



THE WAY







GATEWAY 8 JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM FROM MRS HARRIS

Teams come from as far away as Dee Why, Rouse Hill and the Southern Highlands.

On **Thursday 16 August**, a team of 8 students from our Junior School headed off to participate in GATEway 8 at Macarthur Anglican School.

Tasks are varied and challenging. Tasks have included: making a balloon powered car for Year 5 and 6 and a mouse trap car for Years 7 to 10, writing an exposition and creating an artwork in response to visual images, writing a piece of music using graphic notation, mathematics tasks and producing a re-enactment about people's reactions to, and cultural understanding of, introductions. In addition to being able to have strengths across the team in English, Maths, Geography, History, Science, Art, Drama and Music, the students have to be able to work well as a team to solve several problems.

The team was made up of:

Year 5: Jasmine L, Liam S and Elaine W.

Year 6: Alyssa M, Matthew P, Lucas C, Aaryan D and Nelly W.

Before the day the students did a team building activity involving building a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks. Unsurprisingly, this was a popular activity, especially as they got to eat the tower at the end.

It was a fantastic day and I'm so proud of all the students. They were very attentive and polite when the presenter was speaking and explaining everything and the students worked so well together as a team.

We achieved 1st place in Mathematics, Joint 1st place in Science, Joint 2nd place in Visual Arts, 3rd place in Music - all of these challenges contributed to the overall results. There were 25 teams in the competition in total.

The team had a great day and achieved 1st place overall in this competition.

Well done everyone!

Mrs Emma Harris

