

Primary entry #59: Black Hill Public School



BLACK HILL BULLETIN



Lachlan and Jack working on their story. Picture: Larissa Milos

Tackling the challenge of journalism

By ELI, JACK and LACHLAN

WRITING an article for the newspaper is a very exciting thing to do and being one of the *Bulletin's* journalists was something we were looking forward to, but the big question was what to write about.

All of year 5 were part of the editorial team with Alysha Beach as the editor. Together it was decided to look at old editions of the *Bulletin*. In 2011 the big headline was a self-managing project about new buildings at the school.

An unusual choice was to write an article about writing an article. The teacher thought that this would be an interesting and creative thing to do. We thought it would be easy.

Looking at the process of collecting information, talking to the photographers to decide on an image that would help tell the story and how in a few words we could interest a reader. It was soon realised what hard work it was and many drafts and re-drafts were needed.

The choice of words need to be interesting but descriptive and spelling was really difficult.

Writing the article made it obvious that communication and news is a very important part of our society because it is the way that people get information so that they are able to make informed decisions, give their opinions or join with others to bring about change. We now have a greater appreciation of the newspaper.

By EMILY DOBBINS, IMOGEN ROBERTSON, ISABELLA JENNINGS, KYLE THOMAS and DARCI COLLINS

IN our small school we have a lot of sport achievers in a wide variety of sports. Imogen is extremely good at athletics, as well as being a Lower Hunter Small Schools medal winner, she made it to Regional for 100-metre running and so did her sister Dakota. They were both good enough to make it into the final.

Emily, an excellent swimmer, trains hard every day. She has made it to State four times in 50-metre backstroke, 50-metre free-style and a medley relay. Lara, her sister is also a good swimmer, making it to Regionals.

The school is also keen on basketball, with state basketball player Isabella who is a very skilful player. Isabella and Kyle, another amazing basketball player, also play in a representative team: the Maitland Mustangs.

On August 5 a number of senior students, Sienna, Emily, Isabella, Kyle, Imogen, Eli, Darci and Abigail participated in a basketball gala day at Maitland.

Everyone went very well and the team won three out of four games but were unable to participate in the finals because of their visiting team status.



Sports stars of the future, from back Kyle Thomas, Isabella Jennings, Imogen Robertson, Emily Dobbins; front: Dakota Robertson, Lara Dobbins. Picture: Darci Collins

When your team mates catch the ball on the full you are back in. The aim of the game is to knock the

Black Hill Public School also has its own basketball team, the Black Hill Bandits. Reilly, Danny and Jake as well as those previously mentioned make up the team. The Bandits are improving all the time and play at Maitland Basketball Centre every Friday night.

The school also has an equestrian team that has had success in a

number of events in the Hunter this year.

Black Hill Public School not only participates in a number of established sports but has invented a game called Squidditch – it is like Quidditch without brooms. It uses special Squidditch balls, they have little rubber spikes on them. If you get hit waist down you are out.

cones on either side of the court over. Sometimes a golden snitch is added, which is a cone with a yellow ball on it. If you knock it over you automatically win.

In Term 4 the school hosts the Squidditch World Amateur Titles (S.W.A.T. Night). It is a night for all ages with student and adult championships.



The senior music group: Darci Collins, Isabella Jennings, Imogen Robertson and Alysha Beach. Picture: Larissa Milos

Students on positive note at school

By DARCI COLLINS and EMILY DOBBINS

AT Black Hill Public music is an important part of the curriculum. Students do singing, guitar, drums and other percussion instrument lessons.

Last year, senior students participated in the Abermain Eisteddfod for the first time, achieving fifth place in the overall competition. The

songs sung were *Tshotsholoza* – an African tribal song and *Absolutely Everybody*.

The school also has a guitar group that play and sing the national anthem at assemblies. Darci Collins is a drummer and said “it is awesome to be involved in school music, we have so much fun.” She will also be playing at the school presentation night at the end of the year.

Every Tuesday, Simone Collins gives the senior class a singing lesson. Simone sings in an all-girls group called Bella Voce. They have performed at many different places for many different occasions.

Last year in education week the senior students went to Thornton Public School to perform. Students said “it was very scary... but we performed very well”.

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