Monte Cristo)
 Why? He never forgets and he always gets revenge.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: James Hird,
 Geoff Ogilvy and Jen Hawkins.
 Favourite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption
 Favourite TV Show: The Office
 Most Prized Possession: Taylormade Tour Burners
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: The birth of
 Jimmy!
 Favourite saying: It is not good sportsmanship to pick
 up lost golf balls while they are still rolling.
 Next year I'd like to be... Taller?



Name: Lisa Sinclair
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Tinkerbell
 Why? Because she's cute, petite has loads of
 personality, plus she gets to cast spells with her
 wand.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Gerard
 Butler, Fred Hollows & Halle Berry
 Favourite Food: Strawberries
 Favourite Movie: Twilight
 Favourite TV Show: Trueblood
 Most Prized Possession: All of my twilight books
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Going to the
 New Moon premiere with Kylie Pickering.
 Next year I'd like to be... Slimmer!

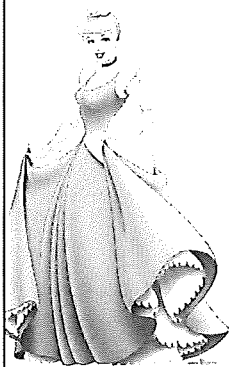


Name: Sarah Stone
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...
 Fairy Godmother
 Why? To have magical powers, wisdom and make
 wishes come true!
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Will
 Anderson, Eddie Vedder and Andy Lee
 Favourite Food: anything not too spicy or burnt!
 Favourite Movie: Point Break
 Most Prized Possession: my scarf collection.
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: the illustrious
 and thoroughly entertaining Talent show on camp!
 Next year I'd like to be... dry at the end of the
 netball carnival!



Name: Andrea Stewart
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Sleeping Beauty
 Why? I need all the sleep I can get!
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Jim Morrison,
 Kate Cebrano and Barack Obama
 Favourite Food: Mango
 Favourite Movie: Twilight
 Favourite TV Show: Packed to the Rafters
 Most Prized Possession: Necklace from my Mum
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Dowerin Field Days
 Favourite saying: Che Sera Sera – Whatever will be will
 be.
 Next year I'd like to be... going on an overseas holiday.

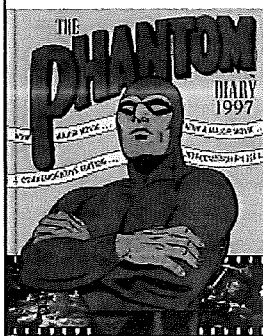
Name: Emily Waugh
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Cinderella
 Why? So I can get all the housework done and still
 look glamorous for the ball, with the help of my
 wise and generous Fairy Godmother.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Marie
 Curie, Coco Chanel and Adrian Grenier
 Favourite Food: Prawn, Mango and Avocado Salad
 Favourite Movie: Anything with a happy ending.
 Favourite TV Show: Greys Anatomy
 Most Prized Possession: my wardrobe
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Getting stuck at
 Clover Downs on Astronomy camp.
 Favourite saying: Don't take too seriously, because
 you'll never get out alive.
 Next year I'd like to be... living in our new house.



Name: Kylie Fowler
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...
 Puss in Boots
 Why? So I can wear boots all day.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with:
 Oprah, Katy Perry and Jodi Picoult
 Favourite Food: Miss Stone's Nachos
 Favourite Movie: Almost Famous
 Favourite TV Show: Border Security
 Most Prized Possession: Pepa
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Dowerin's
 Got Talent!
 Favourite saying: Meeting Adjourned

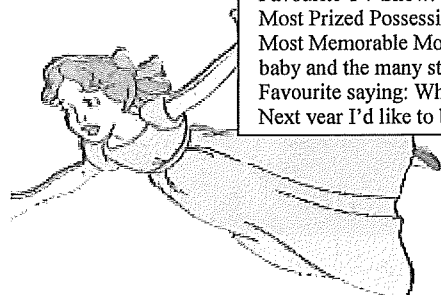


Name: Daniel Harkness
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...
 Buzz Lightyear
 Why? So I can fall with style!
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with:
 Megan Gale, Hugh Jackman and Hamish and
 Andy (they're joined at the hip aren't they?)
 Favourite Food: Steak, Steak Burger with the
 lot, BBQ Chicken Kebab and a Red Rocket
 Fruit smoothie.
 Favourite Movie: Top Gun and Transformers
 Favourite TV Show: Spicks and Specks
 Most Prized Possession: My Massive TV
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Movember
 Ball
 Favourite saying: You're having a laugh.
 Next year I'd like to be... snowboarding in
 Canada



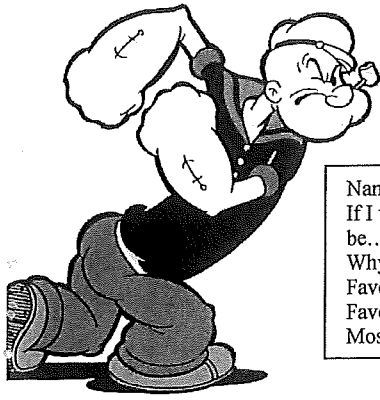
Name: Mark McClellan
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... The
 Phantom
 Why? Because the Phantom is the ghost who
 walks.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Adam
 Gilchrist, Glenn McGrath and David Boon
 Favourite Food: Pizza
 Favourite Movie: Transformers
 Favourite TV Show: NCIS
 Most Prized Possession: A Hot Wheels car worth
 big bucks!
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Watching my
 daughter win a cycling race in Joondalup
 Favourite saying: Is it hot or what?
 Next year I'd like to be... Rich and famous instead
 of just being good looking

Name: Kristel O'Kane
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Wendy from
 Peter Pan
 Why? So I can fly to my own magical adventure.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Pnk,
 Will Ferrel and Drew Barrymore
 Favourite Food: Pasta
 Favourite Movie: Step Brothers
 Favourite TV Show: Friends
 Most Prized Possession: Friends Poster
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Ann having her
 baby and the many staff dos
 Favourite saying: What ever minger!
 Next year I'd like to be... in Dowerin

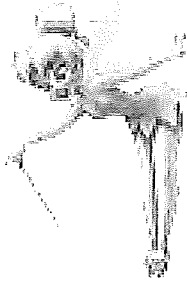


Name: Shirley Hagboom
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...
 "The Vicar of Dibley"
 Why? Life should be filled with humour!!
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: My
 Mum and Dad and Meryl Streep
 Favourite Food: Roast Pork with apple sauce
 and all the trimmings.
 Favourite Movie: Shirley Valentine
 Favourite TV Show: Better Homes and Gardens
 – I am full of potential and wishful thinking.
 Most Prized Possession: My piano – music is
 my passion.
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: A year
 I student singing "Jesus Loves Me" while doing
 his sewing in Home Ec. It made my heart melt!!
 Favourite saying: All things are possible when
 crafting!
 Next year I'd like to be... more confident.



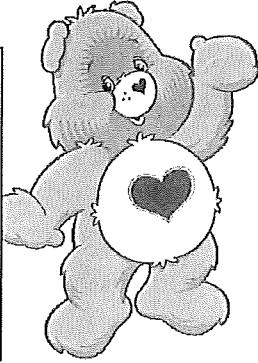


Name: Paul David
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...Popeye the Sailor Man
 Why? because he's cool.
 Favourite Food: Field of Dreams
 Favourite TV Show: M*A*S*H
 Most Prized Possession: A shield

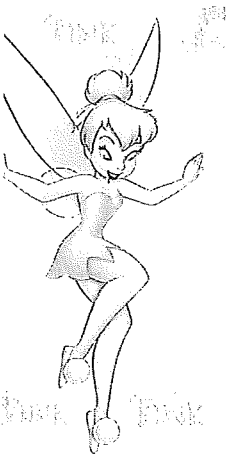


Name: Jocelyn Frearson
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...Tinkerbell
 Why? So I can flutter around spreading fairy dust!!
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Princess Di – to find out why she got in the car with the drunk driver, Gerard Butler – because he's yummy and Bill Gates – so he can shower me with wisdom.
 Favourite Food: Chocolate – it should be a food group!
 Favourite Movie: Toss up between funny (Mystery Alaska) and chick flick (PS I Love You)
 Favourite TV Show: My name is Earl
 Most Prized Possession: Picture of my Nana the day she turned 18
 Favourite saying: Fabulous!
 Next year I'd like to be... sipping margaritas on a secluded beach... somewhere, anywhere!!

Name: Marg Couper
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... a Care Bear
 Why? Because I'm soft, cuddly and caring.
 Favourite Food: Chinese
 Favourite Movie: Mao's Last Dancer
 Favourite TV Show: Packed to the Rafters
 Most Prized Possession: My Family
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Daniel showing me how he does the washing with Joyce and hanging it up. A great achievement!
 Favourite saying: It will be fine
 Next year I'd like to be... where I am now.



Name: Gary Taylor
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Reptile Man
 Why? So Matson would look after me when I get old.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Steve Irwin, Daffy Duck and my wife.
 Favourite Food: Snails
 Favourite Movie: Anaconda
 Favourite TV Show: Destroyed in Seconds
 Most Prized Possession: Blue-tongue
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Bus driving in Lancelin.
 Favourite saying: a chameleon's tongue is twice the length of it's body.
 Next year I'd like to be... cold blooded!



Name: Joyce Couper
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Tinkerbell
 Why? so I can fly around the world for free
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Howard Keel (Actor), Rick Charlesworth and Adam Hunter.
 Favourite Food: Roast and Apple Pie and Icecream
 Favourite Movie: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.
 Favourite TV Show: Packed to the Rafters
 Most Prized Possession: My family
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Ryan Lee telling me "Mrs Couper, you have old skin, I've got new skin."- I had to agree.
 Favourite saying: Drive carefully
 Next year I'd like to be... a Lotto Winner!!



Name: Kylie Pickering
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... Elastigirl
 Why? She can do anything, become anything, is indestructible – plus she still has a great figure.
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Harrison Ford, Robert Pattinson and Hugh Jackman.
 Favourite Food: Pasta, anything sweet!
 Favourite Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off
 Favourite TV Show: Criminal Minds, Amazing Race.
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: My girls dancing at their ballet concert and Astronomy Camp.
 Favourite saying: You get that!
 Next year I'd like to be... on holiday!!

Name: Katherine Gerrard
 If I were a fictional character I'd be...Sleepy Dwarf
 Why? To get more sleep
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Johnny Depp, Eddie Vedder and Hamish and Andy
 Favourite Food: Chinese
 Favourite Movie: Twilight
 Favourite TV Show: Angel
 My Prized Possession: My pen
 Next year I'd like to be... On a tropical island



Name: Kate Petchell
 If I were a fictional character I'd be... The Lady who swallowed a Spider
 Why? Because my tummy seems to keep expanding!
 Three people I'd like to have dinner with: Nigella, Oprah and Supernanny
 Favourite Food: Crab and Mango
 Favourite Movie: Girls Just Wanna have Fun
 Favourite TV Show: Las Vegas, House and Private Practice
 My Prized Possession: My Louboutin Heels
 Most Memorable Moment for '09: Coming back into the classroom
 Favourite saying:
 Next year I'd like to be... Living in our new house



As well as honourable mentions to

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| Maureen Harris | Sue Martino | Ruth Munyard | Tamara Johnson |
| Betty Ward | Linda Quartermaine | Amanda Hagboom | Geoff Wise |
| Kym Metcalf | Amanda Donatti | Michelle Jones | Alanna Webb |
| Kim Quartermaine | Perisse Taylor | Shirley Anderson | Trish Macnamara |
| Graham Anderson | Erica Hedburg | | |

The Chaplain's Report -2009

I am called to provide a Christian presence and a listening ear to students, staff and parents. When I first began my role in February this year, I was very daunted by the expectations of Youthcare, my employing body in Perth.

As the year has progressed and I have attended four induction days, the annual conference, regional meetings once a term and met with my supervisor I have grown through the learning I have received.

I have been allowed to work through the classrooms on the Wednesday and to be in the music room with Mrs Mac on the Thursday. These privileges have allowed me to enjoy the company of all the students twice over the two days. Thank you most sincerely to all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, who have supported me and treated me with the utmost respect. Thank you also to the parents for your feedback and for believing in me.

To watch all students grow and change has been an interesting journey for me and I wish you all the very best of everything for next year and your own life's journey. Card making and Chaplain's Corner has proved to be a very happy and fruitful time shared at the second lunch break.

I have been truly blessed to spend time in our school where I was previously a teacher's aide. Thank you everyone for the rewarding teamwork. Looking forward to seeing you all & hearing your news in 2010. Please have a very happy & safe holiday.

May you all have peace, blessings and joy this Christmas.

*Shirley Hagboom.
Dowerin D.H.S. Chaplain.*

The difference between school and life?

*In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test.
In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson. ----*

Tom Bodett.



See the person
not the stereotype.
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