

Don't miss M.Z. garage sale this weekend

M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY MARIE WIENS

Special Education teacher

Students have been up to their ears in activities this week. People often think that learning happens only when students are sitting at desks, with the teacher instructing. The truth is that as much, if not more, learning occurs when students are actively involved in learning activities together.

The Kindergartens went to the Metro Toronto Zoo last Wednesday. Students will be able to dis-

cuss and learn, after having actually seen, and in some cases touched, the real animals.

The Kindergarten students also had a bake sale yesterday (Tuesday) to raise money for their trip to Harbourfront in June.

Grades 1 and 2 have finished their "Make it Go" experiments and will present them in their classes. They did a terrific job!

Grades 2/3 have also been doing "Make it Go" experiments. In Mrs. Bannerman's room, students made a car with working headlights, that runs on its own power.

And Mrs. Spencer's class's creations are popping up all over: a fountain, a rocket and an airplane are just a few of things they've made.

The Grade 4/5s presented *The Twelfth Night* last week. It was a smashing success! We're very proud of the students who performed so well.

We need to thank the choir and recorder band, as they helped set the mood of the play. Thanks also to Tuitman's for lending us the potted shrubs we used as props.

And a huge thank you to the

four dedicated teachers who organized the play: Mr. Waitson, Mrs. Graham, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Mashinter.

The most important piece of news this week is our Garage Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday. It runs from 9 am till noon and will also have a snack bar. If you have items you'd like to donate, bring them to the school before Friday. And don't forget to come on Saturday — you're sure to find a bargain!

Trunk Sale next Sat.

Acton's community Trunk Sale — introduced last year by the Action for Acton group — kicks off the summer season with a sale next Saturday, May 20.

From 9 am to 1 pm residents can load up their car trunks and head to the giant garage sale in the parking lot across from the Hide House.



POWER-READING! These M.Z. Bennett students were well-equipped to take part in Reading Celebration Day last Thursday. From left: Kristy Hagggett, Stephanie Thompson, Amelia Barens, Laura Barens, Rachel McKnight, Ashley Holman and Raven English. (Doug Harrison photo)

'Tribute to Broadway' coming up

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARY PAT O'MEARA & STEFANIE VIDIC

St. Joseph's track and field teams are preparing for an event at Bishop Reding High School in Milton. There are many meets coming up and the teams are working very hard.

Last Tuesday we had an Open House to kick off Catholic Education Week, and our theme was "We are the Future: International Connections." Children from the Junior class entertained everyone with their fabulous square dancing, and many parents actually joined in too.

Ms. Spiak's Grade 5-6 class went on an interesting "Earth-

keeper" trip to Rocky Ridge Ranch south of Acton last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Morris's class presented their European folk dancing display last Thursday. Many parents came out to enjoy this.

On Friday, we started the day with a school Mass and in the afternoon we had casual pictures taken.

Saturday was chorus practice! Remember, it's only one week till *A Tribute to Broadway!* Order your tickets now. You can phone Mrs. Lenizky at the school (853-3730) to reserve your seats.

Our Grade 2 class had their First Communion celebration at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday. They enjoyed a special First Com-

munion breakfast on Monday, prepared by the P.T.A.

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