

Primary entry #14: Dungog Public School



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Dungog Public School students participating in the Sports in Schools program.

Picture: Alabama Spittles-Jukes

## Social skills and sport in one package at Dungog

By JESSICA OLSEN

SPORTS in Schools is a social and athletic program for students from kindergarten through to year 6.

It is a fun way to learn about sport and participate in social skills activities.

Physical Education teachers Jordan, Carlie and Matt bring the program to Dungog Public School once a week.

Sue Long, a teacher at the school, said that the program is "great because there are a lot of different activities and they also bring equipment that we can't provide".

Students never do the same activities twice and the whole school really enjoys the weekly program.

Eleven-year-old Molly Grant said "it's a great way to keep fit and it's better than running laps".

Kindergarten student Lucy Hay said: "It is fun. I like the equipment they bring".

By JESSICA OLSEN and SOPHIE BRAY

ON Tuesday, April 28, the students of Dungog Public School were entertained by a marvellous Auslan interpreted performance of *Cinderella* by Oz Opera.

The performance was organised by Donna Griffith.

As the itinerant hearing support teacher, Mrs Griffith was very excited when she heard that the cast of *Cinderella* had agreed to come to the school as there are several students with a hearing impairment and the students are learning sign language as part of a whole school signing initiative.

Altogether there were seven actors in the performance, including the shadow sign language interpreters Amanda and Paula who were in costume rather than standing on the side of the stage. After the performance the actors held a Q&A session.

Opera Australia's Schools Performance Company, Oz Opera, travels around giving around 400 performances a year in metropolitan and regional schools in Victoria and NSW and many thousands of students also attend their performances at the Sydney Opera House and the Arts Centre in Melbourne on subsidised tickets.

Oz Opera have already performed 80 shows so far this year.



Dungog Public School students with the cast of *Cinderella*.

Picture: Jessica Olsen

This story was not the regular old *Cinderella*, it was a more modern version. With Cindy's father and mother passed away she is forced to live with her stepbrother and sister and mother. They are not cruel or mean like the old version, they just get really carried away.

When stepsiblings Simone and Simon want to play, Cindy wants to

play the part of Cinderella but the stepsiblings argue over who will be Cinderella. Finally they come to the decision that Cindy would play Cinderella and the two stepsiblings would play the brother and sister.

Stage 2 student Liam Pearce liked the character Simon the best: "He was the funniest," he said.

The whole school laughed at the

funny dancing and silly jokes and were amazed by the wonderful singing and acting.

Stage 1 student Milla Quinn said, "The singing and dancing was really good and it was very funny." Stage 3 student Molly Grant said, "It was a wonderful performance. It made me laugh and was worth every cent."



Researchers Ebony Middlebrook, Jessica Martin and Ella Shelton-Jones. Picture: April Taleski-Williams

## Students adopt a veteran online

By MOLLY GRANT

TO help commemorate the centenary of the Gallipoli landing in First World War, a website Adopt a Veteran is available to school students to research the history of an Australian Imperial Force (AIF) veteran in their community.

Dungog Public School's teacher librarian Robyn Norris decided that the web-

site would provide a good opportunity for students from the Stage 3 Self Organised Learning Environment (SOLE) class to improve their research skills and learn more about the involvement of their relatives in WW1.

The students are really enjoying their research time. "I think it is a wonderful idea to let students find out about their ancestors'

war history. You can find out little details about them like where they enlisted, their age, their service number, what war they fought in and when they came home or when they died," said Sophie Bray.

Two of the SOLE students Lily Turner and Molly Grant presented the information about their chosen veteran at the school's recent Anzac Day ceremony.



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