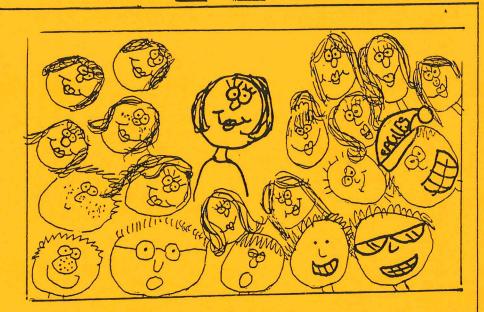
The HARVEST



1



By Ashlee Newman and Megan Lee Yr 5.

1996



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

After five years in Dowerin this is my final report as I am transferring to Lesmurdie in 1997.

This year has been my eighteenth as a district high school principal (as a 'youngster' I also spent two years as principal of an aboriginal mission school, at Balgo Hills, 300 kms south of Halls Creek). I have been privileged to have worked as principal in Williams, Gingin, Quairading, Corrigin and Dowerin.

I leave Dowerin with many fond memories. As in all my previous country schools, I have really appreciated the unsophisticated, uncomplicated, friendly nature of Dowerin students, ranging in age from five to fifteen years - I think I will miss this wide range in my new primary school.

Country schools have supportive parents and communities and Dowerin ranks high in this regard. The quality of the staffs I have worked with over my years in Dowerin has been a source of pride to me. Anyone who thinks teachers work from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm should check out the school some time! Dowerin has been blessed with a great series of deputy principals and I thank them for their support. I can't imagine any school having a better office staff than Dowerin - my special thanks to Mrs Betty Ward and Mrs Diane McHugh. The P & C support for the school is most encouraging, and during my time the school has been fortunate in having two excellent presidents in Mr Colin Green and Mr Trevor Gerrard.

The Dowerin Shire Council and the Dowerin Field Days have both provided great assistance to the school.

I can't write this report without mentioning my fourth ranking love (after my family, my friends and my work - not forgetting the Dockers in fifth place) - GOLF! Dowerin Golf Club is a great club and I have enjoyed many hours there - maybe I can do a Brett Lewis and come back next year and win the prestigious Pryce Cup!

Dowerin - thank you for a very enjoyable and fulfilling part of my life. And kids - remember to always give 110%.

Gerry Brown.

December 1996

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Since arriving in Dowerin I have always been impressed by the way students and staff selflessly put every effort into projects, of which this magazine is a fine example. The magazine is the culmination of many weeks work and a reflection of the rich and diverse educational activities that are a typical school year at Dowerin.

Term one began with children settling in to their new classes and three weeks of swimming classes. Many students progressed to the next level and continued to train for the faction and interschool carnivals. Once again the commitment made by students to excel came through as many records were broken and new times set. In the classroom too children were developing new strategies and skills to comprehend text in its many forms and learn new ways to write. The library was rearranged with new shelving and many new resources, including a computer connected to the internet.

The school commemorated Anzac Day and participated in the Easter service with many members of the community present, and during the holidays we learnt more about the Good Start program and what changes it will bring to the school. The teaching of problem solving skills commenced and students began to apply new techniques to many of their classroom activities.

During term two we were visited by Sue Noonan, a music specialist whose enthusiasm for her subject quickly spread throughout the school and culminated in a fascinating performance at the end of the day. As part of our Environmental Studies priority we planted several hundred trees and shrubs at Tin Dog Creek, and later in the term we were visited by the Leaping Loonies and the African drummers. Staff learnt more about science and technology and further developed their skills in teaching language literacy. The final cultural event for term two was our artist - in - residence Robyn Brown who worked with students throughout the school and helped the year fives produce a banner for the 'Banners in the Terrace' competition.

Term three saw the primary school travel to Goomalling for a lightning carnival, the opportunity for students to make friends with a range of Australian reptiles and a visit from a magician. We also had our new pre-primary centre delivered to the school and relocated the year fives to room one. Term three culminated in two very successful athletics carnivals with Dowerin winning both the handicap and outright shields at the interschool carnival. Students from Dowerin also impressed the spectators by their high standard of dress and behaviour.

On the first Friday of term four a cricket coaching clinic and carnival was enthusiastically attended by primary students, and a visit to Scitech by the year fives concluded their science activities for the year. The year threes and fours visited several farms to view the work being done to combat the salt problem and the whole school held a science activity day to demonstrate the skills they had been developing throughout the year. The year sixes and sevens travelled to Pemberton for their camp and learnt how different the two environments are and more about their own capabilities and personal organisation. We successfully negotiated a full-time preprimary centre and a more practicable arrangement for the primary classes in 1997.

Finally, I look forward to further developing a positive learning partnership between students, parents and the school and wish the staff and students leaving us good luck and best wishes for the future.

lan Michael
Deputy Principal

Dowerin P&C President's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present a report on the past year of activities by the P&C. The goals that the members set at the beginning of the year have been largely met. This has been brought about by enthusiasm and energy of those parents who have involved themselves in the processes of the P&C. At the outset I should thank the members of the executive committee Colin Green, Russell Sutherland, Christine Lee and Jenny Miller who not only carried out their committee duties with zeal but also represented the district as community members of the School Council.

The P&C has been very successful this past year in it's fundraising effort. Once again our catering committee and their many helpers made a major contribution not only in the funds they made from catering of dinner functions and clearing sales, but also enhanced the excellent reputation for professionalism and quality of the P&C.

A successful innovation of a quiz night was also a good money spinner. My thanks go to our quizmaster Mr Alan Girod, our sponsors and our patrons who also made it a very successful social evening.

Like many Dowerin organisations we also give our thanks to the Machinery Field Days for the opportunity it gives us to raise funds. Thanks also go to the many parents and community members who so generously donated their hours to the P&C.

We have been fortunate to be the recipient of funds from the Apex Club's drum recycling project. This is not only a financially successful project but is also a good example of an environmentally aware community programme.

The funds we raise have no value if we have no success in spending it properly. At the beginning of the year our plans for a spectacular new 'adventure' playground was our major project. Members of the P&C were fortunate to be at a meeting to see a presentation on what our children want from a playground. Once this playground is completed it will be the real sign of our success as a committee.

The end of a school year inevitably brings on the transfer of teaching staff. This year is different in that it brings on the end of a school era. After five years as Principal, Mr Gerry Brown has accepted the opportunity of a transfer to Perth.

During these five years, Mr Brown's enthusiasm and commitment to the school has helped us move into the computer age and stave off school closure along the way. The rapport between all P&C Presidents during this period has definitely continued in my term and has made the formalities between the school and the P&C easy and enjoyable. My sincere thanks go to all staff and my special thanks go to Mr Gerry Brown.

In closing I would like to thank all those members of our community who have made a contribution to the educational environment of our children.

I also urge all parents to at least be aware of what the P&C is about and continue to support our school, the Principal and the staff.

Many thanks Trevor Gerrard President-Dowerin P&C

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 1996 Twilight Swimming Carnival was held on Friday the 8th of March. A great time was had by all.

Thank you to everyone for your support and help to make this day a success.

Congratulations to Forrest for their second successive win after a long drought and well done Stirling for a great competition.

> **FORREST: 1209** STIRLING: 1017

Well done to all the swimmers for your efforts, competitive spirits and achievements.

Congratulations to the champions, runners up and everyone who participated in this event.

CHAMPION:	RUNNER UP:
-----------	-------------------

GIRLS 7 YEARS Georgia Graffin	Prue Jones
BOYS 7 YEARS Dean Wilson	Kaiden Hagboom
GIRLS 8 YEARS Stephanie Lee	Danielle Nuske
BOYS 8 YEARS Daniel Macaulay	Stuart Chitty
GIRLS 9 YEARS Leigh Metcalf	Lisa Phillips
BOYS 9 YEARS Myles Irvine	Callum Jones &
•	Vincent Lawrence
GIRLS 10 YEARS Verity Todd	Kiara Thomas

		Vincent Lawrence
GIRLS 10 YEARS	Verity Todd	Kiara Thomas
BOYS 10 YEARS	David Wilson & Lane	Place
GIRLS 11 Y EARS	Bobbi McGeachin	Rebecca Thaxter
BOYS 11 YEARS	Joseph Wayne	Chris Macaulay
GIRLS 12 YEARS	Robyn Westphal	Erin Spark
BOYS 12 YEARS	Kane McMorran	Blake Hagboom
GIRLS 13 YEARS	Sally Place	Christine Sims
BOYS 13 YEARS	David Livall	Justin McHugh
GIRLS 14 YEARS	Lindy Hagboom	Leanne Westphal
BOYS 14 YEARS	Bradley Smith	Jeremy King
GIRLS 15 YEARS	Gina Bruce	Emma Sutherland

Nathan Sloan

BOYS 15 YEARS

Emma Sutherland **Geoff Collard**



On the 28th of March 1996, the Dowerin\ Ejanding swimming team travelled to Wongan Hills to battle for the Interschool Swimming Shield. The Primary and Secondary swimmers battled hard all day with the Primary missing out on the 'Handicap shield' by just 2 points. The secondary team won the 'Handicap shield' for the fourth year in a row! While we were proud of the whole 'teams' performance through out the day there were 5 individuals that did 'very well'.

These were:

Joseph Wayne - Champion Year 6 Boy Lane Place - Runner up Year 5 Boy Robyn Westphal - Runner up Year 7 Girl Sally Place - Runner up Year 8 Girl Brad Smith - Runner up Year 9 Boy

Well done to all competitors and thankyou to all the Parents who supported the Swimmers all day.

By: Brad Smith & Jeremy King

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who competed in the carnival. Thank you to all the people who helped throughout the day. A fantastic day's competition was had by all. Congratulations to Forrest, who had their first win in 5 years. The scores were Forrest 806 and Stirling 738.

CHAMPION

6yr Alison Gregory
Jonathon Lawrence
7yr Georgia Graffin
Dean Wilson
8yr Justine Newman

8yr Justine Newman Daniel Macaulay 9yr Leigh Metcalf

Lance Franklin 10yr Danika Hagboom

David Wilson 11yr Bree Franklin Joseph Wayne

12yr Bianca Franklin Wesley Hagboom

13yr Sally Place Klinton Hagboom

14yr Leanne Westphal Brad Smith

15yr Jade North Ryan Westphal

RUNNER-UP

Meagan Spark
Brad Norris
.Eboney McMorran
Kaiden Hagboom
Stephanie Lee
Bradley Miller
Jessica Lee
Callum Jones
Melissa Couper
Lane Place
Bobbi McGeachin
Dale Phillips
Robyn Westphal

Luke Robertson / Kane McMorran

Elise Boase David Livall Lindy Hagboom Jeremy King Cathylee Westphal Derrick Riggs

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Dowerin and Ejanding joined together to have a great day's competition against the other nearby districts, in Wongan Hills. The day was warm, great for athletics. It was terrific to see all the encouragement given to our competitors. Well done to the cheer squad! We'd like to thank everyone who helped out in some way. Congratulations to all competitors.

Primary Girl Champions at the interschool were Justine Newman (junior champion), Danika Hagboom (intermediate champion) and Bianca Franklin (senior champion).

The primary boy runner—up was Lance Franklin (intermediate runner—up).

Runner—up Junior High Champion was Sally Place and the runner—up Senior High Champion was Ryan Westphal.

Congratulations to the primary school students who won the Outright Shield.

By Ryan Westphal and Lindy Hagboom

PROSS COUNTRY

On Friday, 27th of September, nearly all students of Dowerin District High School turned out to run the cross country. Each year level ran different distances. Years 1-3 ran 1km, years 4-5 ran 1.5km, years 6-7 ran 2km and the opens ran 2.5km. Everyone that ran put in 100% plus. The results were...

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 1-3 (1km)			
Girl	Tamara Spark-5.00.68	Elle McGeachin	Justine Newman
Boy	Justin Braddon-4.18.29	Daniel Macaulay	Dean Wilson
Year 4-5 (1.5km)			
Girl	Verity Todd-6.17.04	Danika Hagboom	Delena King
Boy	David Wilson-5.38.89	Jarrad King	Lane Place
Year 6-7 (2km)			
Girl	Robyn Westphal-10.17.56	Bobbi McGeachin	Erin Spark
Boy	Scott Chittty-8.04.64	Ben Partington	Todd Campbell
Open (2.5km)			
Girl	Sally Place-11.11.96	Leanne Westphal	Emma Partington
Boy	Jeremy King- 8.49.00	Aaron Couper	Klinton Hagboom

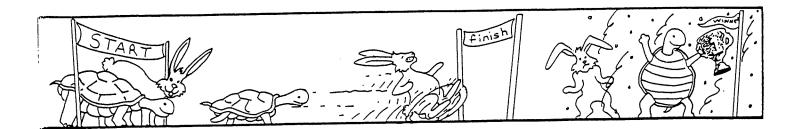
A number of students broke records. They were: Sally Place, Jeremy King, Scott Chitty and David Wilson.

Congratulations to all the competitors on their efforts!!!

House points at the conclusion of this event were...

Forrest: 211 Stirling: 133

Sally Place and Jeremy King



Winter Sports Carnival

Netball

On the 27th of June our netball teams combined with Wyalkatchem, and travelled to Cunderdin for a carnival. We had a day of netball which wasn't very successful and to top that we had rain.

We played Cunderdin, Quairading and Kellerberrin but couldn't seem to win very many. Mrs Boase was our coach and she did a great job of that.

All of us had fun and our other teams of football and hockey did great. Maybe if Dowerin could've got a few practises with Wyalkatchem we could've done better but as long as you had fun and were a good sportsman, which we were, I think that's all that counts.

Football

Earlier this year Dowerin District High School started training on Wednesdays to get ready for a gruelling game against Wyalkatchem District High School Football team. When it came to the game Dowerin won convincingly, the scores at 129 to 0.

Dowerin and Wyalkatchem combined and then played in Cunderdin a few weeks later against Cunderdin, Kellerberrin and Quairading. We won against Kellerberrin but sadly Quairading and Cunderdin beat us.

Hockey

Once again, Dowerin District High School took part in the East Avon Sports Carnival. Dowerin combined with Wyalkatchem to make an undefeated team through the day of hockey. Every player put in 100% to result in the victory of winning the 1996 East Avon Hockey Carnival.

0 о 。 0 DOWERIN PRE-PRIMARY 1996 As the year nears a close, I witness another group of parents who are finding it hard to believe that their child will be moving on to the next stage of their education. We have had a very enjoyable semester (I can only account for one)...and it is evident that all of our eight four-year-olds and twelve five -year-olds are more than ready to journey into 0 their next adventure. I wish them all the very best, and I will follow their progress with much interest over the years to come. I'm fortunate to have been involved in their lives and their learning. Thank you. Thanks also to Katherine Gerrard and Kim Bintley for ably () (assisting me. Christine Lee FOUR YEAR OLDS AWARDS Benjamin Callaghan: News Award....for always bringing something interesting to show for news. Conan Larkin: Individuality Award....for adding that 7 personal touch to everything he made. Jackson Frawley: Endeavour Award....for trying harder to complete activities in every session Katie Whitsed: Consistency Award....for always completing every activity available to her. Kayla Martin: Enthusiasm Award....for showing great interest in learning and activities. 80 Ned Melvin: Adaptability Award....for settling into the routine like he'd been doing it for years. Robbie Macaulay: The Tidiness Award....for consistently supervising the packing away process in the block corner. Ryan Maisey: The Anti-Stress Award...for allowing absolutely nothing to worry him. C O

o

0

0

0

0

O

O

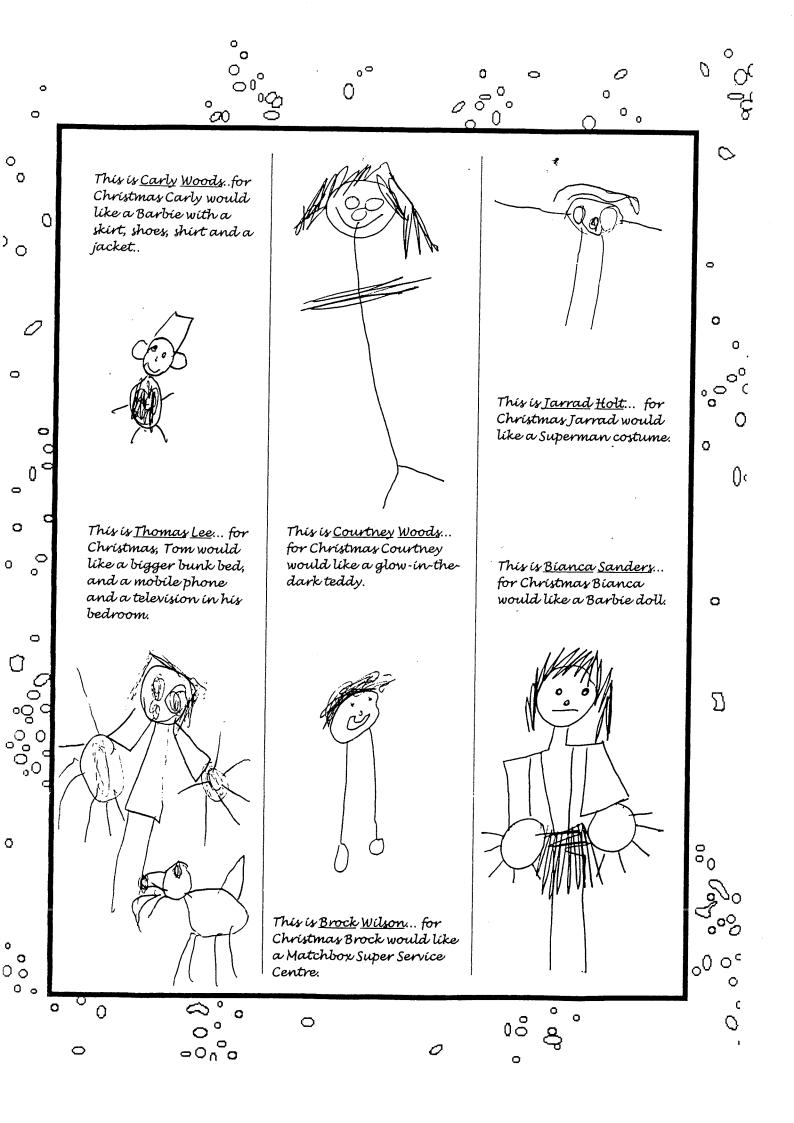
0000

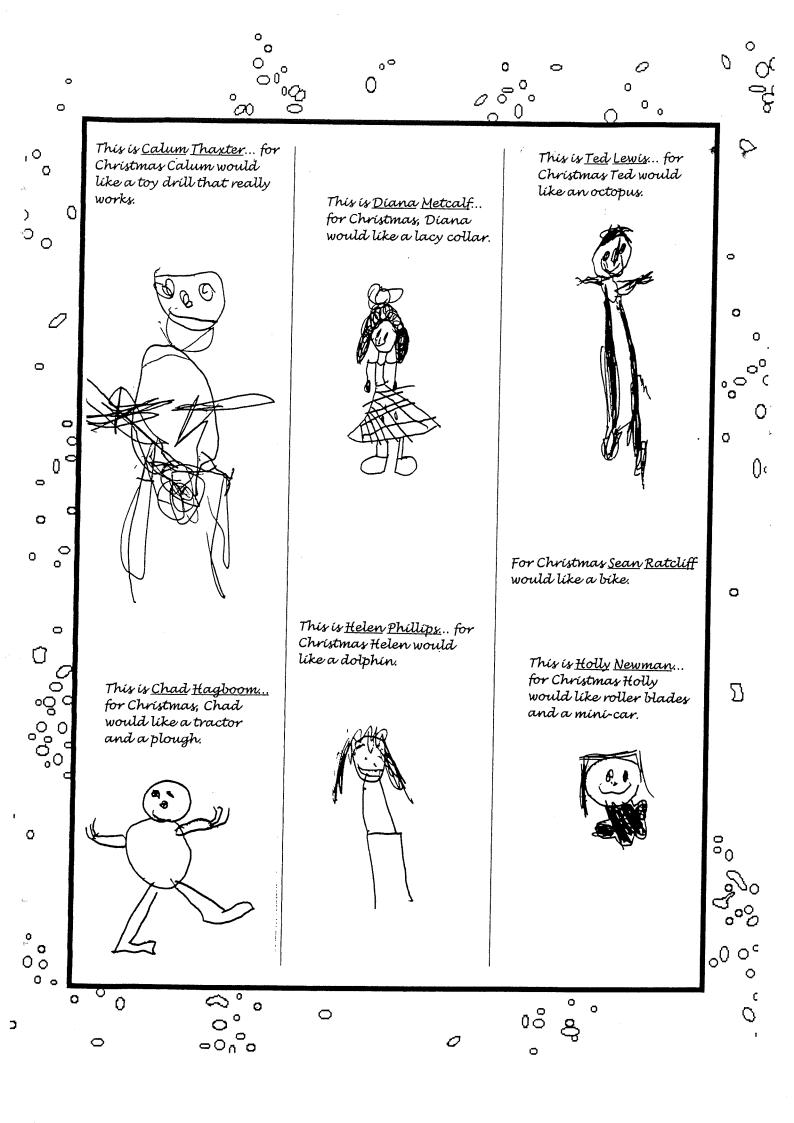
000

O

О о

, 0





Year One / Two Class Report 1/2

This year has been an extremely busy one. We have covered many themes including Space and The Sea. Our Sea theme took us to Underwater World for the day where we were able to actually see and touch some of the creatures we had read about in the classroom. We have been involved in many different writing projects this term including descriptions, reports and procedures. In maths we have been working on a variety of problem solving strategies which we have found very helpful.

All in all 1996 has been another fantabulous year! Each and every student in room two deserves an award for their efforts this year. Mrs Quatermaine will be very sad to see her year twos move on next year. Good Luck in Year Three. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday and take care!!

Year One First Impressions

Kaleesha I thought school was going to be really good. I was excited.

Jessica I was not very happy about getting up early in the morning but was happy when I got to school.

Petrina I was happy about going to Year One but was scared of meeting the other children.

Jane I was not scared about going to Year One. I always wanted to go to big school when I was in preprimary.

Meagan I was angry with my sisters for waking me up but I wanted to go to school but I would like school to start after lunch so I can sleep in.

Marley I was really happy about going to Year One and was excited to see who my teacher was.

Steven I couldn't wait to be in Year One because I thought it was going to be fun. It is alot of fun.

Liam I didn't want to go to school, I wanted to stay home on the farm and play.

Mark L I was happy to go to Year One because I thought it was going to be fun as it is boring at home.

Mark R I didn't want to go to Year One, I wanted to go to High School but I like Year One now.

Jimmy I wanted to go to Year One but I like staying home and watching TV.

Allison I like being at home but didn't mind going to school. I like hometime.

Christie I was very shy and nervous and didn't know many friends when I was going to Year One. When I got there I had a nice teacher who was very friendly and had glasses on.



Year TwoThoughts on Year Three

Dean I am happy to go to Year Three and see my new teacher. I am looking forward to the harder work.

Adam I want to go to Year Three. I won't be in the same class as my brother Mark and I get new things.

Hayden I am happy to go to Year Three and do harder work and see my new teacher but I will miss Mrs Quartermaine.

Trent When I go to Year Three I will be neater and be able to read better. I will get harder work. I will be happy that Brad Miller is back in my class.

Rhys I will be happy to go to Year Three because Dean will still be in my class.

Kaiden I am going to miss Year Two because of some of the easy work and free time after lunch on Fridays. I'm not really that happy about going to Year Three.

Linda I am happy to go to Year Three but will miss Mrs Quartermaine.

Aimee I am ready to go to Year Three.

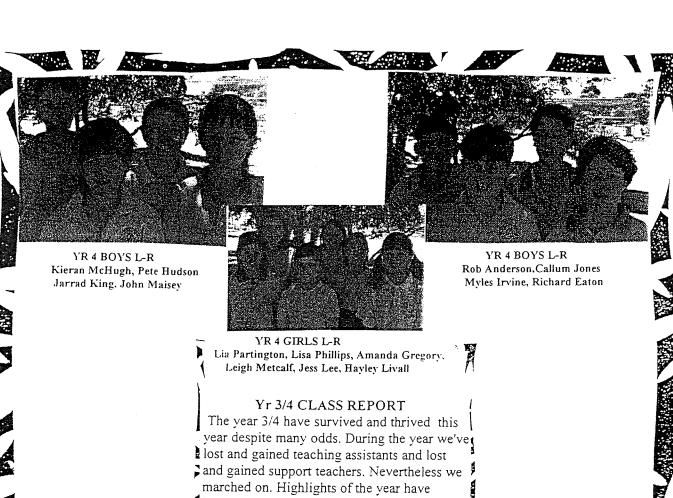
Eboney I'll be happy because Kane will be going to the big school but I don't like it so much when I have to do all the jobs in the house and collect the school newsletters. I'll miss Mrs Quartermaine very much and I know she will have tears in her eyes when the Year Two's go.

Prue I am happy to go to Year Three because I am sick of this classroom but I will miss Mrs Quartermaine.

Georgia I think Year Three is going to be cool and we will get a new room because this room is getting stuffy but I'll miss Mrs Quartermaine.

Sarah I don't want to go to Year Three because I like this classroom and I don't want to leave Mrs Quartermaine.





year despite many odds. During the year we've lost and gained teaching assistants and lost and gained support teachers. Nevertheless we marched on. Highlights of the year have included three assembly items, our vegetable garden, numerous sporting activities, Field Days, Science Day and our landcare excursion.

Thankyou to parents for all your support especially with the the home reading

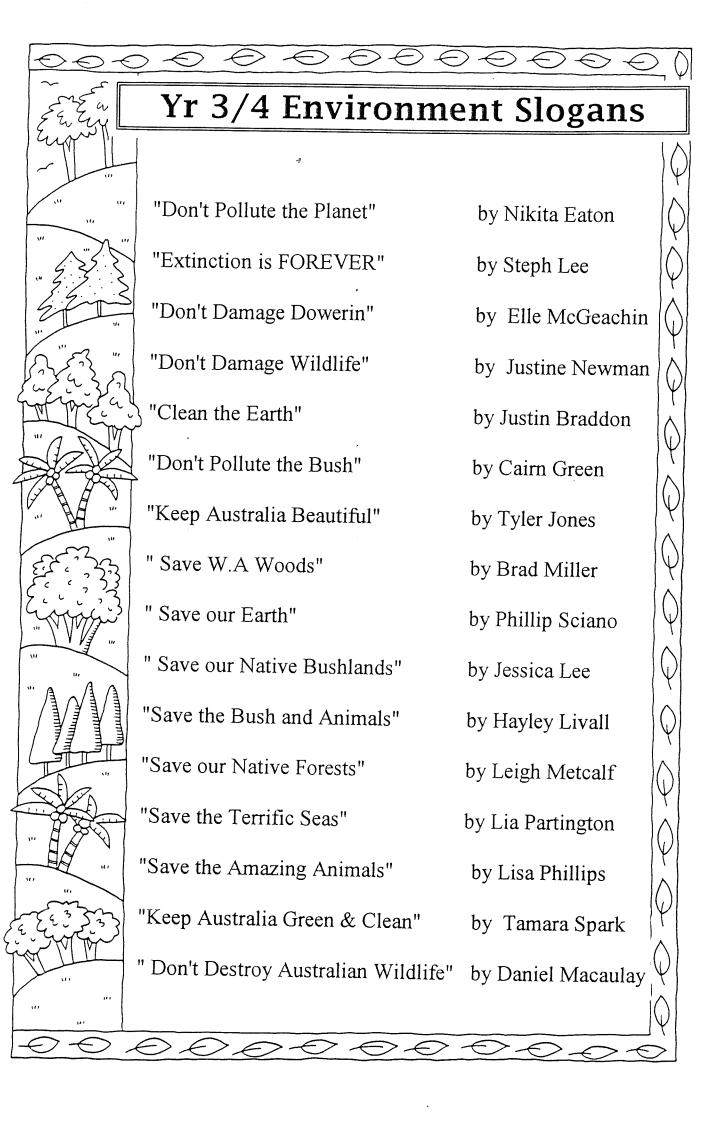
especially with the the home reading program. Thankyou to the following teachers: Mrs Henning, Mrs Waugh and Mr Michael. Finally thankyou to all the lovely students of Yr 3/4 who worked so hard and best wishes for the future. Rosemary Stewart

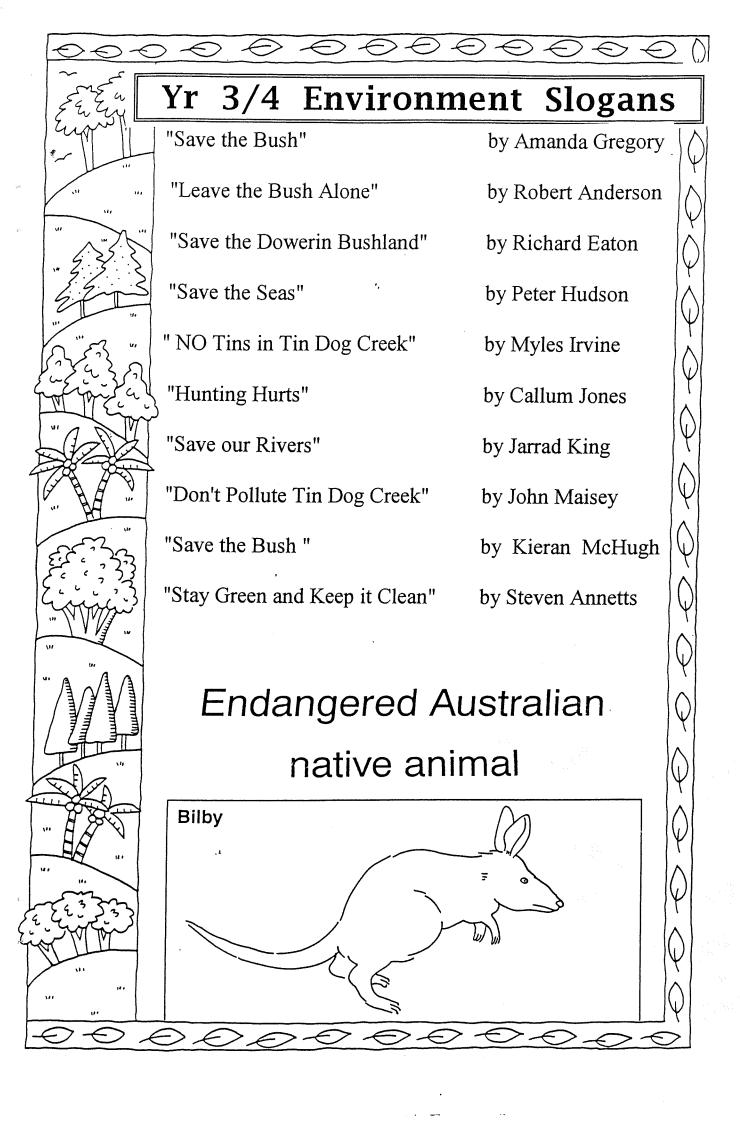


YR 3 GIRLS L-R Wallis Bintley, Nikita Eaton, Elle McGeachin, Tamara Spark, Jus Newman



YR 3 BOYS L-R Brad Miller, Justin Braddon, Cairn Green, Daniel Macaulay, Steve Annetts (Yr 4), Tyler Jones





REPORT YEAR 5

We started the year in the transportable, little knowing it was to be taken at the start of term 3 and have finished the year in room 1. This caused an upheaval but we coped well, although vinyl floor covering is MUCH noisier than carpet.

During the year we have been very industrious, working with Mrs Boase and Mr Michael and in semester 2 with Mrs Waugh for P.E.

We've read a variety of books and novels with some authors becoming favourites. In term 2 we wrote to Paul Jennings and he wrote back to us. His reply was tremendous and he told us we should strive to achieve what we dream we can do- that's what he did and now he's a popular writer!

Our class has a real flair for drama and all enjoy taking part. The favourite part of all reading texts have been the plays. There are possibly a few future stars in our midst.

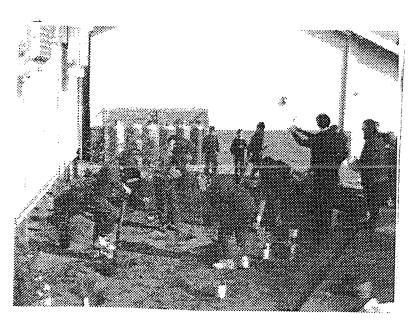
During term 3, as part of our work on the environment, we designed and planted a garden next to the transportable. We prepared the soil and planted varieties that will survive the hot summer with minimum water. The ground was really hard and it took a lot of digging. Mr Heard gave us some soil and rotary hoed the area too. After we'd finished we spread hay mulch to help conserve water.

This term we participated in a Science Fun Day, providing the opportunity to mix with Goomalling students and to solve some science challenges.

We also trekked to Perth aboard the new community bus, visiting Scitech and the Omni Theatre. At Scitech we viewed the Energy Show, learning how electricity is produced and about the different kinds of electricity. Some of the class demonstrated how positive and negative charges are made. Deleana's hair stood on end when she was given a charge of static electricity.

It has been a busy and hectic year and everyone is eagerly looking forward to holidays. I wish each student a successful and happy 1997.





THOUGHTS FROM YEAR 5

At the start of term 3 we moved classrooms. Before the transportable left we all wrote our signature on the blackboard. On the second day of the Field Days we went to the Field Days for an excursion. Meg, Daniel T. and Ryan were in my group and we got a free showbag and collected stickers and pamphlets. I was a fat women in the play. I stuffed cushions up my tummy and wore a curly pink wig. We also made things out of dough.

By Ashlee Newman

The highlight of the year was Omni and we watched special effects.

By Ryan Cutting

When the dramatic day came to move our Transportable I had tears in my eyes. We'd lived in the Transportable for three years. We moved into the art room. It was a busy day.

We made mobiles in term 4. I made three things, Santa Claus, a present and a mouse. We made them out of clay. It was fun.

By Jasmine Pickering

I can remember that dramatic day when our "home" got moved to another school. We had lots of memories in that classroom. I had my first full school year in there and I also made my first friend there. By Caitlin McHugh

This year I had a wonderful year. In term 4 we did a play and it was called Slim Jims and I was a fat kid. I used a library cushion to make me look fat and I had to wear a dress. It was our last primary assembly and the last assembly that our class will be together because we are going to be split next year. By Kiara Thomas

At the start of term 3 our class moved out of our transportable. It was hard taking everything bown the stairs and then having to put it away again. Once everything had gone there was a bare, yellow classroom. After one half had gone, everyone ate lunch in the other half and we signed our names on the blackboard.

On the second day of field Days Mrs Boase and Mr Michael took us to the field Days. We were put into groups. I had Ash, Daniel T. and Ryan. Later on when we had finished our work, my group wandered around for a while. I liked the virtual reality place. I enjoyed this year. By Megan Lee

One of the highlights of the year would have been the excursion to Scitech and Omni. At Scitech we saw the Energy Show and at Omni we saw special effects. It was a great excursion.

By Sam Graffin

MORE THOUGHTS FROM YR5

I arrived at Dowerin school at the start of term 3. I was nervous at first but after a while I settled in. Most of my family live in Dowerin but the only family that come to this school are Aarron Frawley, my cousin.

When I first arrived the class was in a transportable but we had to move because it was being shifted. My only real friend here is Luke Robinson. We're doing a transport package and a narrative. My narrative is called Timewarpers.

By Daniel Thorpe

In term 3 Year 5 did some projects. Sloan and I did our's on gecko's. We found it very interesting. We used my computer and Sloan's book to find the information.

In art we did some clay models. Some broke therefore some people have to do their's again. Mine broke so I have to do mine again. Its a surprise for Nana.

By Lane Place

We did some drawings of sunflowers. The Science day was cool and interesting. I like maths and science the best. Scitech was cool. We learnt a lot and Omni was excellent.

By Daniel Burgess

In term two our class was picked to make the Dowerin mural. First we drew some pictures then Mrs Brown (the Art teacher) drew them on the mural in chalk. The next day, Mrs Brown picked five people to paint the mural. They were; Danika Bagboom, Jasmine Pickering, David Wilson, Sam Graffin and me. We went into room 1 and started painting. At recess our class went tree planting but the painters didn't go. When the mural was finished it looked fantastic. Also during the day, Elders Magazine photographers came and took our picture. A few weeks later our photo was in the Elders magazine. I was very proud. The mural was displayed at the Galleria and at the GWM feild Days.

By Breeahn Jones

This year has been one of my best years at school. There were a lot of highlights. Two were the interhouse and interschool running carnivals. They were very exciting and to make it even better I was very successful. In art this year we did lots of interesting things like sunflower and techno-transport drawings and I did the Dowerin mural which I loved. In sport we did bootscooting which I found fun and very good exercise. All in all I had a great year.

By Danika Hagboom

In term three we moved out of the transportable into room 1 so we had to get all the stuff out of the transportable. After that Mrs Boase gave us lollies. That was the best part about it. After we had got everything out we all signed our names on the board. I'll never forget that day. By Melissa Couper

We've made mobiles but we haven't finished them yet.
On the last week we are going to finish off with fur maths and are probably going to finish the mobiles. They're made out of flour, water and some other ingredients. My mobile is a house with two small houses underneath. Other small houses underneath. Other some even broke; these people have to make theirs again.

By Deleana King

This year we started in the transportable. One weekend some men came and turned it sideways and later it was shifted so we moved to Room I. Its a squashy room. Every week we swap seats, now I sit next to Wrs Boase. In my transport package my favourite was making a bottle

In my transport package my favourite was making a bottle and writing a message on a bit of paper bark. Sloan King gave me the idea of using paper bark.

This year art has been fun. We have done patchwork with wrapping paper. Another thing we did was a sunflower picture. We had to draw a bunch of sunflowers either on a table or a ledge in chalk. We then coloured them in crayons. We let them on some newspaper and painted them over with Indian link. We let them dry for a couple of days, then we got a spoon and scraped them all. They were very successful. We then did some drawing of techno transport. The drawings had to be a machine that can fly, float and drive. I hope next years art will be fun.

In term three our class had to move rooms. We moved from our transportable to room one, In term I and 2 we had swimming and running carnivals. In term 3 we had the field Days. It was a great success. Many people in term 3 we had the field Days. It was a great success. Many people came from all over the place. I really enjoyed Year 5.

This year one good thing in art was the techno transport. We had to invent a vehicle that could travel in air, ground and water. We also went on a excursion to Sci-tech and Omni but Omni was awesome but Omni was awesome because it felt like you were really there. For me it was my first time.

This year has just flown by, because of the interesting and fun things this year. We even had a great teacher Mrs Boase. Getting a new playground for next year is wonderful because the other was getting boring: At Omni I saw Special Effects. It was wicked. A great experience for me.

By David Wilson

By Amanda Spark

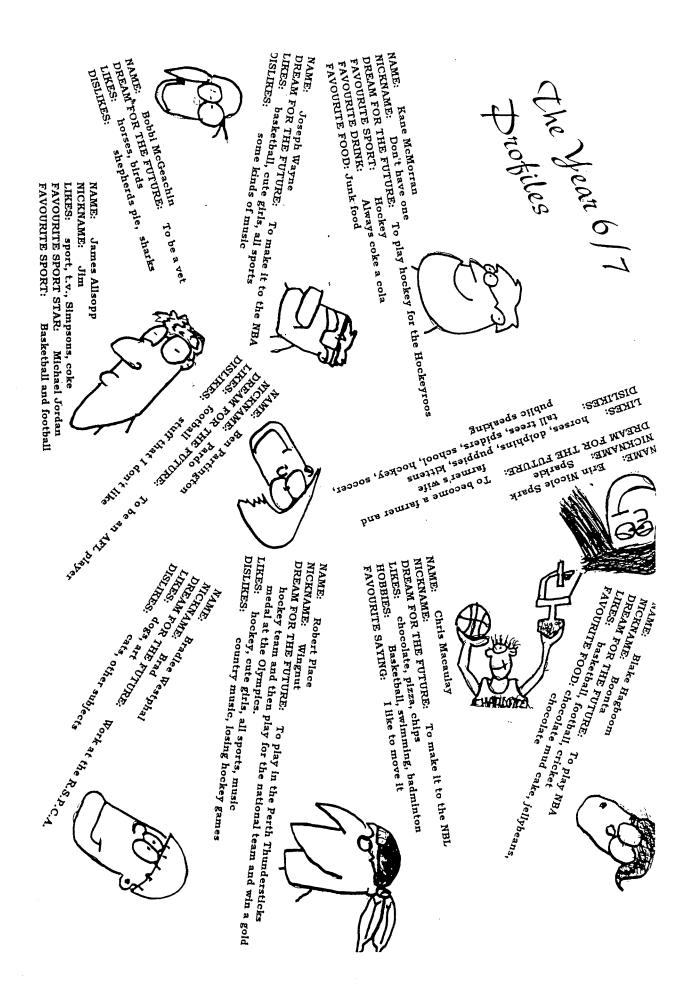
By Sloan King

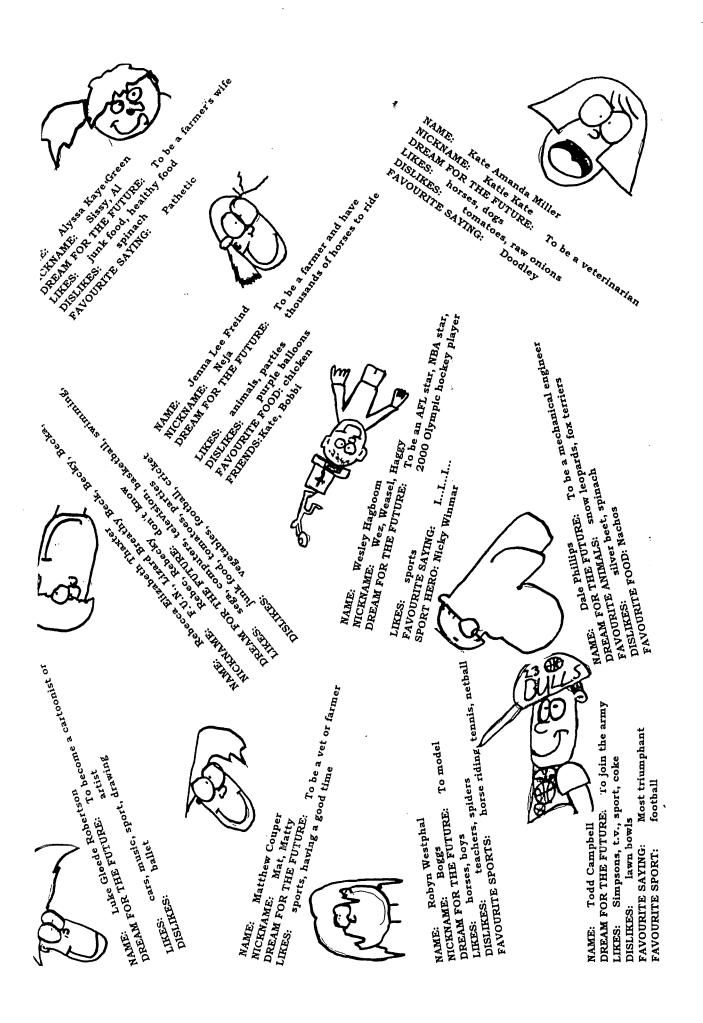
At the start of term 3 we moved classrooms from the transportable to room I on the verandah. When we moved the classroom was to small for all of us. I helped move a fair bit of gear. The store room had a lot of Mrs Boase's books in it.

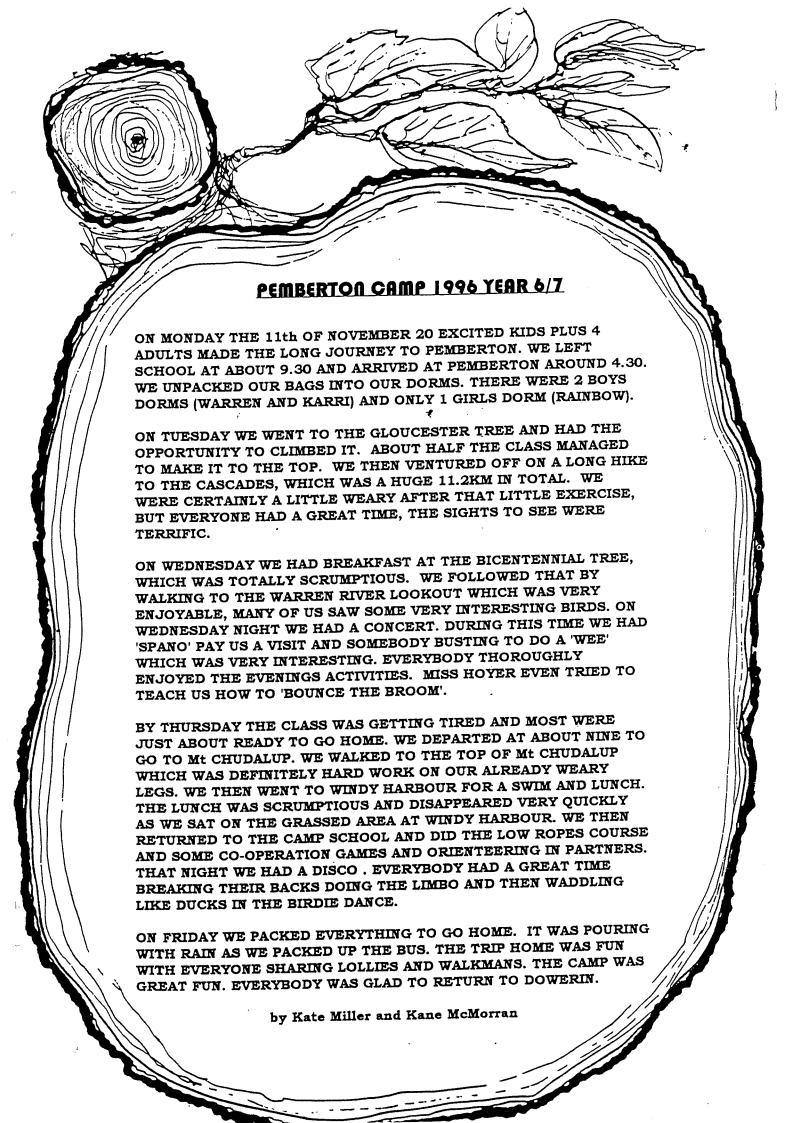
A Short Word From Min Hoyer...

which was great to see. become more responsible and cooperative in a group situation the Pemberton Camp during which I saw many of my students that I have thoroughly enjoyed, with many highlights including the 'ingenue' was definitely hard work), but it has been a year for me both as a teacher and as a community member (playing This year at Dowerin District High School has been a challenge children were shorter than me to a class of 11 and 12 year olds a little more pleasant very warm climate which was certainly a who were most certainly shorter than me at the start, but who nice change. It also saw me go from two classes where all the This year saw me move down from an extremely warm climate to have either passed me or are quickly catching up.

safe and happy Christmas. Thankyou very much Dowerin District High School and have a best for their future endeavours wherever they may take them. and guidance over the past twelve months and also wish them the to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their support certainly wish them all the best for the future. I would also like able to see them develop further into young adults, but I Unfortunately however, as I will not be here in 1997 I will not be







The Dowerin Delight

December 1996 Free Issue

Year Eights make the grade!

his week, 15 elated year 8 students will have completed their first year of secondary school at Dowerin DHS. The group, some 15 strong, began the year as a 'typical' year 8 class according to Miss Brodie and Miss De Boni their form teachers.

Apparently these students first walked the high school verandah on January 29th, with new Cons and Nikes donning their feet and hair conservatively combed. "School bags were crammed with lever arch files eagerly awaiting their fill", Miss Brodie said.

The anticipation of the transition from primary school to high school was evident from the first day. "Beads of sweat trickled their faces, and nervous giggles emanated as students opened their pencil cases to an assortment of pens in various sizes, colours and flavours to copy their timetable", Miss DeBoni recalls.

Miss DeBoni also noted the trepidation and cautiousness with which the students manipulated computer hardware and software in computing class.



A classic shot of some of the 1996 year eight class at Dowerin District High School.

The year progressed smoothly as the group settled into their new routine. By term 3, the group structure had begun to change. Jess Yates left to attend school in Perth and Jake Clyne joined the class.

Miss Brodie and Miss DeBoni cannot recall any specific dates nor times at which further changes occurred. The teachers observed that nervous giggles now erupted as raucous laughter from Trace, and hairstyles had taken on a somewhat "grouseness" (a term frequently expressed by Hughie).

Suthy, Pud and Jake were app-

earing with hairstyles of various lengths, whilst Sal chose the 'chameleon' look.

Beads of perspiration on the faces of this group were now only evident after an intensive lunchtime footy, basketball or cricket match. Frequently observed playing in now scuffed Cons and Nikes were Klint, Dave, and Boasie.

Files began to take on a distinctive graffiti look as Phil the Philmeister left his tag on any available white space. Azza highlighted the near extinction of pens from pencil cases by his frequent calls of desperation for a pen (to chew perhaps?).

A significant proportion of the students opted for the computer techno look to their work. Miss Brodie and Miss DeBoni claim they have lost count of the number of times computer lab passes have been issued to the following students: Mel, Mish, Chrissie and Kate (whose real name begins with a 'C'!)

Miss Brodie and Miss DeBoni state they have 'no regrets' to filling their roles as dual form teachers for this class. They express wishes for a very merry Christmas, and a well deserved holiday.



Melinda (Mel) Anderson- Waking Up Tired

Elise (Mini) Boase- Crazy

Tracy (Trace) Bruce- Help

Michelle (Mishy) Gerrard- I like to Move It

Catherine (Kate) Morris- Never Mind

Sally (Sal) Place- You Oughta Know

Christine (Chris) Sims- Little Miss Can't be Wrong

Keith (Pud) Campbell- Hard as a Rock

Jacob (Jake) Clyne- I Swear

Aarron (Gerney) Frawley- You Don't Treat Me No Good

Phillip (Phil) Gerrard- CrazySexyCool

Klinton (Klint) Hagboom- Fly Like an Eagle

David (Dave) Livall- Mouth

Justin (Angus) McHugh- Move'n On Up

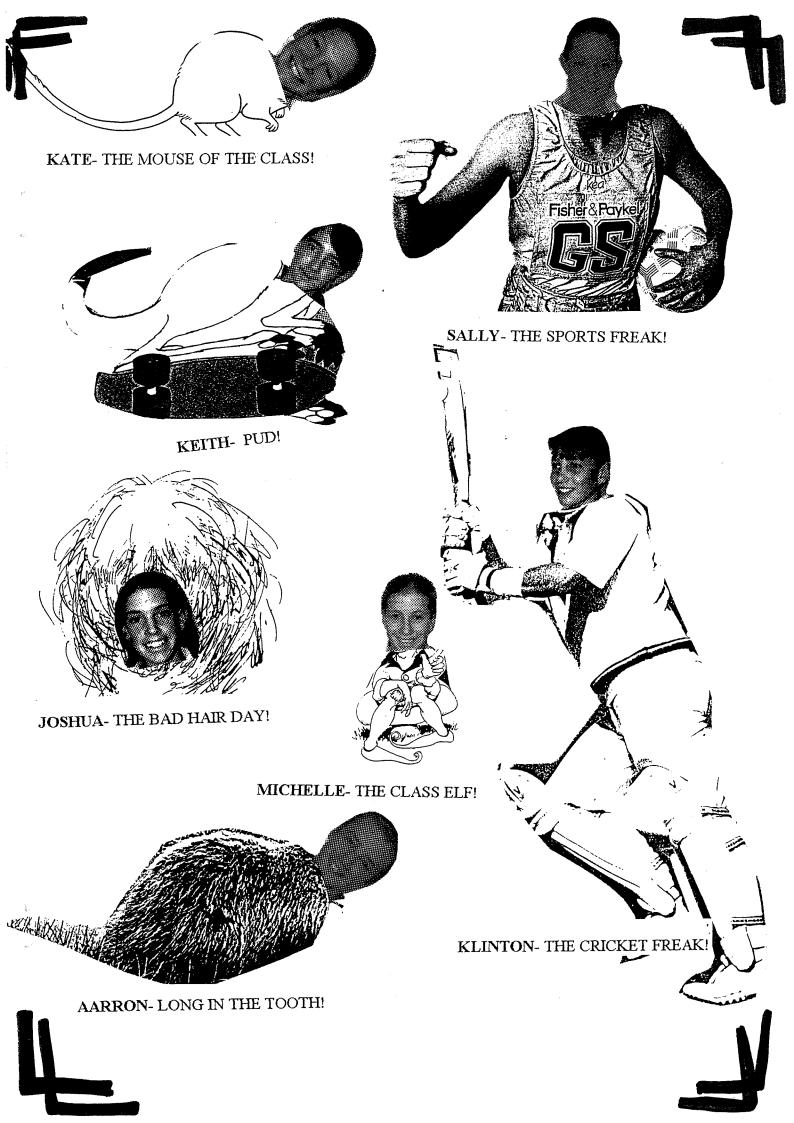
Joshua (Josh) Sutherland- Get a Haircut and Get a Real Job

Miss Paula DeBoni- Under the Water

Miss Amanda Brodie- There's a Grasshopper Loose in Queensland







Locke Leonard & Perh Zoo

On Wednesday the 21st of August 1996, the year eight class travelled to Perth to see the play "Lockie Leonard Human Torpedo" and visit the Perth Zoo. We had to get an early start. We had to arrive at the Playhouse in Perth by 10:15 to watch Human Torpedo at 10:30.

The novel Lockie Leonard Human Torpedo was written by Tim Winton. After reading the novel, the class was excited about the play. It is about a teenage boy named Lockie Leonard. Lockie moves to a new town and experiences his first love. The whole class thought the play was a laugh.

After lunch on the Esplanade we travelled to the Perth Zoo. First at the Zoo, we went to a lecture room to learn about Endangered Species such as the Chudich, Western Swamp Tortoise and the Numbat. Once we finished the talk, we each went our separate ways and walked around the zoo to experience 'living' animals and their classification, which we had been learning about in science.

Many of us were fascinated by the monkeys, otters, oranutan (especially Tracy and Chris who were sad to leave their new friend), and the African Savanna. We learnt a lot about the animal species at the zoo, and in the classroom thoughout the second term.

All of us enjoyed the excursion to Perth and would love to go again. We would like to thank the teachers that supervised and Mr Brown for driving the bus. It was a great day.

By Michelle Gerrard & Christine Sims



CLASS PERCEPTION - YEAR 9

Year 10's of next year, are we. We won't tell you how to handle us, but maybe, we can prepare you for next year.

Sally, Andrea and Leanne are in their corner, giggling. Everyone swears they've had too much red cordial in the morning.

Brad and Jeremy are either drawing, talking or drawing. "Brad and Jeremy. Put your pens down!" they're always being told. Some teacher's can't get their students to pick up a pen, but these two can't seem to ever put their's down. They are the Graffiti Artists of Year 9.

Aaron, Daniel, David and Shaun are the Awesome Foursome. They always seem to be picked on for laughing, talking or telling jokes (mainly sick ones, of course). They keep the whole class entertained, as one of them is always up to something.

Now who put Lara and Jade together? They seem to have nothing in common but a bit of fancy footwork. No, that's not about racing to get to class, or playing footsies under the table with the guys, it's about their dancing. As for being opposites, well one is quiet, blonde and from South Australia and the other's well...opposite.

As well as our little groups, we also have some classy (no the word is not misspelt) individuals.

The first would be Lindsay. He is usually the one who is always stirring up the girls, or telling some really bad (sick) jokes.

Next is Kris. Kris is the one in the class for sarcasm. Don't be tempted to give him any because you'll just be ignored, or be given his standard answer to suit all occasions - "WHAAAT?"

Leanne is fortunate to get a mention twice. It's because we're all concerned for her health. One day Leanne will listen, and sit up in her seat, otherwise she'll be another crooked granny, when she's older. Certainly, slouching is NOT going to make her any taller.

Andrea also needs to be mentioned twice. "I put the homework on your desk." So she says to teachers, but never does. Teachers buy her excuses (No we don't !!- Ed.) but they've never bought mine. Ha ... they won't buy them anymore, Andrea.

You shouldn't mess with Sally twice, but I will! She might "brake ya face," so she says, but so far, never has. But I'd be careful, just in case.

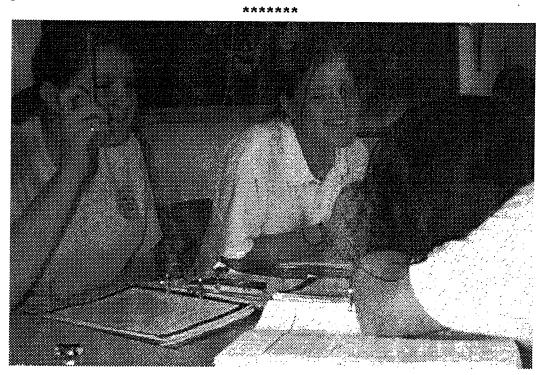
There is also Danielle, who's the mother of all the Year 9's, or tries to be. She's either telling us off, or in amongst it all, trying to keep everyone on the right track.

Shaun never stops singing. He's saved plenty for Year 10. He's the class Sycophant. Talks (even in his sleep), dreams and eats (if he could) HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTOR-CYCLES. Also, Shaun is a heavy metal freak.

Daniel is the other heavy metal freak. He's just another guy who thinks he's an expert on cars and motorcycles. Doesn't that sound familiar?

Now that brings us to the last person in the class. The one who came up with all the knowledge above. The quiet, demure, well spoken individual. Yes, that's me. Lindy.

Of course, this class would be incomplete without the classiest individual of all. This is none other than our Form teacher, Mr Sloan, who stands there shaking his head, or adding to the sarcasm.



Fortunately, as form teacher, I get to have the last word. I certainly don't believe I'm the classiest of the class, but I do wish to present a few of my own insights on these students. Recently, I read a book by Jim & Duncan Eldridge, "What Grownups Say and What They Really Mean." It has such choice examples as those that follow, on what teachers say but what they really mean about their students.

Works well in class. (Never in class.)

Very keen. (Can't wait to get out of school when the bell goes.)

Has talent. (But we haven't the faintest idea what in.)

Well this is the last day of the school year, and I would like to say how much I've enjoyed teaching you all. (Unfortunately I can't. You lot are the worst rabble since Gengis Khan and his mob.)

Of course, I've never felt this way about any of my students, but I began wondering what my form group was really thinking about when they spoke.

AARON: I don't remember you saying that. (I was too busy thinking about what hair cut I should get.)

ANDREA: I bought the wrong file. Can I go and change it. (We should work at field days for the whole year.)

BRAD: The siren has gone. Can we go? (I wish we had a day off each week to play football.)

DANIEL: When is this due? I was away. (Shopping. I'm sure I need to do some more shopping like we did on camp.)

DANIELLE: I'm not up to that question yet. (How can I convince MUM that a Siberian Tiger would make a great pet?)

DAVE: Yeh! I'm just thinking about the question. (Ren doesn't do HOMEWORK!!!)

JADE: Do I have to? (It was so much easier winning Champion Girl at the House Athletics Carnival than having to do this.)

JEREMY: I didn't say anything! (Blush, Blush. Daffy Duck would understand this Maths better than me.)

KRIS: Some people are really starting to ANNOY ME!!!! (Some people ...uh.)

LARA: Why does it always happen to me? (How am I expected to work for the student council, dance till I drop at socials, and do these questions in Maths.)

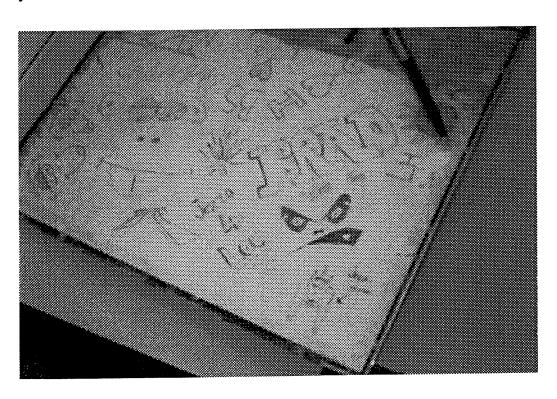
LEANNE: Can we write on the worksheet? (I'm positive Tempany Deckert never did a worksheet in her entire life.)

LINDSAY: I've finished. What do I do next? (I know exactly what I would do if stuck in a broken elevator with Tiffini Amber...)

LINDY: Can we have Mental today? (I don't want to do any Maths as I'm so tired from Hockey on the weekend.)

SHAUN: May I get a drink? (I want to go to my locker, and get another look at the latest motorcycle magazine which features a HARLEY.)

I may be wrong with some of the above. I have no doubt though, that 1996 has been a great year for the whole class. Roll on 1997, to another great year. GEOFF SLOAN





Below is a crazy, wacky, totally wild, weird and zany look at the year tens and some of their more habitual characteristics.

NAME	TV PROGRAM	MUSIC/ARTIST
Kendy; music mad	Video Smash Hits	Music Is My Life
Gina; pod babe	Baywatch	Beach Baby
Emma P; an individual of mystery	X Files	Mysterious Girl
Cathy; I'll walk the catwalk	Models Inc	I'm too sexy
Bronwyn; entrepeneur in the making	Business Today	Money, money, money
Emma S; kid crazy	The Nanny	Baby baby
Nathan; communicates with animals	Talk To The Animals	Kitty
Derrick; house builder if he can keep his feet on the ground	Home Improvements	Jump
Antony; a trip in the ambulance from school	ER	Above The Rim
Geoff; sausage maker extraordinaire	Banger's and Mash	Meatloaf
Ryan horses, horses, horses	Man From Snowy River	Wild Horses Couldn't Drag Me Away
Whole Class; graduates	Friends	Stand By Me

This is just a small collection of thoughts from the year 10's about each other. THE YEAR 10'S LIKE GINA BECAUSE.....

- SHE IS A TRUE FRIEND AND STICKS UP FOR HER RIGHTS.
- SHE CAN MAKE YOU LAUGH. EVEN WHEN YOU ARE DOWN IN THE DUMPS YOU JUST SEE HER AND LAUGH.
- SHE IS A GREAT FRIEND AND A HAPPY CLASS MEMBER.
- SHE MAKES ME LAUGH AND CAN TAKE A JOKE.

NIABET

- SHE ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY. SHE IS A CHEERFUL CHOOK.
- SHE IS A VERY DOWN TO EARTH PERSON AND IS ALWAYS NICE TO EVERYONE.
- SHE IS FUN TO BE AROUND, SHE IS A CARING FRIEND AND WE HAVE FUN TOGETHER.
- ONCE YOU'VE KNOWN HER FOR AGES SHE GROWS ON YOU. SHE'S A LEGEND.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE DERRICK BECAUSE

- HE'S FUNNY, AND SOME HAVE KNOWN HIM ALL THEIR LIVES.
- HE IS A GOOD FRIEND, AND KNOWS LOTS.
- HE IS FUNNY.
- HE HAS BEEN IN MY CLASS SINCE PRE-PRIMARY.
- HE IS A LEFT-HANDED AND FINE BLOKE.
- HE'S A CARING PERSON AND ALSO HAS A SENSE OF HUMOUR.
- HE IS A GOOD MATE AND A GENEROUS PERSON TO OUR CLASS AND GETS ALONG WITH EVERYONE.
- HE IS A FUNNY GUY AND HE IS A GOOD FRIEND.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE NATHAN BECAUSE

- HE'S KIND AND VERY SMART.
- HE HAS ALWAYS GOT JOKES TO TELL.
- HE IS A TERRIFICLY FUNNY FRIEND.
- OF HIS JOKING NATURE (PANTIHOSE).
- HE'S A WEIRD BUT INTERESTING GUY. 'SEE YA NEXT YEAR.'
- HE IS KIND AND GREAT TO EVERYONE AND ANYONE ALL THE TIME.
- HE IS A VERY SMART AND UNDERSTANDING PERSON. hE IS ALSO A VERY GOOD FRIEND.
- HE IS THE SAME AS BRONWYN, AND FUNNY.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE EMMA S. BECAUSE

- SHE IS A VERY GOOD STUDENT.
- SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME AND SHE WILL NEVER LEAVE ME.
- SHE IS GOOD TO TALK TO AT TIMES.
- I HAVE TO.
- SHE IS A CARING, LOVING PERSON.
- SHE LISTENS TO THE TEACHERS, SO IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SHE WILL.
- SHE IS A GOOD AND GENEROUS PERSON WHO IS GOING TO GET A LONG WAY IN LIFE.
- SHE IS A KIND, RESPONSIBLE PERSON.
- SHE IS RUSSEL'S DAUGHTER.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE CATHYLEE BECAUSE

- SHE IS UNDERSTANDING AND HELPFUL.
- SHE IS COOL AND TALENTED.
- SHE IS A GOOD FRIEND AND A QUIET PERSON.
- SHE IS A GREAT SUPPORTER AND FRIEND.
- SHE IS AN UNDERSTANDING AND THOUGHTFUL PERSON.
- SHE IS A GOOD MATE AND ALWAYS NICE TO EVERYONE ALL THE TIME.
- SHE IS A GOOD LISTENER AND SHE IS A GOOD FRIEND.
- SHE'S REALLY COOL.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE RYAN BECAUSE

- HE IS A THOUGHTFUL PERSON AND IS ALWAYS SMILING.
- HE TEACHES ME HOW TO DO TRICKS IN BASKETBALL.
- I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS AND HE ALWAYS HELPS ME OUT WITH THINGS.
- HE HAS A LOVE FOR BASKETBALL.
- HE CAN GIVE GREAT ADVICE AND IS AN ALL-ROUND GREAT GUY.
- YOU CAN ASK HIM ABOUT BASKETBALL AND HE'LL KNOW.
- HE IS A LEGEND AND A CREDIT TO SOCIETY.
- HE IS A KIND FRIENDLY PERSON.
- HE IS AN INDIVIDUAL.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE GEOFF BECAUSE.....

- HE WILL NEVER STOP TRYING AND NEVER BACKS DOWN FROM AN ARGUMENT.
- HE HAS SUCH A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK ON LIFE.
- HE TRY'S TO ACT FUNNY BUT HE'S NOT.
- HE IS HELPFUL IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
- HE HAS A WEIRD SENSE OF HUMOUR.
- HE HAS BEEN A LAUGH, THE CHARACTER IN THE CLASS.
- HE IS A THOUGHTFUL, FUNNY PERSON WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR.
- HE IS FUNNY AND A GOOD FRIEND.
- I AM ABSOLUTELY PERFECT.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE ANTONY BECAUSE

- HE BROUGHT HIS WAY OF LIFE INTO OURS SO WE KNOW WHAT ANOTHER WAY OF LIFE IS.
- HE IS SUCH A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, TOTALLY DIFFERENT TO ANYONE ELSE.
- HE IS DIFFERENT TO EVERYONE ELSE.
- HIS DRAWING SKILLS ARE EXCELLENT.
- HE TELLS GOOD JOKES AND DRAWS WICKEDLY.
- OF ALL THE FUN THINGS WE'VE DONE WITH HIM. WHAT A GUY!!
- HE HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR AND IS A CREDIT TO HIS CLASS MATES. GOOD LUCK ANTONY!!
- HE IS FUNNY AND IS A GOOD FRIEND.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE KENDY BECAUSE

- SHE'S KENDY.
- SHE IS A GOOD FRIEND AND ALWAYS WILL BE.
- SHE IS FUNNY AND IS ALWAYS THERE WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS HELP.
- SHE IS VERY MOTIVATED WHILE WORKING WITH THE STUDENT COUNCILLORS.
- SHE IS A GREAT CONNOISSEUR OF MUSIC AND A GREAT FRIEND.
- SHE'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU. "SEE YA NEXT YEAR."
- SHE IS VERY KIND AND CONSIDERATE PERSON WHO WILL GO A LONG WAY IN LIFE.
- -SHE IS GORGEOUS AND HAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSONALITY.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE BRONWYN BECAUSE

- I'M SO SILLY.
- SHE IS VERY ARGUMENTATIVE TOWARDS TEACHERS AND IT IS FUNNY.
- SHE HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR AND IS A GOOD FRIEND.
- SHE IS ABLE TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO US AND DEBATE ABOUT ANYTHING.
- SHE IS AN INTELLIGENT, UNDERSTANDING PERSON WHO CAN HAVE A GOOD TIME.
- SHE'S ALWAYS HELPFUL WITH THE HARD PROBLEMS.
- SHE IS A VERY NICE PERSON AND HAS A VERY PROMISING FUTURE AHEAD.
- SHE IS A KIND FRIEND AND HER WACKY SENSE OF HUMOUR MAKES ME LAUGH.
- WHEN YOU DO AN ASSIGNMENT WITH HER, SHE DOES MOST OF THE WORK.

THE YEAR 10'S LIKE EMMA P. BECAUSE

- SHE IS LOVELY. (FROM YOUR ROMEO)
- SHE'S SCARED OF EVERYTHING. IT MEANS I LAUGH EVERY TIME A BUG IS IN THE ROOM.
- SHE IS SCARED OF SO MANY LITTLE THINGS, AND I SCARE HER.
- OF HER INDIVIDUALITY AND HER WAY OF DOING THINGS.
- SHE IS GREAT AT EXPRESSING HER OPINIONS.
- SHE DOESN'T FOLLOW ANYONE AND IS VERY INDIVIDUAL.
- SHE WILL STAND HER GROUND FOR WHAT SHE BELIEVES IN.
- SHE IS KIND AND ALWAYS NICE TO EVERYONE.
- SHE LIKES TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL AND SHE IS A VERY INTERESTING PERSON.

GOODBYE YEAR 10'1

When I think of Year 10's leaving, going out into the world I always remember a fabulous song from The Muppet Movie sung by Kermit the Frog. You know the one.... "Why are there so many songs about rainbows, and what's on the other side?". I guess that's because a rainbow is beautiful and you just want to get to the end of it. I imagine that most Year 10 students wouldn't think school is beautiful, but they sure would like to get to the end of it!

School is beautiful though. It is the start of every person's life. It is something that we all go through and shapes us in many ways. We make friends, some of whom we keep forever, we learn and experience ups as well as downs. Ultimately we leave school with memories and carry them with us for many years to come.

It seems as though Year 10 is like the end of a rainbow. At this point a young person has a lot of decisions to make. 'Do I continue my schooling? Should I attend university? Could I work on the farm? Would an apprenticeship help me? What subjects should I do next year? What job do I want? What am I going to do with my life?' However the most important decision is how to get the pot of gold that is at the end of the rainbow. A decision that won't be easily solved.

The pot is there, almost in front of them, but nobody has told them exactly where it is or what it even looks like. It requires a search, a journey. One that could lead them to travel many paths; the ones they know of, have heard of, and some they could never have imagined.

Some young people will find their journey is small, it may not take them far from their home and childhood memories. Others may find the journey a constant struggle that lasts for many years. Memories will fade as the multitude of new experiences will take them worlds away from where they began. In the end though, they will find their pot of gold.

So what is this pot of gold? Is it literally a container filled with almost unlimited wealth? No, it is more than wealth. Some people would argue it is a secure job, a beautiful house, the perfect wife or husband, a retirement plan that takes advantage of loopholes in the taxation system. Or is it

MINT AND GR

Early this year in term one, the year 9/10 class went on an excursion to the Perth Mint and to see a combination of Grimm tales. Firstly, we went and saw gold being melted and poured at the Perth Mint. We all had fun weighing ourselves and stopping other people from knowing our weight. The scales converted our weight into the gold, to tell us how much we would be worth if we were gold. Some heroes tried lifting a bar of gold. Some of us were in the a photo which was taken for the Sunday Times.



Dowerin District High School students visited Perth Mint this week.

Currency and class

THOUSANDS of WA students are stepping out

of the classroom to learn more about money.

Tours coordinated by the Chamber of Mines and
Energy and the Perth Mint are among initiatives
to teach high school attdents more about currency
and forms of exchange.

The Mining and Money Tour has opened the doors on the State's \$12 billion minerals industry and shown students how cash is produced.

Students tour the chamber's resource centre to discover the history of gold mining and how currency is made.

We had lunch at the park across from the Swan River. After we'd finished our delicious home brought lunch, we played some sport and got back on the bus. At the theatre, we sat on an upper balcony to see Grimm tales. None of us had enough energy to muck around or make a noise on the way back. We all had a wonderful day. Thankyou to Mr Girod, who drove the bus under great pressure and noise, and thankyou to Miss Brodie, who organised the day and supervised us on the excursion.

REPORTED BY LINDSAY METCALF AND GINA BRUCE

Secondary Camp to the South-west

file year the High School students travelled to the South West for their annual camp. Its unitoriunate students had to put up with the teacher's bad habits, which is complaining and mischievous behavior for five whole days! And boy did they make is surface.

The Ish dorn we stayed at was Camp Variety, but unfortunately there wasn't ericular allety and a few had to sleep on gym mats (the people at the camp called there wasn't ericular there was pretty bad but boy (or sid) were we in for a shock when we saw the other place, THE Seventh Day Adventist camp by transfer would want to stay seven days there, beats me!) It was practically falling there was a mini sand dune in each room, the beds were rusty and they squeaked and they showers barely worked, but it was right near the beach and that was good. A frequency tiskles there, we returned to the first place.

will viscopie refe that the food was awful but I thought that it was great

Jacks We Misited included ALCOA mines and regeneration areas, Bunnines Prodantation Yallingup Caves, Meelup beach, Mineral sands, The Bunbury Dolphin Central Affortunately the dolphins were on location at Malibu, starring in the remake of Hoper), Harvey Agricultural College, Dairy farm (top of the range), Yallingup and the Burnings Wood Chip loading/store facility.

The ultimate highlight of the camp we would have to say was when "The Phil Merste Sid" was sung by Mr Girod. Everyday on camp we realized how "rap" influenced sur price Phillip Gerrard, and Mr Girod couldn't help but put Phil's funny antics and savings and Side Phillip Gerrard, and Mr Girod couldn't help but put Phil's funny antics and savings are song. He then presented it to the students and co. on the last day of camp.

** Place of the bus has a secondly, Gina's ant made some partial video and no one could forget Cool Runnings. Secondly, Gina's ant made some partial some arances all over the place (or unpopular, Miss De Boni and Miss Brodiel). This is we all fearth quite a bit while at the same time having some fun, although, most later addition.

CHE second last night on camp was spent around the bonfire on the beach to same transhipalicus. Everyone then had to give skits in groups for a prize. The winder, which we thought were our shy little year 8/9's (David Livall, Keith Campbell, and with Seremy King, Lindsay Metcalf.) - gave us a new look at the Rio ad with the second street of the second secon

We all rail great fun and enjoyed ourselves building a tighter bond between each and all the year tens will be leaving, breaking the bond we've developed

Commission and Nathan Sloan

Secondary Ant

This year in secondary art all students began examining shapes, colour and their significance. The resulting abstract art was interesting, to say the least. We looked at the work of some well-known artists and had a try at writing critical essays. For all of us it meant looking more carefully at paintings and thinking about what the artist wanted us to understand. Not easy, but everyone had a go.

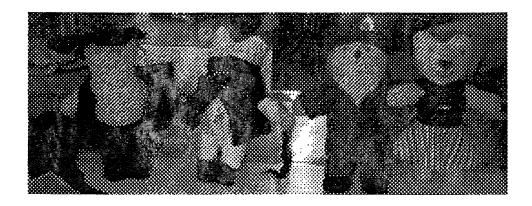
One highlight of the year was a visit by Artist-in-Residence Robin Brown. Mrs Brown came to Dowerin to work with the primary school on a banner for the local government competition, and the resulting work was very impressive. Congratulations to all those students who contributed to the final product. Mrs Brown did find an hour to work with the year eight students and took the opportunity to demonstrate one-point and two-point perspective, and the students put the principles into practice with an architectural sketch. Again, it was not easy, but the results were well worth the effort.

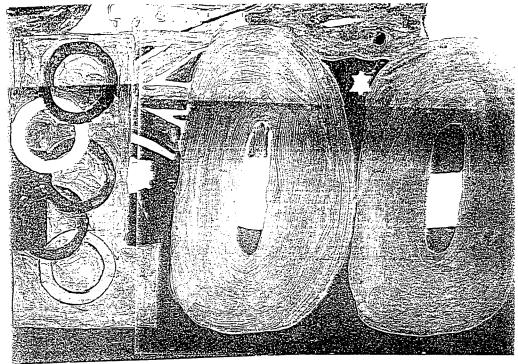
The year eights worked with an Olympics theme for the Elders art competition at the Field Days, and congratulations go to Michelle Gerrard who managed to take off third prize, despite losing the green paint halfway through the creative process.

In term Four everyone is well into craft. The year eights are making bears with attitude. Some of them would be quite frightening to meet in a dark alley. Most of the year eights also completed a joint art/clothing project where they printed material for the shorts they subsequently sewed. The resulting garments are impressive indeed.

The year nine/tens have had a very enthusiastic craft semester. Everyone is very busy and paper mache, salt dough, lino printing and candle making are all being enjoyed. The skills and the confidence gained along the way will, I hope, stand them in good stead for many pleasant and useful hours in the years to come.

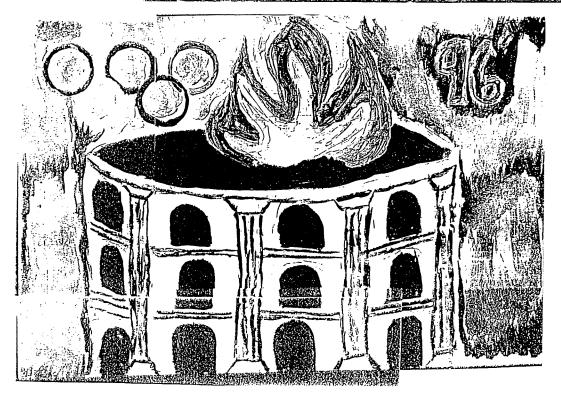
by Mrs Hatwell.





"Olympic Themes"
by Joshua,
Michelle
and Melinda.





LANDCARE

During the year the year eight landcare class have participated in many activities. One of the major activities was water sampling and testing at Tin Dog Creek. We observed the creek throughout the winter, and tested the temperature, salinity, pH and turbidity (how clean the water is).

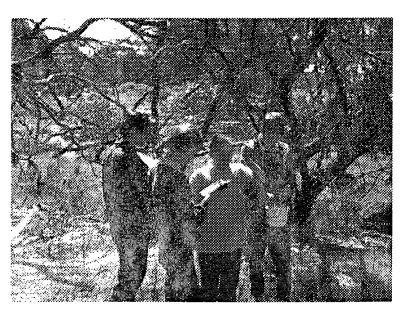
We also visited Lee's Lake to sample macro-invertebrates. Macro-invertebrates -- small water creatures like water beetles and insect larvae -- are a good, simple indicator of the quality of the water. Some of these creatures are very sensitive to salinity and pollution, but generally the greater the variety of creatures the better the quality of the water. We discovered that the variety of macro-invertebrates at Lee's lake was limited, which indicated that the water quality was poor.

Mr Harry Lauk, a development officer from Agriculture WA, came to speak to the class about land degradation and the steps farmers are taking to combat it, Mr Theo Maisey and Mr Fred Boase visited us and spoke about how the landscape had changed since their early days. Both men had stories about wildlife like dingoes and bush turkeys that we no longer see in this area, and we were entertained as well as informed.

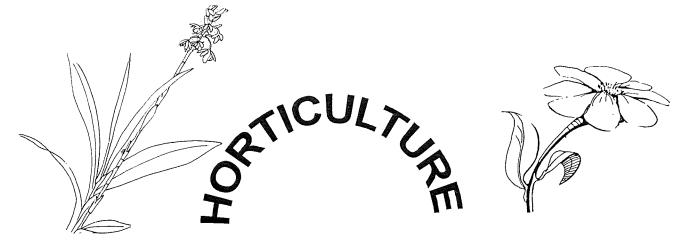
Along the way this year:

- * we visited Avondale Discovery Farm in Beverley
- * three of our students represented the school in the Ribbons of Blue display at the Royal Show
- * we planted trees at the cemetery and primary students planted trees in the town reserve
- * we recycled, learnt about reptiles and many more things. All in all, an enjoyable and very worthwhile experience for us all.

by Elise, Michelle and Mrs Hatwell.







Talk about a steep learning curve! Well, I hope the kids learnt something, because I learnt a great deal. Here are some of my startling facts:

- * Some irrigation timers will tell you what you want to hear, and then turn on and off, or not, according to their own ideas entirely!
- * Jeremy grows fantastic brussel sprouts. In fact, Jezza is keen to grow every vegetable known to humankind but as far as we can tell he doesn't like eating vegies much at all. Must check with Sandy.
- * Shaun's singing is remarkable. I'm not sure I'll say any more.
- * Derrick's nanna likes broad beans -- well, someone must.
- * Kris is tenacious at a task.
- * Daniel can work very hard with a spade, but seems to have at least 2 brown thumbs. When plants discover they are in his patch, they quickly die.
- * Brad and Bron -- well, maybe there's just something about people whose names start with B.
- * EVERYONE loves to eat peas straight from the bush.

Enough of my learning curve. We had some successes (those brussel sprouts again!) and some failures this year. As you might know, the irrigation timer played up and we lost our trees in term 1. But the students have learnt a lot about planting and growing both from their reading and writing and from practical work.

We've started a herbarium (a record of our local species and a resource for years to come) by collecting, pressing and identifying some local species. Miss De Boni's year 10 class have contributed to this also. We are hoping this might continue to grow over the years and become a very useful collection.

One of the shadehouses has been converted to a plastic house, almost entirely with student labour (though many thanks to Mr Heard for getting us underway). In future our winters should be more productive. And we are dabbling in hydroponics, the mysterious art of growing plants without soil. It is still a bit of a mystery, but we're on that steep learning curve. Let's hope we stay there. It's exhausting, but exhilarating!

by Mrs Hatwell.

Science, Science, Science

SCIENCE WEEK

In August, the students at Dowerin District High School assisted in celebrating National Science in Schools Week. Lunchtime in the science room was exciting, with eager young Einsteins keen to marvel at the wonders of science. Students were engaged in a variety of activities which included:

- the good ol' sucking an egg into a bottle trick
- spinning eggs to determine whether they were raw or hard boiled
- · worms that danced in a mixture of vinegar and bicarb soda
- brilliant bubble blowing
- picking an ice cube up with a piece of string (no knots allowed!)
- extinguishing candles without blowing on them
- testing solutions to find out whether they were acidic or basic
- and growing crystals

For days after I was frequently asked "Is Science Week on at lunchtime today?" (I never knew a week was 12 days long!). I take this as an indication of the fun that was had by all, in particular the primary school students. I would like to mention also the secondary students who made fine laboratory assistants for the week. They are to be commended for demonstrating their expert science skills and leadership qualities.

Miss Paula DeBoni

SCIENCE FUN DAY

In November, Dowerin students in years one to eight joined with Goomalling Primary School students for a Science Day. The students were able to participate in a wide variety of activities designed to challenge them whilst providing opportunities for them to use their skills in practical problem solving.

The Year 1-3 and 4-6 students rotated through four activities in set groups. Each task was organised by a different staff member so students got to work with staff from both schools. It was very interesting to see how students solved the challenges in deferent but effective ways.

Years 7 - 8 were organised differently. They had a choice of activities to complete effectively (i.e. work) and cost efficiently. Each group was given \$100 and the winners were those whose inventions met the outlined requirements and were make most economically. Some of these students were ruthless in their cost cutting procedures; perhaps a future Treasurer will be in this group!

A fun but educationally stimulating day was had by all.

Mrs Pam Boase

PEAC REPORT '96



This year in PEAC was my first year. I was a bit nervous, but after my first day I realised that everyone was SO nice! This year in PEAC we did debates, mindgames, made children's books, went to the Wyalkatchem Telecentre, went the Wyalkatchem CBH Agricultural Museum, the Wyalkatchem School House Museum, learnt how to play chess, made a mini tournament of minds (TOM for short), boats and mini-TOM plays. At the last session of PEAC we had a presentation day to show our work to our parents. We also worked on our newspaper called the PEAC PLUTO. It should be ready to read soon and I'm looking forward to seeing the work we have done in it. PEAC this year has been REALLY great fun and thankyou to Mrs Pearse our teacher. Also a big thank you to our parents who drove us to and from PEAC.

BREEAHN JONES YEAR 5

Student Council 1996

Introducing the 1996 Student Council -

*Emma Sutherland (Yr 10)

President(Chair-Person)

*Geoffrey Collard (Yr 10)

Treasurer

*Lara Cutting (Yr 9)

Secretary

Members

- *Kendy Hagboom (Yr 10)
- *Lindy Hagboom (Yr 9)
- *Melinda Anderson (Yr 8)
- *Klinton Hagboom (Yr 8)
- *Blake Hagboom (Yr 7)
- *Erin Spark (Yr 7)

The 1996 Student Council have had a successful year with many fundraisers. Some of the excellent fundraisers and activities included;

- *Ice-cream in a cone days
- *Free dress, icy pole and sponge throwing.
- *Chocolate sales.
- *Hot dog days.
- *Hot soup days and
- *Icy pole, drink and chip days.

We also held two successful swapmeets one held in May the other in November. We raised over \$400.00 from both swapmeets. We would like to thank all those who attended.

The Student Council also held two successful discos. Pre-primary-year 3's with the theme as most colourful and the years 4-7 as footy fever. Many games where played and prizes won. Not to mention the hokey pokey which was enjoyed by all!

We also held a very successful secondary social with more than 100 students attending. We also had the pleasure of the students from Wongan Hills and Wyalkatchem attending as well as our own students. We had a great time and we would like to thank everyone who attended.

1996 saw the change of our sponser child as we had raised enough money for our previous sponsor child and were asked to sponsor another. As we were all in favour we got our knew sponsor child Dorkis Julissa Menza. Dorkis has written to us to tell us about her life. She is now in grade three and receives great marks in school. In Dorkis's letter she told us that her family are very healthy. She also mentioned that she has great fun playing with friends.

This years Student Council had great fun with many activities and group work. A huge thank you goes to Miss Brodie and Mrs Quartermaine who were a great help to the whole Student Council and school.

BY EMMA AND LARA.

PRESENTATION EVENING AWARDS

Congratulations to all the winners of the Awards, and thank you to all the generous donors.

YEAR 1: HIGH ACHIEVER Kaleesha Ball
TEACHER'S AWARD Marley Allsopp

YEAR 2: HIGH ACHIEVER Dean Wilson
TEACHER'S AWARD Kaiden Hagboom

YEAR 3: HIGH ACHIEVER Tyler Jones
TEACHER'S AWARD Stephanie Lee

YEAR 4: HIGH ACHIEVER Leigh Metcalf
TEACHER'S AWARD Amanda Gregory

YEAR 5: HIGH ACHIEVER Megan Lee
TEACHER'S AWARD Melissa Couper

YEAR 6: HIGH ACHIEVER Dale Phillips
TEACHER'S AWARD Jenna Freind

YEAR 7: HIGH ACHIEVER Ben Partington
TEACHER'S AWARD Blake Hagboom

YEAR 8: HIGH ACHIEVER Sally Place
TEACHER'S AWARD Christine Sims

YEAR 9: HIGH ACHIEVER Lindy Hagboom
TEACHER'S AWARD Aaron Couper

YEAR 10: TEACHER'S AWARD Kendy Hagboom

SCHOOL DUX: Nathan Sloan

PRIMARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Kate Miller

KIRSTY METCALF AWARD: Alyssa Green

SECONDARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Emma Sutherland

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD: Nathan Sloan

HOME ECONOMICS AWARD: Emma Sutherland

AGRICULTURE AWARD: Shaun DeJong

SPORTSGIRL AWARD: Sally Place

SPORTSBOY AWARD: Ryan Westphal

ARTS/CRAFT AWARD: Bronwyn Hatwell

THE LAST WORD

benjamincallaghanjacksonfrawleychadhagboomjarradholtconanlarkinted lewisthomasleerobbiemacaulayryanmaiseykaylamartinnedmelvindiana met calf holly new man helen phillips sean ratcliff calum that terbian cas andersbrockwilsonkatiewhitsedcarlywoodscourtneywoodsmarleyallsoppkaleesha ballstevencouperjessicaeatonpetrinafrawleyliamgreenallisongregorymark livalljane mel vin markrat cliffjim myr obert son christie annet te smeagans parkgeorgiagraffinkaidenhagboomrhyshagboomtrenthudsenpruejoneshayden kingeboneymcmorranadamratcliffdeanwilsonaimeewoodslindawoodswallis bintleyjustinbraddonnikitaeatoncairngreentylerjonesstephanieleedaniel macaulayellemcgeachinbradleymillerjustinenewmanphillipscianotamara sparkrobertandersonrichardeatonamandagregorypeterhudsonmylesirvine callumjonesjarradkingjessicaleehayleylivalljohnmaiseyleighmetcafkieran mchughliapartingtonlisaphillipsrhysallsoppdanielburgessmelissacouperryan cuttingsamgraffindanikahagboombreeahnjonesdeleanakingsloankingmegan leecatlinmchughashleenewmanjasminepickeringlaneplacelorricerichards rhiannonsloanamandasparkkiarathomasdanielthorpedavidwilsontodd campbelljennafreindchristophermacaulaybobbimcgeachinkatemillerdale phillipsrobertplacerebeccathaxterjosephwaynebradleewestphaljames allsoppmatthewcouperalyssagreenblakehagboomwesleyhagboomkane mcmorranben parting to n lukerobin soner in spark robyn west phalmel in daandersoneliseboasetracybrucekeithcampbelljacobclyneaarronfrawley michellegerrardphillipgerrardklintonhagboomdavidlivalljustinmchugh catherinemorrissallyplacechristinesimsjoshuasutherlanddavidanderson daniellechatfieldchristopherchatfieldaaroncouperlaracuttingshaundejong lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state and the state of the lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state of the lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state of the lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state of the lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state of the lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state of the lindy hag boom je remyking linds ay met calfjade north daniels later bradleys mithul state of the lindy hag before thesallysparkandreathaxterleannewestphalginabrucegeofferycollardantony dunc an kendy hag boom bronwyn hat wellemma parting ton derrick riggs nathansloanemmasutherlandcathyleewestphalryanwestphalchristineleejulie mcullochkather in egerrard kimbintleylind aquarter mainer ose mary stewart pamelaboasetracyhoyerpauladeboniamandabrodiegeoffsloanallangirodbetty warddianemchughgerrybrownmargaretwaughjaneriggsdorothyjonesrobert couperjoycecoupersuelivallglenrobertsonkyliehenningjanheard.

ŵ ŵ ŵ ŵ ŵ û û û û û û û û û û û û û

కింకింకింకింకింకింకింకింకులు ముకుముకులు ముకుకులు ముకులు కుంకులకులకులకులకులకులకులు లుకులులు కులులు కులులు కులు