

Primary entry #11: Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College



THE BISHOP TYRRELL BUGLE



WIN: Montana Monk and some of her awards. Picture: Niki Goodarzi

Gifted athlete was surely born to run

By NIKI GOODARZI

LITTLE Athletics State Champion Montana Monk may only be nine years old but she has achieved more than many adults in her sport.

Montana, a year 4 student at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College, is a triple age champion having won the swimming, athletics and cross country awards this year. Montana broke every college record except for the 100 metres and still holds all the records from last year.

During the HRIS (Hunter Region Independent School) Cross Country this year, Montana recorded the fastest 2000-metre time out of all eight, nine and 10-year-old boys and girls that competed.

Montana plans to continue her winning form for the upcoming athletic meet and has the goal of returning to the national meet as she did in 2012.

"Montana is very humble and extremely talented. She already ranks as one of the College's greatest athletes," said Andrew Roxby, head of PDHPE and Sport at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College.

Montana has competed in Little Athletics since she was just five years old.

When asked about Little Athletics, Montana said: "More people should join so they can stay fit and healthy and at the same time make new friends."

By JESSICA AITCHISON and KATHLEEN DOHERTY

FORGET pens and paper – iPads are the new school tool of choice.

Schools all around Australia are now seeing the opportunities that iPads can offer students as they quickly become an integral part of classroom teaching and learning.

"iPad for Learning" is a program supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Victoria and Apple.

It is undertaking trials of iPads in the classroom for students in all grades and so far, "the feedback from participating schools was overwhelmingly positive", a statement from the program said.

"This feedback has inspired us to continue to find new ways of personalising learning for our students in a way that is meaningful and engaging."

Laptops have been left behind for this portable, interactive and engaging medium.

At the start of 2013, Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College implemented the iPad program for students in years 5 to 7. It allowed students to have their own iPad as a key learning tool within lessons.

Jorja Stewardson, a year 5 student, talked excitedly about her classroom iPad experience.

"We can research, complete homework, read the class newslet-

ter, go to websites our teacher has chosen as well as watch videos that teach us how to do new things or watch something again we might have found hard in class," she said.

The world for the students has become completely portable as they pack it into their school bag every day.

Amy Bibby, a year 5 teacher said: "Using iPads is very beneficial for all learning areas but especially for humanity subjects, making content more engaging."

During term one, students completed a unit on democracy before their trip to Canberra.

"We didn't have a single lesson where we didn't utilise iPads," Ms Bibby said.

Alicha Dyer, head of primary at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College, said: "iPads are a fundamental learning tool that assists students to have real ownership of their education, establishing a stronger connection with their learning."

"iPads encourage students to explore, think, develop creative ways of doing things, generate their own questions, hypothesise, test, trial, modify and get excited about the possibilities of creating a deeper understanding."

TECH TIME: Kayla Folpp and Travis McCorkell use iPads in their classroom. Picture: James Lyall



DEVELOPMENT: Jorja Stewardson outside the new Fletcher Village centre. Picture: Mikayla Martin

Thriving community is expanding

By JORJA STEWARDSON

ON February 12, Fletcher came of age. In the past couple of years, this once quiet farming district has had schools flourish and new estates like The Sanctuary and Hidden Waters develop.

This created an urgent need for a new shopping destination. Fletcher Village's launch brought this community a Coles super-

market, a bank, a cafe and speciality shops such as Krust Bakery, Prestige Meats and Tokyo Sushi.

It also has fast food outlets and these will soon be joined by a pharmacy.

Fletcher resident Karen Jones said: "I already go down to Fletcher Village at least five times a week."

Another resident, Ruth Martin, said: "It is such an easy and quick drive to get

money and the shopping."

Damien Rush, manager of Prestige Meats, said: "My store came to the village because Fletcher is growing very fast and this shop brings new things to the society and will service the local growing population for years to come."

Fletcher Village allows residents to shop locally and provide employment opportunities.

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