Making a meal of maths

PIZZA has been used to instruct more than 140 local primary school students about fractions. The unique and tasty education tool was one aspect of ‘The Amathing Race’ held at Taree Racecourse.

Year 7 students kicked off the entertaining form of maths education.

More than 80 students from Chatham High School participated in a maths field day that involved students being divided into teams that were then tasked with maths based practical activities. The activities required the students to have knowledge of concepts such as shape, volume and number.

The various challenges were later embraced by primary school students.

Incorporating maths education in a pizza lunch was one aspect of the March 15 event spearheaded by Chatham High School’s Priority Schools Numeracy Program.

Students from Upper Lansdowne, Lansdowne, Coopernook, Harrington, Crowdy Head, Cundletown, Chatham and Manning Gardens Schools attended.

According to Chatham High School Community Liaison Officer, Jenn Curtis, the premise of The Amathing Race encouraged students to solve clues and race from one maths activity to another to try to win the race.

Ms Curtis said The Amathing Race was the creation of eight Chatham High School teachers and 20 of its best maths students.