

Ocean Grove students put on a dazzling display of artworks at The Hive

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OCEAN Grove Primary School is once again hosting its annual art show at The Hive Gallery.

Visual arts teacher Andrea Thompson said staff and students were really excited to get the art show up and running after a two-year hiatus.

“It’s nice to have a celebration and produce some joyful artworks after such a challenging year,” Ms Thompson said.

“It’s also really great to collaborate with The Hive and the wider school community.”

The exhibition is also a fundraiser for the school and students in all year levels have had the opportunity to donate a piece of art.

“We really value exhibiting student artwork in a real-life gallery to give them the full rich experience,” Ms Thompson said.

Ocean Grove student Ava revealed the secret to making a great artwork was a combination of effort and clever colour selection.

“Try your best and use lots of colours ... particularly pink and aqua”

And with so many bright and dazzling artworks on display you could be forgiven for wondering whether the Tate Modern was missing a Matisse or two.

Ms Thompson said the students delved into looking at artists and artistic inspiration from a variety of different genres.

“We’ve looked at everything from fantasy art to contemporary artists,” she said.

The Grade 6 students kickflipped convention by creating a series of artworks on skateboard decks.

“We were wanting to keep engagement levels high with the grade six students and also give them a memento to remember their time at



primary school so we thought skateboards were the perfect medium,” Ms Thompson said.

“The students have had so many challenges this year so it’s really nice for students to be able to have a celebration of this kind.”

The art show will take place on Friday, December 3 at Hive Gallery. Donated artworks can then be purchased for \$5 each.

Visual arts teacher Andrea Thompson (centre) with Lara, Ava, Alfie and Abigail (left to right). The art show will take place on Friday, December 3 at Hive Gallery. Donated artworks can then be purchased for \$5 each.



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