



Microsoft gives kids Unlimited Potential

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Microsoft's Australian managing director paid Cherbourg State School students a visit on Wednesday afternoon.

The school has been one of a number of educational institutes in Australia which receives funds and software as part of Microsoft's Unlimited Potential program.

Managing director Tracey Fellows and community affairs manager Paul Clark, along with other Microsoft staff members, were treated to a corroboree dance by students before touring the school.

Cherbourg primary has 11 computers which community members and high school students also access.

Older community members learn how to use computer programs and the students are able to use the facilities after school to do their homework.

"You really have to have IT skills to get ahead in this world," Mr Clark said.

Microsoft staff also presented Cherbourg students with a lap-top computer.

The school won the prize after entering the nation-wide Unlimited Potential competition last year.

Mr Clark said after awarding first and second place to other facilities, judges thought the Cherbourg entry deserved a special award.

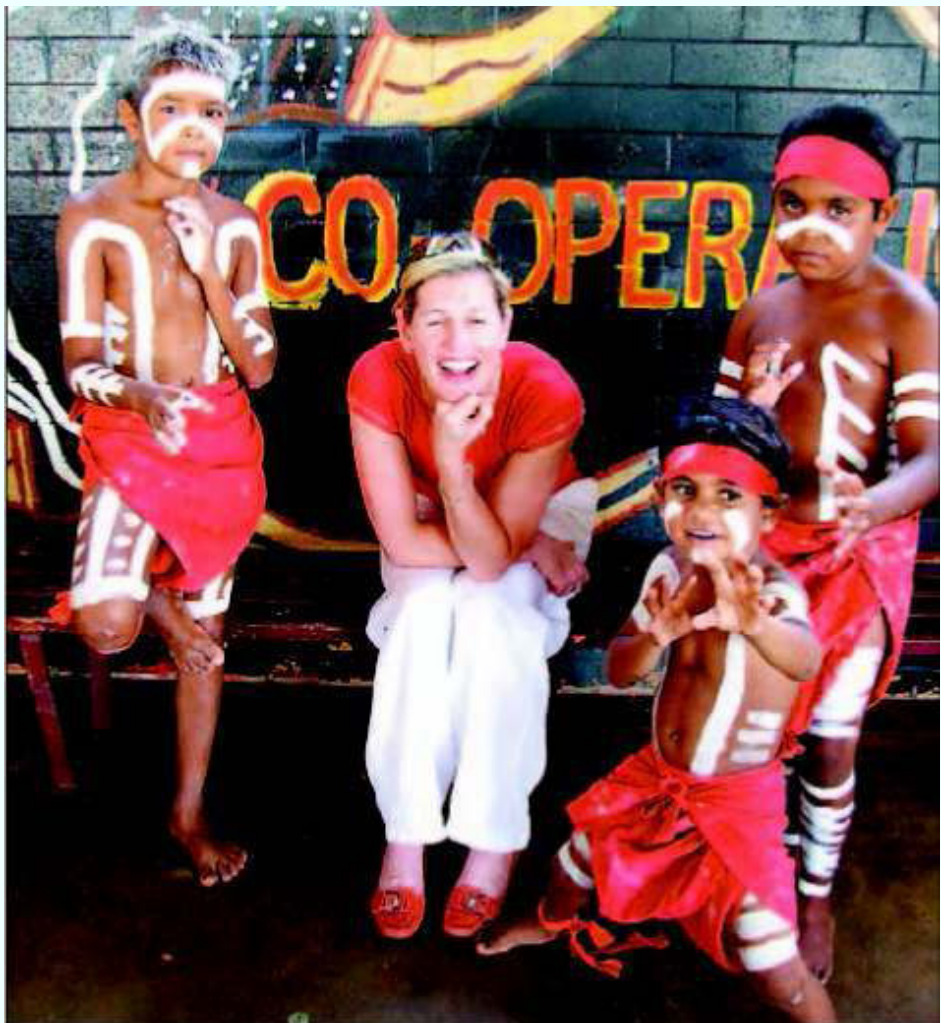
High school and primary school students were involved in the project.

They submitted a PowerPoint presentation about NAIDOC Day in Cherbourg.

Smith Family Cherbourg field worker Robyn Hofmeyr said it was great the school was being supported by high-profile people.

"She seemed really down-to-earth which was great and she seemed grateful for the experience.

"And we were grateful she came to visit," she said.



Microsoft's Australian managing director Tracey Fellows with Cherbourg State School students Fred Cobbo, Peter Langton and at the front Glen Fisher.