



JUMPING FOR JOY: Energy conscious students from The Caves State School (from left), Carl Robinson, Riley Shadow, Alley Clews, Caitlin Farrell, Betsy Blazakook and Callan Slattery found themselves jumping for joy during Energy Safety Week. Picture supplied



DON'T TOUCH: Cielo Robinson of The Caves State School spots the electrical danger in this kitchen appliance.



SWITCHED ON: Mia Krantz of The Caves State School participates in energy safety and efficiency activities at the school.

Switched-on kids learn the safe way to use power

STUDENTS from The Caves State School joined more than 200,000 students across the state to "Switch for safety" during Origin's Energy Safety Week.

Energy Safety Week, now in its fourth year, was an opportunity to help prevent energy-related injuries to children in and around the home.

Throughout the week, students learned what energy was and how to keep safe around gas and electricity.

This year's theme, energy safety in the kitchen, encouraged students to keep safe around kitchen appliances and cords, and to share safety messages in fun and creative ways with the school community.

Caves teacher Mary Pitman and her year 3 to 4 students wrote poems about using appliances safely and precautions for working in

the kitchen, which they recited during an Energy Safety Week parade at the school. Mrs Pitman said she had been using Origin's education materials to look at where energy comes from, how it works and how to use gas and electricity safely.

how to use power safely

"Energy Safety Week is a fun way to introduce energy safety in the kitchen to students. It's important they learn the proper use for appliances and the safest way to handle them," she said.

The Caves State School students also participated in Ori-

gin's Switched On students program, a search for schools undertaking interesting and exciting energy safety and/or efficiency activities.

By participating, The Caves State School could be selected as one of the best Switched On students' case studies, eligible for a \$500 cash grant and showcased on Origin's website for public voting.

The most popular case study, will win the major prize of \$20,000 to spend on energy saving initiatives at their school.

Frenchville State School teacher Sandra Clew and her year 3 and 4 students also participated in Energy Safety Week, and acted as the school's energy detectives as they carried out appliance safety checks in all classrooms.

Students also built a balloon-powered bumper car designed to teach students the relationship between energy safety and efficiency.