

THE Harvest 2003

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to our year tens

Editorial



As the year 2003 comes to an end, we can look back at all the fantastic memories and good times we had together. This year we, the year 9-10 class, were responsible for producing the school magazine, which we changed back to its original name, "The Harvest", because tradition is good!

Many of us are leaving next year to go on to bigger and better things. The majority of us have been here since Kindergarten, all the way through to now. We all feel very differently about our experiences here and how these have affected us over the years, and what lies before us at our new schools. We are excited, nervous, anxious and sad at all the same time, because we will miss our friends and the fun we had.

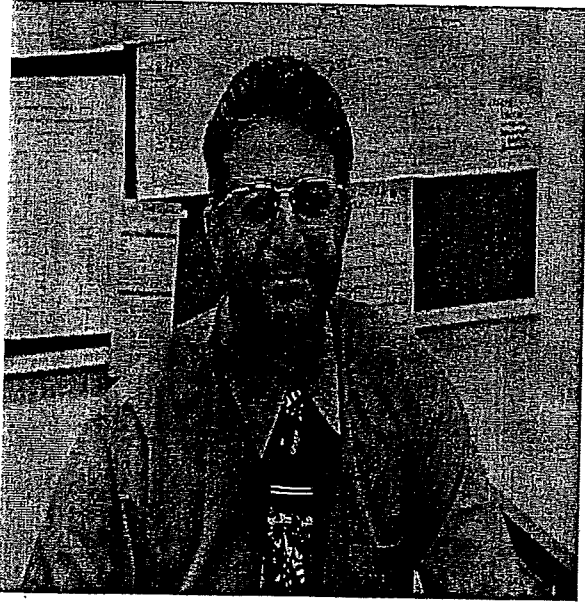
Leaving Dowerin District High School we have many, many memories of the creative, enthusiastic, and unforgettable learner that we achieved as well as the

games we played. We shall never forget the laughs and tears, and not to mention the knowledge given to us by the staff, also known as "our teachers". All staff should be very proud of what you also have achieved, you helped us through many years to get us to where we wanted to go, even when we needed encouragement to get things done. We appreciate everything that you have done, a big thankyou to all of you.

Thankyou oh so dearly,

Love the "Walleys" of 2003

From the Office



Mr. Iasky, our fearless leader!

Dowerin District High School is committed to the learning, growth and development of its students. Our processes, policies and curriculum aim to develop the students as responsible partners in the education journey. We encourage students to make the mark in many activities: academic, creative, performing arts, sports and enterprise education.

Dowerin District High School has always had an emphasis on the "communal" nature and has developed in the belief that we find our true identity and true self in establishing positive relationships. This belief is demonstrated in this year's "Harvest" magazine as it portrays students in a wide range of activities. I trust that those who read and share the moments recorded here will find it an interesting process.

Our students have continued to both challenge and be challenged. I am continually impressed with the student's efforts to develop their talents. Thanks to those who have risen to the challenge of leadership in classrooms, art groups, performing arts, sporting teams and special thanks to the Student Leaders for their role in the school community.

The staff of Dowerin District High School is a caring and committed team of professionals who always give their time generously. Some of the highlights this year reflect our staff commitment such as: assemblies, sporting carnivals, numerous excursions, work experience, the Numero Challenge, and the Young Leaders Conference. Just to mention a few.

This year we added the extra challenge of reviewing our building facilities. We have a brand new administration building and a new library upgrade with added new resources. I thank all staff, and students for their continual patience.

I wish to record my appreciation to all parents who have given us support. As usual the support of those who participate in the School Executive and P & C has been greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Dowerin District High School over the year.

A. Iasky
Principal

P&C Presidents Report

Some Reflections on 2003

On behalf of the P&C I would like to convey the best wishes to all those staff and students who leave at the end of the year. To the staff I thank you for your dedication and service to our school. To the students I wish them all the very best for their futures and trust that Dowerin District High School has served them well. I hope your school years have been enjoyable and successful.

To the parents who through the year attended meetings and fundraising activities your support is very much appreciated. The Field Days, Numduc and Amery Acres Crop all contributed funds to upgrading the library. We plan to continue funding the library next year. Hopefully we will have a terrific resource in the future.

I would like to thank the past P&C committee and welcome in the new. Our past secretary Trish Todd has worked relentlessly for the P&C for many years and has always had a constructive input but with the last Todd finishing this year we will lose Trish. I personally thank her very much.

To the Principal and staff at Dowerin District High School, thank you for your commitment to our students. We have our administration building up and running and much of that is due to the perseverance and efforts of Mr. Iasky. It has been a long time coming but worth the wait.

In closing I wish all a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2004 a bigger and better year.

Darrel Hudson

We're Off To A Swimming Start

By Rebecca Freind

The sporting year at Dowerin District High School began with swimming training. Mr Isard, Mrs Melvin, and the pre-primary class teachers worked hard to get the students ready for the Interhouse Swimming Carnival, held on Friday March 14. Stirling won with 973 points and Forrest, with 881. From all the students who participated on the day only a handful, who were champions and runners-up could go onto the Interschool Swimming Carnival, held on Wednesday 26 March, in week eight. Hosted by our very own school, Dowerin District High, and held in Wongan Hills.



The girls and boys from under seven years to fifteen years. Which went to Wongan included: Billy Coote, Carly Ralph, Benjamin Whitsed, Verity Whitsed, Grant Duncan, Anna Trepp, Tyler Morrell, Lara Jones, Ned Melvin, Aaron Scott, Kirralee Green, Jeremy Todd and Bianca Sanders for all of the primary division. Calvin Barr-Trepp, Tiffinee Plaisted, Rhys Hagboom, Lavinia Mercer, Cairn Green and Rebecca Freind were the secondary champions.

Others that went to the Interschool included the runners-up: Sarah Brookes, Aimee Woods, Tamara Spark, Phillip Sciano, Justin Braddon, Jak Wulf, Emma Whitsed, Jane Melvin, Jeremy Collard, Liam Green, Trent Hudson and Kaiden Hagboom for ages 13 to 15. Courtney Woods, Caris Jones, Chad Hagboom, Emma Anderson, Aimee Hudson, Clayton Whitsed, Alex Preston, Harrison Jones, Teagan Wray, Katie Whitsed, Kayla Martin and Calum Thaxter were the representatives for 8 to 12 years old boys and girls.



Races that took place were 50 metre breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle and butterfly, for a bit of fun we had the parent, teacher and student race, won in style by the teachers. Novelty races, where we were divided into groups and had to swim across the pool in shirts, tubes and other things.

"It was a good day, filled with good fun," said Mr Isard, Physical Education teacher. Thank you also to all the teachers and parents for their support.

K & P Capers

By Justin Braddon

The Kindy and Pre Primary class at Dowerin District High School are the youth of Dowerin's future.

This year the Kindy and Pre Primary class have chosen some interesting class themes, which included Under the Sea, Being an Australian and Space.



The class visiting the old gaol in Toodyay.



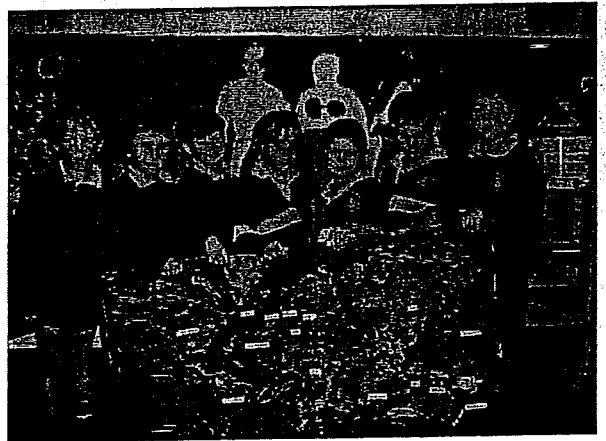
The boys in playing in the sand.

The Kindy and Pre Primary class were allowed to travel to Toodyay on an excursion. In Toodyay the class visited the Toodyay Mill and the old Gaol. At the mill the class learnt how they make flour for bread. The class had lots of fun and enjoyed this very much.

The Kindy and Pre Primary teachers are very pleased with all the students' work and their attitude towards set tasks. They are very fulfilled by the students and their progress.



Henry and Shelby's wedding.



The world map that the students made.

Some of this year's memorable moments were Henry and Shelby's wedding at school and the first day the Kindy students had lunch with the "big kids" at Dowerin District High School. We expect to see the Kindy and Pre-Primary students from Dowerin District High School achieving well into the future.

Student Leaders 2003

By Aimee Woods

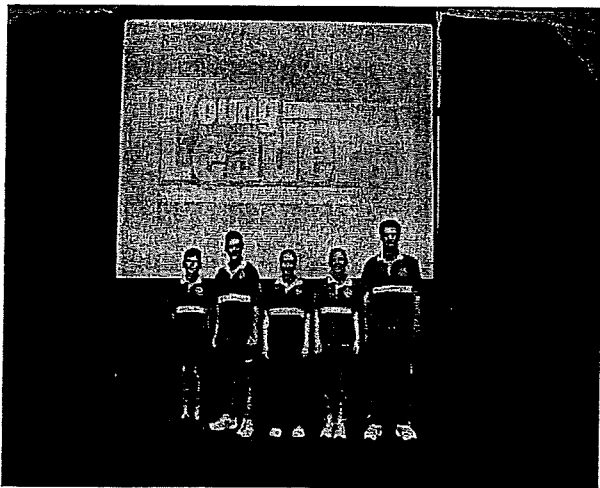
The Student Leaders for this year were Cairn Green (school captain) Jamie Stevens, Aimee Woods, Kaiden Hagboom, Jane Melvin, Jeremy Todd, Courtney Woods and Katie Whitsed, who were helped by Miss Lucchesi and Mrs Hatwell. Every second Tuesday lunchtime, the Student Leaders held their meetings, where they planned and organised fundraising events and activities for the other students.



Students enjoying the Bandana Day

We also had icy-poles for sale in the warmer terms and milos every Wednesday during the cooler months.

Two school socials were also held in terms two and four and a few DVD nights also took place during the year showing various movies for the older students as well as the younger primary students.



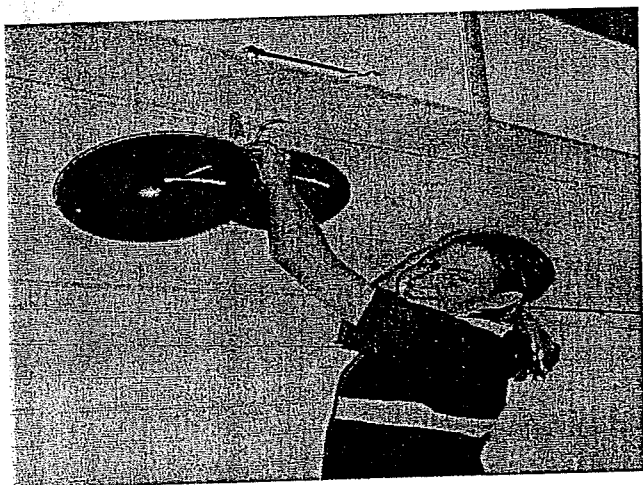
Student Leaders on stage after the Young Leaders Day

This year several organisations benefited from the fundraising efforts of the Student Leaders. The Student Leaders raised money by holding the Silly Shirt Day, Bad Hair Day, Sunnies For Sight Day, a Zoo Fundraising Day, Red Nose Day, St Patrick's Day, and a Bandana Day. Funds were raised for organisations such as the Salvation Army, Perth Zoo, the Starlight Foundation and many more.



The Student Leaders at the National Young Leaders Day in Perth

In third term the Student Leaders as well as Miss Lucchesi and Mr and Mrs Hatwell went to Hagboom's Lake for the Student Leader camp. The purpose of the camp was for some 'bonding time' between the leaders and to develop more team spirit and leadership skills. They camped over night and the following day had lunch with Mr Iasky and Mr Auckett at the Coffee Shop before returning back to school for some hard work of planning the activity day held on the last day of term, which was very successful and lots of fun for all the students.



Courtney Woods decorating the hall for the social

On November 10, the secondary Student Leaders, Miss Lucchesi, Mrs Hatwell, Mrs Heard and Marley Allsopp went to Perth for the National Young Leaders Day.

It was a great day out and we got the opportunity to listen to speakers such as Priya Cooper, Estelle Blackburn, Brigadier Maurie McNam as well as some others. They were all very inspiring people with their stories and courage.

The Student Leaders for 2004 are being chosen with the same method as for 2003. Students had the opportunity to nominate who they think would be good for the job, then the nominated people had the chance to tell the other students why they would be a good student leader and their ideas for the school. Then the students had the chance to vote on who

they wanted the Student Leaders for next year to be.



Students having bandanas put on, and chips and other yummy treats for sale

The outgoing Student Leaders wish the new Student Leaders the very best for 2004.

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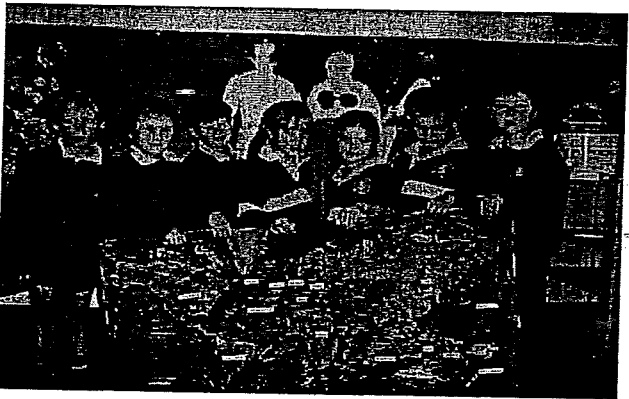
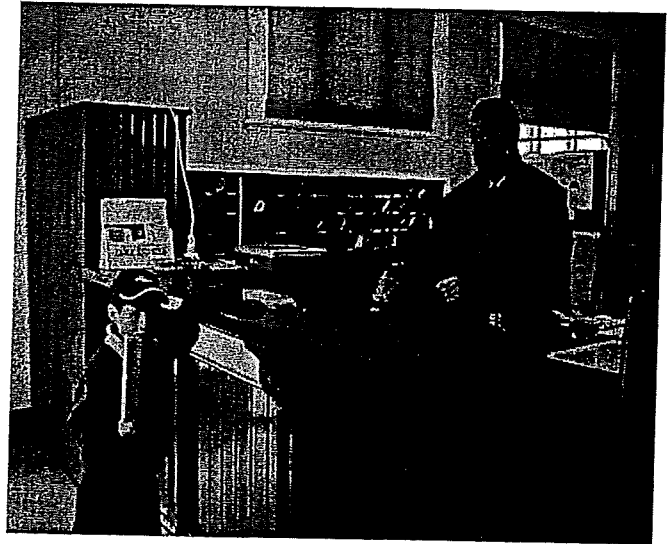
By Douglas Carr

Mrs. Miller has been proud to be the year one teacher for 2003.

Mrs Miller has experienced many memorable moments with the students of grade one. She has seen the children grow into independent and enthusiastic learners.

As well they have learnt to write on the dotted third line. This is very special for them!

Some of their school topics they have covered this year are Sea Animals, Dinosaurs, Shops, Australia, Space and the Olden Days. Also at the Field Days all the year one students had a ride on the Clydesdale horses and the students were given \$1 to take to the Field Days to spend in anyway that they liked.



The year ones made their own shopping bags to help the environment. The student have also made their own shop called DACEZY, which was a lot of fun and had hours of enjoyment making and completing this shop. The year one's have their own spelling programs, which helps them learn at their own pace and have fun during their learning.

We hope the year one's have a great time as big year two's next year.

Work Experience '03

By Tamara Spark

The year ten class of 03' left Dowerin for work experience on November 24, Mr Sharod drove the eight anxious kids on the Dowerin community bus, while Mrs Metcalf drove her own car.

The first day was an introduction for the students to their individual transportation routes. As part of the introductory day we visited Perth Central TAFE where we received a tour and were informed about the competition involved in getting into courses plus other helpful information on enrolment. On the tour we were shown the kinds facilities offered at the TAFE. We also visited the Career Information Centre here they had great facilities for young people who were undecided on the career path they should take. There were two programs that were especially helpful. There were around twenty or more computers and there were limitations on the amount of information you could print off.

The next two and a half days were spent working hard. At night the students and teachers, in a combined effort, prepared dinner and on Wednesday night all went out to the movies. The boys were early risers and were usually up, had eaten, got dressed and were gone before the girls woke. There was a varied difference between the places chosen by the students. The choices ranged from garden labour to

developing photos.

Cairn Green worked at Warren Campbelle's Automotives. Justin Braddon worked at Les Dean Leisure where he was put to work pulling apart motors, ignition timing and completing mechanical jobs. Rebecca Freind went to Walter Road Vet Clinic where she was able to assist in a few simple operations. Sarah Brookes worked right in the city at Camera Resolutions on Hay street, here she cut film and was usually put on errands to run down the road. Jak Wulff worked at Sunshine FM radio station. He was presented with the opportunity to do some work in a simulated experience. Jamie Stephens worked at the WACA where he was put to work weeding and other garden upkeep. Jamie did however get the opportunity to see some famous sportsmen and was even yelled at but Justin Langer. Douglas Carr worked at a garden landscaping business. Tamara Spark worked at Claremont Therapeutic Riding centre where she worked with horses and people with disabilities.

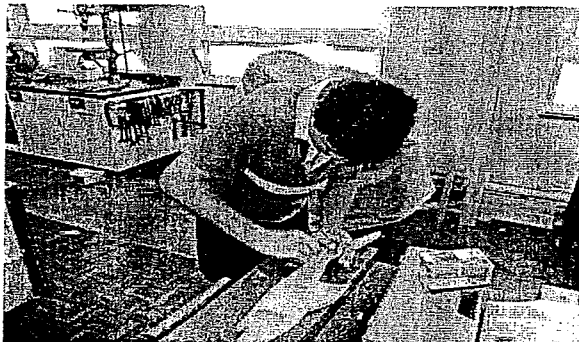
Thursday November 27 was our official last day of work. We only worked half a day to ensure we had time to pack up and get home to Dowerin in the mid afternoon. The trip was well enjoyed and the year ten's would like to thank Mr Sharod and Mrs Metcalf for planning the whole excursion.

What's Going Down

By Trent Hudson

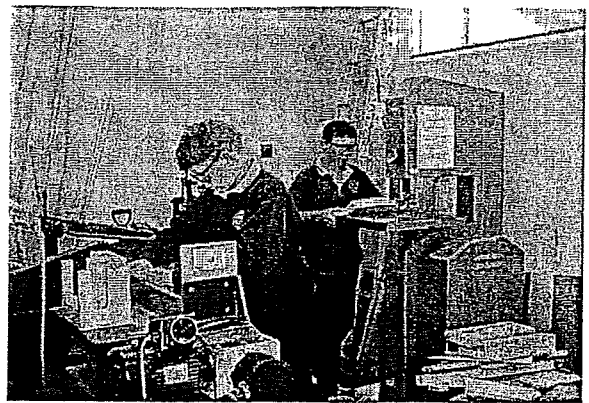
Design and Technology at Dowerin District High School has been very exciting and interesting this year for many students from year four up to year ten. The work has varied from designing gardens, to solar cars and even building rockets.

The year four and five class this year have been designing gardens and have even had the opportunity to design the garden layouts at the Pre Primary and near the new staff room and front office. These students have even been able to plant the flowers they chose in their designs.



Mervin building his army of killer sharks

Rocketry has been the topic for the year six and seven class lately. They have been researching many different rocket designs to see which ones would be most effective and aerodynamic. They are currently planning to construct one of their own with the hope to get them to fly well and land safely. Good luck to all the future rocket scientists.



Jak and Kaiden working hard

The year eight, nine and ten students have been very busy this year. During term one, most of the year nines and tens were busy finishing their fine furniture from the previous year while the year eights and the farm skills students from last year were to build formula 1 cars to show Mr. Sharod their designing and building capabilities.



Trent's robot in the making.

During term two and three the class split up into four groups to build solar powered cars for the Western Power Solar Car Challenge in Perth. Sadly only one group actually finished their car, which was The Sloth Team. It included Trent Hudson, Ryan Keillor, Rhys Hagboom and Jak Wulff. This term the year eight, nine and ten class have been designing either robots or

In The D&T Room?

futuristic machines and are to solder their own battery powered circuit boards to put flashing LED lights on their designs to create an alarming and attention grabbing affect.

would be fantastic if they could finish them by the end of the year. Lets just wait and see!



Guy and his robot.



Ryan gearing up for battle.

Some of the best work Mr. Sharod has seen this year were the garden designs, the tables and other furniture projects and he admired the finished solar car groups finished project even though it did not get to compete in the state-wide competition. Mr Sharod also said one of his most memorable moments in



Jamie soldering his circuit components.

Design and Technology were the designs in electronics done by the year eight, nine and tens. He then said it

Flying Through

By Linda Woods

What could possibly be a better way to start the school year than with the theme "In The Kitchen"? The class of years two and three's took part in a school excursion to Peters and Brown's, where Mr Preston kindly drove the community bus, and Mr Stowell and Mrs Preston joined the students and Miss Jennings for the memorable day out. Once there, the students were allowed a free ice cream, and they also made a stop at Mc Donald's, which for some was the very first time they had ever been there. On the trip home to Dowerin, everyone joined in singing to "Hey Baby".

Another activity that the two, three's participated in during first term was making chocolate following their own recipes. While it was a fun filled term, it was sad to see Adam Preston leave, but was a great pleasure to have Misty Munro join the class.

Term Two was a very interesting theme for the class, and they accomplished some excellent work. The theme was Outback Australia, and some of the work they did included making posters and prints of Australian animals. Nathan Pascoe arrived at Dowerin this term, being the only year two boy in the class. The students also looked at Captain Cook this term and were very

lucky to have Mrs Preston as a student teacher for four weeks. The year two's and three's have Pen Pals who come from the Dawule, Remote Community School in Kununurra. The Pen Pals are Aboriginal Children from Kindergarten to year four, and the students have been keeping in contact with them, and have even sent the year two and three's some photographs.



Jo-Ellen and Ben's water experiment.

During the term two holidays the year two and three classes' teacher Miss Jennings went into hospital to donate a kidney to her sick mum. Still recovering from the operation during the start of term three, Mrs Mac filled in as their teacher, and opted for a theme of water.

Year Two & Three

Miss Jennings came back in week five and the students then learnt about Italy and France. They learnt about the Eiffel Tower, looked at maps of Paris and made Roman Soldiers, which were displayed, around the classroom. For Parent Night the year two's and Three's had something special planned. They made croissants and coffee, which were served to the parents, as well as Pizza and Garlic Bread. The room was divided through the middle, one side representing France and the other side Italy. The class also made a big Aeroplane this term and the students were the passengers, and pretended they were flying to Italy and France.



The year two's and three's busy doing their work.

For the very last term of the year the class followed the school's topic for this term, Image, with the theme "Happy To Be Me". They looked at how people see

them, stereotypes and self-esteem. They made warm fuzzies, autobiographies and have made a play based on sport. In Maths the main area that they looked at was shapes, and making nets.



Carly posting a letter

Over the year, the year two and three students have worked, looked out for each other and been enthusiastic with whatever they do to achieve high standards of work. The year two's and three's could now answer any questions you have about kidney transplants since they were so caring of Miss Jennings during the time she was in hospital. Their reading has also improved since they have been doing Reading Buddies, with the year six and seven students.

We wish the year two and three students the very best for next year with their new teacher and Miss Jennings with her new class.

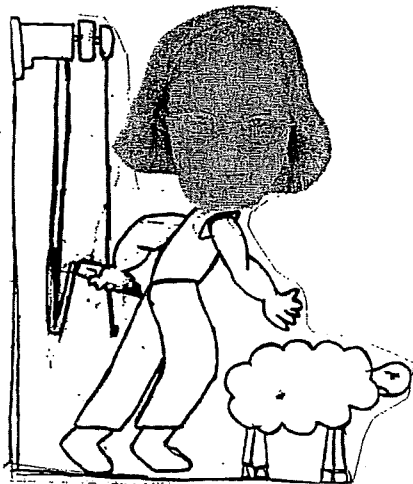
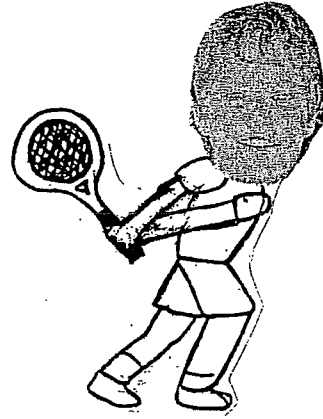
Year Seven

Year Seven Students

By Trent Hudson and Linda Woods

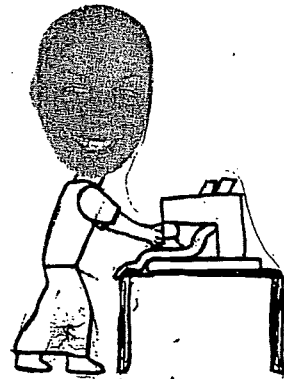
Jeremy Todd:

In ten years time: I would like to have a job to do with sport.
Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: When I got a footy signed by some West Coast Eagles players.



Kaitlyn Morrell:

In ten years time: I see myself on the farm helping dad.
Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: Mine has been when we had Miss Rudeforth and we buried the time capsule.



Bianca Sanders:

In ten years time: I hope to be a clothes designer or a hairdresser, but whatever happens I'm still living on a farm.
Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: Getting Highest Achiever two years in a row.



Carly Woods:

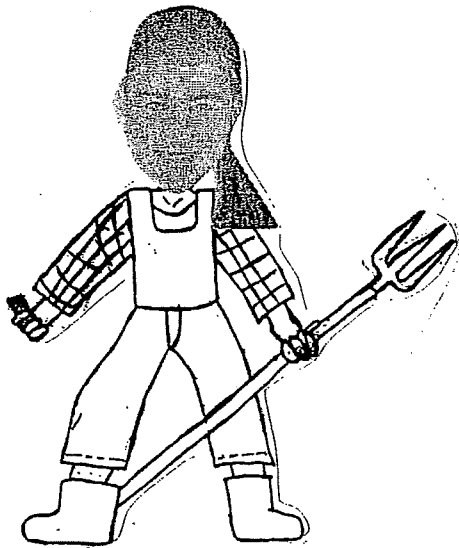
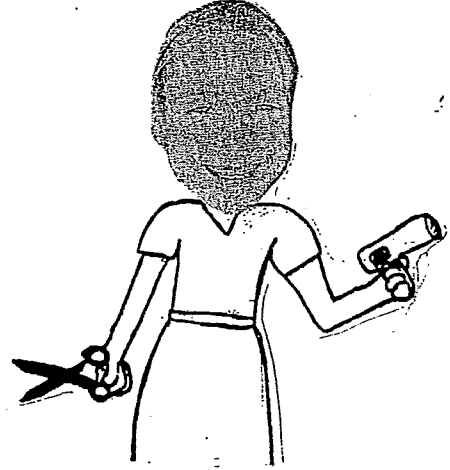
In ten years time: I will be living in Dowerin with a good job.
Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: When at recess and lunch the year 6/7's hang out on the veranda and talk.

Graduation In Ten Years Time

Courtney Woods:

In ten years time: I will be working as a hair dresser or on a farm.

Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: Was when Mum, Mrs Maisy and Mrs Jones stole Mr Isard's mattress on Kalgoorlie Camp! (Chad was a witness).



Calum Thaxter:

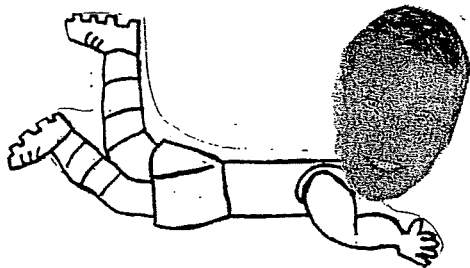
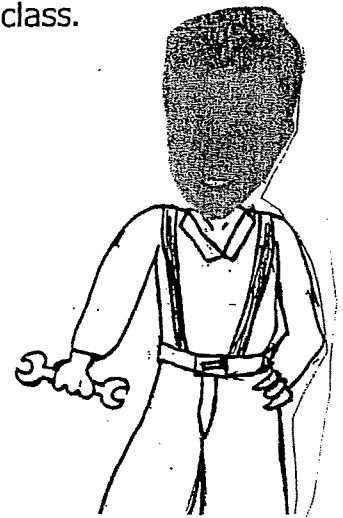
In ten years time: I want to live in Dowerin, Perth or Northam, and be a pilot or mechanic.

Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: Some of the assemblies and lots of other things.

Caris Jones:

In ten years time: I can't see myself in any time apart from now, but I would like to be on the farm.

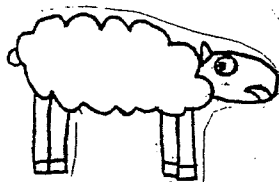
Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: I have only been here for three years, but during this time I have found how friendly people really are, and help you if you are stuck, in and out of class.



Chad Hagboom:

In ten years time: I would like to be a farmer or sports player.

Most memorable moment at D.D.H.S: Getting a football signed by The West Coast players.



Athletics

By Sarah Brookes

On Friday September 12, the Inter-House Athletics Carnival was held with much enthusiasm and determination displayed by the students. The carnival took a month to organise by three understanding staff, which included, Mr. Isard, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Iasky.



Primary Boys at front, cheering for their team.

First in order were the jumps, hitting of with fantastic record-breaking scores by Marley Allsopp, Ryan Keillor, Phillip Sciano, Cairn Green and Liam Green. Followed by the Shot-put, Discus, running events, Leader Ball, Pass Ball, Tunnel Ball, and Flag Races.

With Mr. Sharod's fabulous commentary keeping us updated, everyone soon realized what a close race it would be. Stirling came on top with 725 points, over Forrest's 717 points.



Aimee Woods and Jamie Stephens, the captains of Stirling, held the trophy high and proud, taking time aside for photos. While Hayden King and Sarah Brookes were just thankful for the opponent's competition and companionship! A sausage sizzle was also held on the day, organized by the P & C.



Results for the day include...

Champions in their age categories Jasmine Byrne, Dylan Munro, Shelby Stephens, Henry Shepardson, Carly Ralph, Nathan Pasco, Jayde Beilby, Ben Whitsed, Monique Bailey, Harrison

Carnival

Jones, Lara Jones, Ned Melvin, Katie Whitsed, Matthew Stephens, Bianca Sanders, Courtney Woods, Jeremy Todd, Emma Whitsed, Marley Allsopp, Linda Woods, Kaiden Hagboom, Sarah Brookes, and Cairn Green.

Also the runners up in their age categories Tayla Woods, Zoe Byrne, Corey Flavel, Ellie Crichton, Zachary Sinclair, Damian Bailey, Verity Whitsed,

Damien Allsopp, Indi Smith, Anna Trepp, Brodie Woods, Teagan Wray, Aaron Scott, Amy Keillor, Ryan Beilby, Caris Jones, Carly Woods, Calum Thaxter, Jane Melvin, Mark Livall, Ryan Keillor, Tamara Spark, and Phillip Sciano.

A last thank you to all the parents who supported the carnival and the students. Thank you also the staff members who organised the carnival, a great day was had by all.



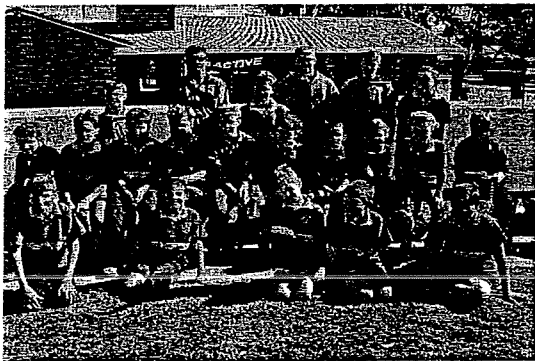
It's More Than a Game

By Hayden King

Dowerin District High School students participated in this year's Lightning Carnival at Goomalling in August with some outstanding performances and an unexpected outcome.

"The Lightning Carnival was a great day", said Physical Education teacher extraordinaire Clinton Isard. Mr Isard went on to say that some of the stand out performers on the day were Jeremy Todd, Ned Melvin and in the netball Lara Jones, Monique Bailey and Teagan Wray, but overall the teams performed well. "Everyone participated well and had a great day," added Mr Isard.

There were a few unfortunate injuries during the day including Chad "Kamikaze" Hagboom being taken to hospital after taking a hit to the nose. Tyler Morrell and Aaron Scott added to the team's injury woes. Aaron suffered from a knee, injury while Tyler ended up with a pain in his arm.



The Dowerin football team.



One of the girl's netball teams.

The students trained during their physical education lessons in the lead up to the event and both the football and netball teams played well. The years four to seven students from Dowerin took on teams from Calingari, Bolgart, Toodyay, and Goomalling. Congratulations to go to Toodyay the overall winners, with the Dowerin netball team taking second place. Better luck next year.

Well done to all the players with a fantastic display of team work and a big thank you to helpers Sarah Brooks, Linda Woods, Aimee Woods, Tamara Spark, Jamie Stephens, Jak Wulff and Cairn Green. Thank you also Mr Isard and Mrs Melvin for their efforts.

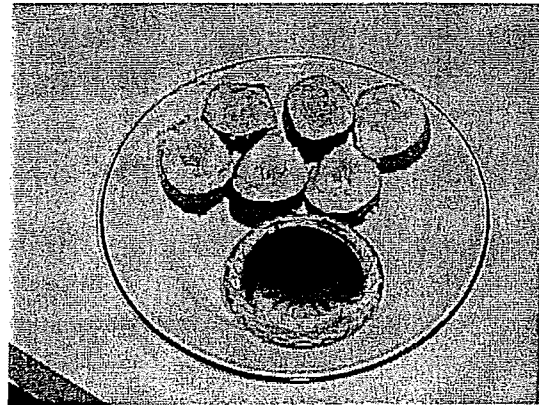
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By Ryan Keillor

On the Dowerin District High School grounds this year many things have been learnt, especially in Japanese hosted by Mrs. Amanda Hagboom. All students from the year two and three class through to the year nine and ten class have been involved in some amazing learning activities, ranging from Japanese history and culture to food and even images of Japan.

This year the year four and five class have been given the the opportunity to choose for themselves their own class topic which was Families, People and Me, which is all about family names and traditions and what respect is needed in Japan's unique society. Moving on the year six and seven's who have worked on Me, and My Family as a class topic and also writing characters from the ancient Katakana, Hiragana and Kanji alphabetical systems, which formulate the Japanese writing language.

The year eight, nine and ten's have been lucky enough to experience many of Japan's dishes with the use of the Home Economics room these last two terms, including Yaki-tori, Okanamiyaki and Sushi. Of course all of these classic Japanese



meals were thoroughly enjoyed by all of the nine and ten students who were coming back for seconds, or even thirds! The years nine and tens have also been investigating the images of Japan, which includes dot to dots of famous portraits and the type of living style and customs and traditions that makes up Japan's complex history.

Mrs. Hagboom has said that the year two and three classes who have been showing very high standards of enthusiasm towards their favorite subject have displayed exceptional work. The year eight class also cops a mention in that their reading and writing skills have shown a significant improvement and their co-operation has been great, said Mrs. Hagboom.

We will be sad to see Japanese put on hold for a short time next year. We wish Mrs. Hagboom the very best and hope to see her back teaching more interesting Japanese lessons very soon.

The Way of the Year Four Fives

By Cairn Green

Over the past four terms the year four and fives have done many different things. They have learnt about many different and interesting topics from storybooks to plays and presentations, through to creating and maintaining their own gardens around the administration block, which were of a high standard.

Some of the learning activities the class completed were writing a script learning their roles and creating their own props to ensure the success of the plays so they could be presented to the parents at the "Night of the Notables" which was held in Anderson Hall. The night was a tremendous success.

They also split up into groups to plan, prepare and create their own gardens around the administration block to brighten up the new building.

Doing all of these different activities the students have shown vast improvements in the quality of their writing, researching, I.T. and drama skills.



The kids working hard on the gardens out side the Administration block

The students individually have improved in their own ways, which has pleased their teachers, Mr. Auckett, and Mr. Isard.

Some of their more memorable moments for the year were the outstanding three act plays performed at the town hall. Another highlight for the year was the completion of the gardens around the administration block and according to Mr. Auckett "Everyday teaching is a memorable day".

The participation level of all the students was very high and all the students had a go at everything, which led to the students being more confident in what they were assigned. They all worked well as a class and completed most of the set tasks, put together by their teachers.

Kanga Cricket

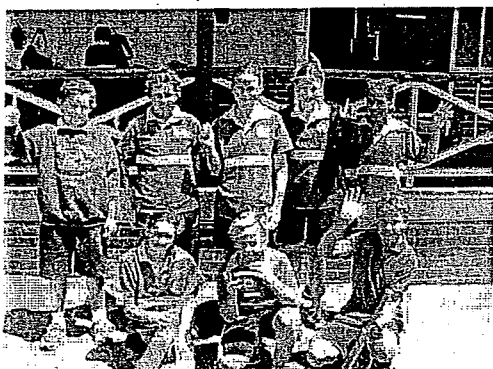
By Rhys Hagboom

Wednesday November 19, saw the 2003 Kanga Cricket Carnival held at the Dowerin Town Oval.

The students went through a series of primary training sessions to get prepared for the competition. These students competed against teams from Cadoux, Wyalkatchem and Sacred Heart in Goomalling.

Our Dowerin A team, the Beavers who competed in the year six and seven age group drew first with Sacred Heart, and on a count back drew in the same number of wickets so the officials worked out a percentage and the Dowerin Beavers won. The Beavers included Chad Hagboom, Jeremy Todd, Calum Thaxter, Matt Stephens, Courtney Woods, Caris Jones, Bianca Sanders and Amy Keillor.

Our other team the Iguanas displayed true sportsmanship and had an excellent fun filled day.



The winning team for the year six and seven age group, **The Beavers.**



The winning team for the year four and five age group, **The Axolotls.**

The Axolotls won the competition for the year four and five age group, the Axolotls included Aaron Scott, Sam Brookes, Kirrilee Green, Harrison Jones, Lara Jones, Tyler Morrell, Clayton Whitsed and Ned Melvin.

We had two other teams in the same age group the Bongos and the Capybaras who tried their hardest and enjoyed themselves all day. Three year three students filled in, they were Damien Allsopp, Ben Whitsed and Alex Sinclair.

The students learnt many skills including socialising with other students, matching their skill levels with other schools, leadership, team skills and spirit. They all used these skills encouraging each other so they could have a great and fun day.

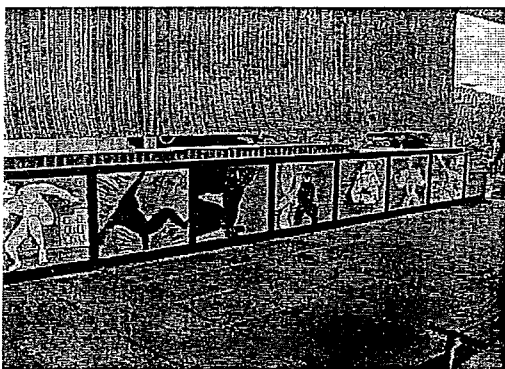
Creativity Put To Work

By Phillip Sciano

Arts at Dowerin District High School have been a mixture of visual, drama and dance. The year six to ten students have been working hard to design and complete various tasks given to them.

There were three different activities given to the students. They were, painting such as the comics and the painting on the wall, sculptures made from wire and plaster.

Also a performance based on the theme of IMAGE that was created for the end of year concert. The students enjoyed various aspects of each task even though a little more time to complete the task was needed. The level of participation was very good and some students stood out as being helpful and well motivated towards the job allocated to them.

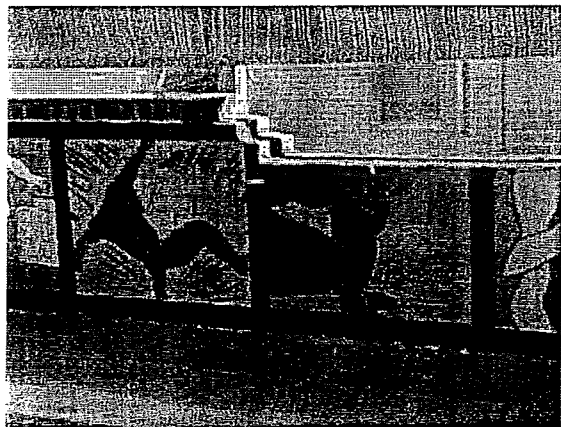


The artwork completed.

The most successful activity was the paintings, because it brightened up the school a lot but

unfortunately we lost most of the comic strip near the undercover area due to the new building and taking out the wall for a walkway.

The students learnt some new skills some of these are co-operation, negotiation, teamwork, script writing, designing, painting and performance aspects. The performance took the longest but we hope the hard work will show with a great finish. We hope the performance will be a success at the presentation night.



The destruction of the comic strip near the undercover area.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

By Sarah Brookes

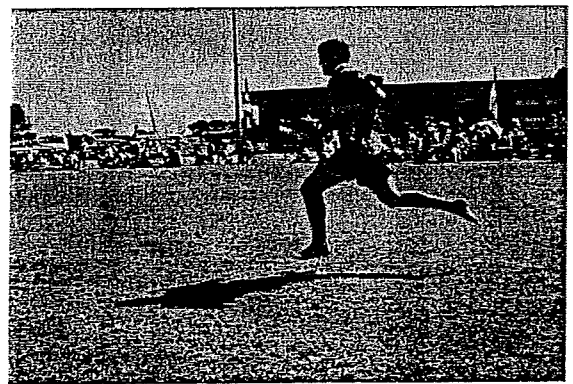
A week after the Inter-house Athletics Carnival in Dowerin came the Interschool held in Wongan Hills, including schools from Moora, Wongan Hills, Central Midlands, and Dowerin. This year the carnival was hosted by Dowerin District High School and organised by Mr. Iasky, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Isard.

First in line were the jumps, followed by Shot put and Discus. The day persisted with great enthusiasm and because of this, the Secondary boys Leader Ball team from Dowerin broke the record with their strong hard passes.

The day continued with many more events lined up. Marley Allsopp again broke a record, but sadly at the end of the day there did not seem much hope for Dowerin. Central Midlands came out on top for the high school and Moora for the primary division. However, Dowerin did win the Secondary Handicap Shield, which Jamie Stephens and Cairn Green accepted with pride.



Notable individual results included Year One Champion Girl Ellie Crichton, Year Two Runner-up Carly Ralph, Year Five Champion Girl Lara Jones and Runner-up Kirrilee Green, Year Eight Runner-up Emma Whitsed, Year Eight Champion Boy Marley Allsopp, Year Nine Runner-up Ryan Keillor, and Year Ten Champion Boy Cairn Green.



Congratulations to all the champions and runner-up boys and girls. Thank you also to everyone who participated in the events and to teachers and parents for organizing and supporting this event. Hopefully next year Dowerin District High School can go back and beat some more records.



Dogs Of Steel

By Jak Wulff

2003 has been the year of the 'Tin Dog' as far as secondary students working on the Cross Curricular project are concerned.

It has been a long year for students and teachers, with workshops from Michael O'Meara, council meetings with the Dowerin Shire and planning of the Tin Dog Sculpture, a long term assignment steering right into the future.

Throughout the year, the students used their existing knowledge of enterprise to their advantage to come up with a community based project which would allow the younger generation of Dowerin to assist and contribute to the town.

The idea of the Tin Dog Sculpture came along towards the end of first term when students participated in Michael O'Meara's workshop. Together, with input from Mr O'Meara, students discussed the possibilities of having different impressions of the town. Ideas included the rebirth of the drag strip, concerts and a bakery. In the end the sculpture was chosen.

From there on in, the word on everyone's lips was Tin Dogs. An English class wrote up a proposal for collecting some funds via the Youth Community Connections grant, when the school finished as finalists. The school was successful in another grant, worth \$3500.

The class then designed prototypes for the Tin Dogs, which was showcased down the main street in window displays during the Field Days.

At this point in time, students have just about completed the design phase, with a professional artist to come to the school and help with the rest of the project.

In the future, everyone would like to see the completion of the Tin Dog Sculpture, so they can attempt another exciting assignment that the students discussed with Mr O'Meara. As well as this, the school will enjoy having continuing partnerships with other organisations to continue in the future, to assist with plans and etc.

The main thing students have learned this year is that young people can have their point of view about the community. "Hopefully, it has left students more positive towards their community and what their contribution should be", C.R.E.A.T.E. teacher Miss Allister said. She added that the feedback from partners (Business Association, Shire, Field Day Committee) has helped students to understand that the community needs their input.

This year has shown that this class can be productive in whatever endeavours they undertake.



Tamara Spark with her prototype dog.

Mrs Melvin's Hommies

By Janai Scattini

During 2003 the Home Economics class has had two new students join their class; Janai Scattini, year nine, during term one and Douglas Carr, year ten, during term three.

Throughout the year we have made Macramé, which is the craft of making things by knotting threads or cord in patterns, sewed boxer shorts, flags, skirts, pants, dresses and calico bags to go with our theme of recycling. We completed cooking activities and learnt about food safety, hygiene in the kitchen, and how to reduce the risk of food poisoning. After this we supplied morning tea for parents and staff during assemblies in terms two and three.



Hayden King, Aimee Woods, Jayde Munro, Rebecca Friend, Tamara Spark, Sarah Brookes, Janai Scattini and Chantelle Scott with their marmalade made for the ladies who helped us knit.



We learnt how to knit and make squares to send out to make quilts for the less fortunate with help from (getting names)



During the Field Days we attended the Fashion Parade as a class to look at image and the differences in the clothes for each designer. We also went to sites at the Field Days that were small local businesses, which included crafts and food.

Throughout the whole year most of the Home Economics students enjoyed cooking the most, but we all know it was really the eating they liked.

Our Race For Good Health

By Jamie Stephens

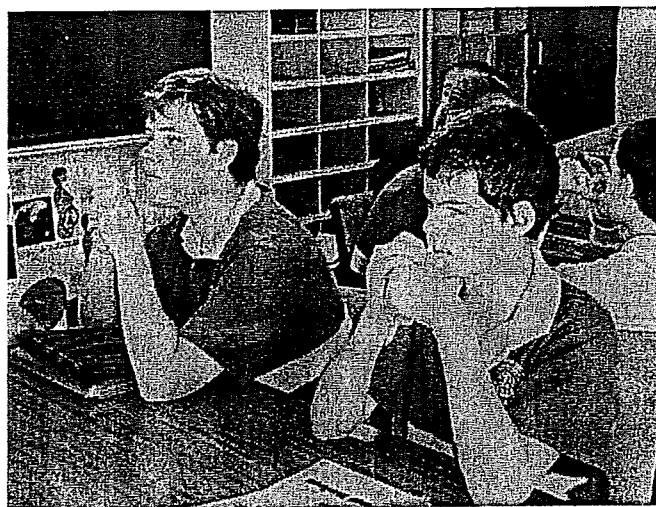
Through out this year, every Tuesday the students from years six to ten have participated in Health lesson with the magnificent Mrs Waugh. We have covered many Health topics, which concern the issues of young people in Australia and the world.

The main topics covered this year were Mental Health, Sexuality, Legal Drugs, Bullying and for the years nine and ten the NEST enhancement program, which is where they take home a "baby" to the insight to parenthood.

These health topics were chosen because they are very relevant for teenagers to discuss openly, although some topics may be sensitive to some students. "It is also important for the students of today to be informed on the many issues and hopefully they will apply what they have learnt," said Mrs Waugh.

All the students behaved extremely well, they participated keenly, openly and honestly, but they encountered quiet a few embarrassing moments.

During Mrs Waugh's health lessons the students loved the games and not having to put pen to paper and they all liked the group discussions. Mrs Waugh said " I enjoyed all of the health lessons, although at times the sexuality issues did stretch me at times".



Nick and Trent enjoying a Health lesson.

Mrs Waugh finally said, "All health matters are extremely important. Students need to know how to look after themselves in all physical, social and mental issues, and hopefully I will help them in their future lives".



Year nine and ten students during health.

Show Me The Money

By Jak Wulff

The year six and seven students have worked tirelessly to complete their project, selling products at the 2003 Dowerin Field Days.

A lot of commitment was required to succeed, something that this young group of students did well.

At the start of the year, the focus was on researching viable products to sell at the Field Days. In the end the students collaborated and decided on picture frames and different varieties of biscuits as the products for sale.

Using their cooking skills learned in Home Economics and their woodwork expertise in Design and Technology, students worked long and hard to finish baking biscuits and sanding picture frames before the Field Days deadline.

Apart from this, the students also decided on pricing and did their own packaging labels, up to Australian standard.

Through the duration of the agricultural carnival, all students got a taste of the real world, putting their product through the ultimate test of selling. The class came through with flying colours!

They sold out of all of their merchandise and received a highly commendable honour from judges in the Family Interest Display category.

Teachers Miss Allister and Mr Sharod were very proud of their students, saying that it was a first class effort.

These students now know the basics of business and enterprise, and by doing so can take a big step in the right direction for the C.R.E.A.T.E. program and the Dowerin community.



Students hard at work preparing picture frames for the Field Days.



The class smiles after their success with their stall!

The Phys-Ed Report

By Jamie Stephens

Throughout the year students have participated in Physical education with Mr. Isard, Mr. Auckett or Mrs. Melvin. We have been involved in many different sports, to try and to develop new skills and to enjoy ourselves. Also throughout the year the activities that were conducted included swimming at Dowerin Memorial Swimming Pool, fundamental movement skills, gym fun, athletics, cricket, volleyball and lawn bowls in which the years eight to ten went down to the Dowerin Bowling Club and were coached by volunteering community members.



Years two and three enjoying a game of Kanga Cricket.

These activities were chosen because, "they cater for a wide range of abilities,

they are fun and I wanted to include a variety of sports", said Mr. Isard. Overall the students participated with extreme enthusiasm and usually enjoyed themselves.



Years four to six during Phys-Ed with Mr. Auckett.

All of the students were most interested in playing volleyball. Mr. Isard said, "the activities that I enjoyed teaching the most would be swimming and volleyball because they are sports that I generally enjoy".

When asked why it is important for the students to participate in the Physical Education activities Mr Isard replied, "They improve on their fitness, learn leadership and team skills, they learn how to goal set and learn valuable life skills".

CONGRATULATIONS!

Award Winners 2003

Year One	High Achiever	Ellie Crichton
Year Two	High Achiever Endeavour	Carly Ralph Maria Spark
Year Three	High Achiever Endeavour	Sophie Crichton Jo-Ellen Jones
Year Four	High Achiever	Anna Trepp
Year Five	High Achiever	Aaron Scott
Year Six	Endeavour	Amy Keillor
Year Seven	Endeavour	Bianca Sanders
Year Eight	High Achiever	Chantelle Scott
Year Nine	Endeavour	Aimee Woods
Year Ten	DUX	Jak Wulff
	Technology & Enterprise	Guy Wulff
	Primary Citizenship	Caris Jones
	Secondary Citizenship	Jamie Stephens
	Sports Award	Marley Allsopp

Goodbye, Good Luck

Sarah Brookes

Next year?: Cunderdin Ag College.
Future aspirations: Travel to America, after I have set up a piggery, to be a nanny.
Most memorable school moment: Bus trips with Jimmy, Mara and Haydy Babes.
Most prized possession: Frumple, my beloved dead teddy bear. (DAMN DOG!)

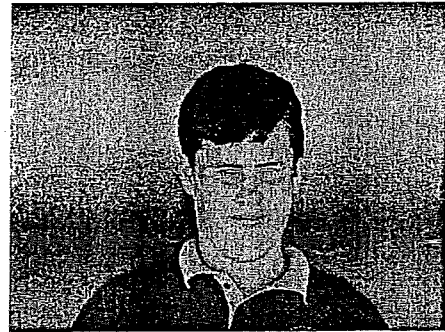


Phillip Sciano

Next year?: Cunderdin Ag College.
Future aspirations: Hopefully working with my Dad or for my dad's mates.
Most memorable school moment: Watching Ryan get chased by Cairn down the verandah.
Most prized possession: Guitar, Nutri Grain.

Nicholas Anderson

Next year: Northam Senior High School.
Future aspirations: Undecided, but something to do with cars!
Most memorable school moment: Doing D&T.
Most prized possession: Playstation



Justin Braddon

Next year?: Cunderdin Ag Collage
Future aspirations: Get an Apprenticeship.
Most memorable school moment: When Cairn chased Ryan down the verandah.
Most prized possession: Go-kart, GIRLS and stereo.

Jamie Stephens

Next year?: Mindarie Senior College.
Future aspirations: Uni or Air Force.
Most memorable school moment: Winning Cross Country and becoming a Student Leader.
Most prized possession: My hat and stereo.



To Our Year Tens

Jak Wulff

Next year?: Northam Senior High School.
Future aspirations: Uni to study media.
Most memorable school moment: Work experience.
Most prized possession: Collectable coin valued at \$1000



Doug Carr

Next year?: Part time TAFE and work
Future aspirations: In the Army.
Most memorable school moment: Field Days
Most prized possession: CD Player

Cairn Green

Next year?: Cunderdin Ag College
Future aspirations: On the farm or apprenticeship.
Most memorable school moment: Getting Champion Boy at the Interschool Athletics Carnival.
Most prized possession: Ute, Stereo, and my loved ones.



Rebecca Friend

Next year?: Cunderdin Ag Collage.
Future aspirations: Living in Cunderdin with me gal Linda, our 2 dogs, Mate and Munch (Golden Retrievers), and with our own Veterinary Clinic.
Most memorable school moment: The times on the bus with Linda, Aimee and Leigh HE HE HE.
Most prized possession: CD player, CD's, TV, Computer, my friends. Love 'em' all.



Tamara Spark

Next year?: Cunderdin Ag College.
Future aspirations: Hope to travel.
Most memorable school moment: I don't have just one moment. I enjoyed being with friends Sarah, Aimee, Linda and Rebecca.
Most prized possession: I love the Gone With the Wind and Scarlett books but they don't belong to me... yet!



Special

How Well Do You

Kym Metcalf

Dream job: Running a successful restaurant.

Pets: Charlotte May (dog), Rick (bird), Kath and Kim (chooks), cows all named after the Brady Bunch.

Favourite sport: Tennis.

Favourite saying: "Oscar, have you done a poo?" and "Sleep Time!"

Jennifer Margaret Miller

Most prized possession: My family.

Three people you would like to have dinner with: One person to shop for it, one to cook it, and one to clean up afterwards!

Pets: Two dogs called Dipper and Molly and two cats.

Dream house: Somewhere by the ocean.

Julie Linett Bailey

Most prized possession: Opal jewellery.

Three people you would like to have dinner with: Mel Gibson, Charles Bronson and Sophia Loren.

Pets: My cat, Fifi.

Dream Car: Mercedes.

Dream house: Two storey home on the beach.

Merle Iris Clifton

Most prized possession: Ceramic swan.

Dream Job: Counsellor.

Favorite sport: Tennis.

Dream car: Red sports car.

Shirley Janice Hagboom

Favorite Food: Any roast dinners.

Three people you would like to go to dinner with: Michael Caine, Sean Connery and Sydney Poitier.

Dream car: De Ville.

Dream House: Two storey overlooking the ocean at Busselton.

Clinton Isard

Birth Date: Before E.T, after Grease, same time as Star Wars.

Three people you would like to have dinner with: Drew Barrymore, Jessica Alba and Katie Holmes.

Best Friend: Doopa Dog

Favorite saying: Yee Haw!

Investigation

Know Your Teachers?

Paige "Prissy Pants" Allister

Most prized possession: The grandfather clock my Grandad made for me.

Dream Job: Photographer, so I could travel and work in beautiful places.

Three people you would like to have dinner with: Kath and Kim, and Sharon of course!

Dream house: In Cottesloe, with a big backyard!

Diane Margaret Winifred Hatwell

Dream job: Buddhist nun living in a cave (but maybe because its term four!)

Three people you would like to have dinner with: Dalai Lama, Humphrey Bogart and George Gregan.

Favourite saying: "Excuse me!" is what I say. "Count your blessings" is what I try to live by.

Karinda Lee Smith

Dream Job: Teacher (K,P-Year 1)

Best Friends: Tegan and Carly.

Dream House: Two-story house by the ocean with a pool and entertainment area outside.

Favourite saying: "Zip it!"

Edell "Dagney" Jennings

Most prized possession: My coffee table at home that is signed by all my friends.

Three people you would like to have dinner with: Jon Bon Jovi, a spunky, tall builder who doesn't smoke, and another spunky tall builder that doesn't smoke so I can choose between them!

Favorite sport: Swimming and Volleyball.

Margaret Waugh

Dream job: A pilot. I love to fly and travel and see the world.

Pets: My darling dog "Tippy", but lost her on Easter Sunday 2003. Still miss her so no more pets.

Dream car: BMW.

Favorite saying: "You never know what's around the corner."

Margaret Julia Couper

Favorite food: Chinese.

Best friend: My husband, James.

Favorite sport: Netball,

Dream car: Mini Minor.

Dream house: Log cabin in the rainforest.

Stephen "Squiffy" Sharod

Birthdate: "Before time stood still"

Most prized possession: The oxygen that I breathe.

Three people you would like to have dinner with: Colin Farrell, Hugh Grant and John Malcovich.

Best friend: Julia Roberts!

Pets: Spawny Eyed Wazok.

Kym Louise Lucchesi

Dream job: Education Officer at the Perth Zoo.

Pets: Jebediah, the cat.

Dream car: Saab convertible.

Favorite saying: "I have never met a man so ignorant that I cannot learn something from him" Galileo Galilei.

