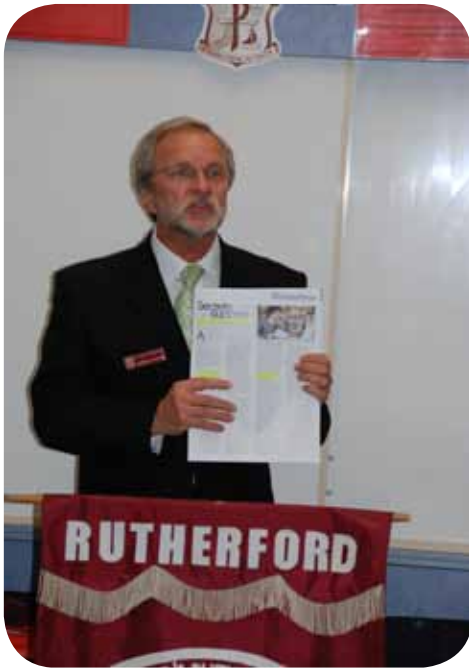


It's about headware, not hardware

The sight of eager students, eyes fixed on computer screens, demonstrating myriad applications to parents and younger siblings, was clear evidence that Year 6 at St Paul's Rutherford have embraced an innovative 'Seed Program' involving full access to Apple macbooks.



Introducing 'Expo 2011' late in June, principal Andrew Latham explained that the seed program was simply about identifying the most effective way to improve learning outcomes for students. In education, and society generally, learning is increasingly student driven rather than teacher centred. In fact, the expo showcased the students' ability to be teachers, and each 'student teacher' was teaching a different lesson!

Andrew said that it was "about headware, not hardware", because the technology that Apple Macs offer is enhancing learning in so many areas of the curriculum. From songwriting and recording to exploring the solar system, learning about levels of government and producing personalised Father's Day messages, the students' enthusiasm was clearly being enhanced by the quality of the outcomes they were achieving daily.

Bishop Bill Wright attended the expo and paid close attention to Laura Rumble's explanation of what she had learned.

