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### Celebrating National Volunteer Week 15 – 21 May 2006

Macedon Ranges Shire Council recognizes the important role that volunteers play in our community and would like to invite volunteers from local groups and clubs to attend an evening of celebration, information and networking as part of National Volunteer Week. The event will be held **Tuesday 16 May from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Kyneton Town Hall.**

The first part of the night will provide volunteers with an opportunity to meet and chat with other volunteers, council staff and councillors. Council officers will be available to speak to regarding applications for the 2006 Community Funding Scheme. Importantly, this is an opportunity for Council to thank volunteers for the tremendous work they do in the community. Light refreshments will be provided

The second part of the evening will commence at 7.15pm with local guest speakers discussing **Marketing and Promotion** for Community Groups.

The evening is open to volunteers from any community group in the Macedon Ranges Shire but participants must register to attend. Volunteers would be more than welcome to only attend the presentation if they cannot make the informal session. Please RSVP to register and to assist us with catering by contacting Anne-Louise Lindner, Community Development Team Leader on 5427 8247 or email [alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) Registrations close on Friday 12 May. For any further information, please do not hesitate to call the above number.

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**The word on the ward**

The Council has decided to look at new names for our three wards, which offer a better connection to our Macedon Ranges region than the current East, West and South wards. And the views and suggestions of the community are going to play a key role in the decision. I realise that we've officially had our "new" ward names only since the last election, but I support the proposal to select names that are more reflective of who we are and our own unique identity.

The suggestions we are seeking should consider such things as the historic, cultural and environmental characteristics of each ward – and could include honoring the name of a person or family who is significant in our history. My preference is to rename the East Ward as Deep Creek Ward. Our wonderful creek meanders through much of the east of the Shire before it joins other rivers and becomes our mighty Maribyrnong – one of Melbourne's two main rivers. Deep Creek rises on the Macedon Range foothills at Newham, swings along the foothills of the Cobaws, becomes the "field of lances" in the bulrushes just north of Lancefield, then becomes a stronger stream as it flows down to the east of Romsey, finally exiting the Shire at Darraweit Guim. It is a fitting name as it embraces much of our ward.

That's my view. But we want everyone's views and ideas on the name change proposal, and I urge everyone with an interest to have their say. The Council will be undertaking a comprehensive community information campaign over the next couple of months seeking suggestions, and we will send letters to local community groups and schools for their input. Submissions are required by June 9, and then a working group will present a report to Council in July. A shortlist of suggestions will then be put back to the community.

**Not taken for granted**

The 2006/07 round of Council's community funding scheme, which provides grants for local clubs and organisations, is being launched this month. The scheme has distributed around \$1 million to worthy groups over the past 10 years, and I urge any of our hard-working volunteer groups to apply if they need funding for a project. The categories are for recreation and facilities grants, community services/youth grants, and culture, festivals and events grants. Interested groups should attend the launch and information briefing at the Kyneton Town Hall on May 16 – during Volunteers Week – to obtain advice and more detail of eligibility. They should also go to the [website www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) to get further information and contact details. **Applications close on June 9, and I would expect that the successful applicants will be notified in early August. I urge all groups within the East Ward to consider an application.**

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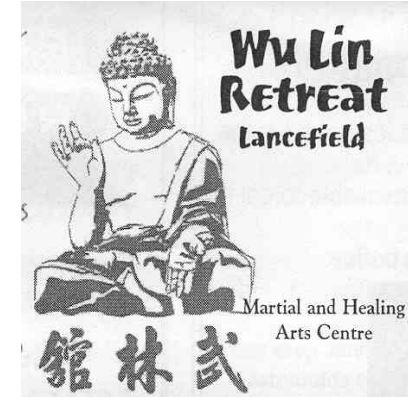
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School Principal:	Mr. Anthony Falls	School:	5429 1359

Parish Website: [www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield](http://www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield)

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**Saturday:** 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

**1<sup>st</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:**

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

#### RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

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For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Sr. Frances, 5429 1582 or 5429 2130.

#### REGULAR EVENTS

##### **SVDP Drop-In:**

First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

##### **Spiritual Guidance:**

Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

#### HIRE OF CHURCH HALL

The Romsey Church Hall is now available for regular hire on weekdays. The hall is also available for special events eg: parties (conditions apply). Please contact the Presbytery for further information.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### **ABORIGINAL MESSAGE STICK**

A message stick was used amongst the aborigines to communicate messages, trade, etc. A message stick is being sent around parishes by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. Our Parish will receive a message stick from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> May. It is a time to reflect upon the place of aborigines in our community and on the message of Pope John Paul II twenty years earlier.

*'...the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you (Indigenous Australians) have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.'*

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

##### **THE BOY FROM OZ**

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**Date:** Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 6.30 p.m. (last performance)

**Venue:** Rod Laver Arena

**Tickets:** \$149 each (includes bus to and from venue)

To book or for more information, please phone the Presbytery on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

#### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Sunday

14<sup>th</sup> May

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At 11:40 a.m. there will be a **Poetry Recital Performance** given by each grade level.

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Cheers, Pauline

### **The Touch – Colleen McCullough**

I gave up wading through McCullough's 'First Man in Rome' series when I spent more time flicking back to the cast of characters than actually reading the story. Sometimes her books just get bogged down in too much detail (and too many Julia's and Julius's). Happily, *The Touch*, sees her back to her best with a family saga set amidst the NSW gold rushes of the late 1800's. Alexander Kinross definitely has the Midas touch when it comes to making a fortune and he decides to write back home to his native Scotland to acquire a young bride to breed his future descendents. Accordingly 16 year old Elizabeth Drummond is despatched to Sydney - lonely, frightened and overwhelmed with the imposed changes in her life. Needless to say she and Alexander are not brilliantly compatible, and as he also has a mistress, Ruby, who he is passionately in love with, the plot can only thicken.

### **Bravemouth: living with Billy Connolly – Pamela Stephenson**

In 2002 Billy Connolly turned 60. This book tells the story of that year in his life when he tried to grow old disgracefully, or at the very least, 'beigelessly'. Interspersed with anecdotes from the previous decades of his life, are the plans for his 60th birthday celebrations, his work commitments and his family's responses to his dress sense! Definitely a tad more light-hearted than her biography Billy, 'Pamsy' has managed to draw a picture of this famous comedian as a mainly relaxed, easy-going, banjo-picking, loving father and grandfather. A selection of photos compliments the text and I particularly like the one captioned, "So you want to date our daughter?" A must for admirers of this man's work.

### **Double Exposure – Brian Caswell**

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**(April 2006)**

**Coming Events**

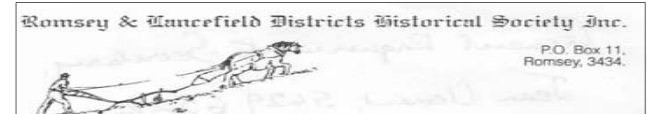
**2006 International Landcare Conference - Melbourne**

**When:** 8-11 October 2006

**Where:** Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

**Conference details:** The 2006 International Landcare Conference is entitled 'Landscapes, Lifestyles & Livelihoods'. Further information on the conference and the conference program can be accessed via the conference website, or by contacting the conference organisers: Waldron Smith Management, 61 Danks Street West, Port Melbourne, VIC 3207, Tel: 9645 6311, Email: info@wsm.com.au

**Conference website:** Visit the International Landcare Conference website via the following link: [www.internationallandcareconference2006.com.au](http://www.internationallandcareconference2006.com.au)



**Tuesday, 23rd May—7.30pm**  
**Special Guest Speaker— All Welcome**

Long-time resident of Darraweit Guim (and now of Kilmore) John Cleve will be our popular Guest Speaker at the May Meeting. John is a well-known raconteur and will have many a tale about Darraweit and district with which to entertain us. We meet at 7.30pm in historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, for a brief business meeting followed by our Speaker, with cuppa and chat afterwards. Visitors are always welcome.

Many thanks to Ann and Mike Goldsworthy for allowing us to see the old National Bank Building in April. From a preserving history perspective, we are lucky that this prominent building has such dedicated owners.

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## National Volunteer Week 15 – 21 May

Macedon Ranges Shire Council invites  
Representatives from your organisation to an  
Evening of celebration, information and networking  
Marketing and Promotion for Community Groups

**DATE:** TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006  
**TIME:** 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
**VENUE:** KYNETON TOWN HALL, MOLLISON ST., KYNETON.

### Timetable for the evening:

#### 6.30pm – 7.15pm

Opportunity for volunteers to meet and chat with other volunteers, Council Staff and Councillors. Council Officers will be available to speak to regarding applications for the 2006 Community Funding Scheme. Light refreshments will be provided.

#### 7.15pm – 8.15pm

Local guest speakers on Marketing and Promotion for Community Groups.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Council Officers will again be available to speak to regarding the Community Funding Scheme.

Please RSVP to register and to assist us with catering by contacting  
Anne-Louise Lindner, Community Development Team Leader on 5427 8247  
or e-mail [alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au)

Registrations close on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.



## LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

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### Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

19 Feb T.Lambert (6) 45  
25 Feb T.Potts (12) 44; G.Haynes (11) 40  
4 March **Monthly Medal**, G.Hecker (10) 69;  
B.Courtney (18) 70  
5 March K.McBride (23) 41; D.Ryan (3) 38  
12 March L.Simon (15) 44; T.Hyland (8) 43  
18 March S.Dickie(30) 64; T.Hyland (6) 69  
25 March J.Kairns 48; D.Dennett (19) 44  
8 April **Multiple Stableford:** D.Ryan/  
G.Dudderidge 74  
15 April **Easter Cup:** S.Hawkins (12) 67; G.Hecker (10) 71  
**Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)**  
21 Feb M.Whelan (5) 37; T.Allen (13) 37  
28 Feb C.Lingard (7) 69; R.Mau (9) 69  
7 March W.Ray (31) 32; T.Allen (13) 32  
14 March J.Clough(12) 39; W.Ray (31) 35  
21 March W.Ray (31) 36; B.Lockens (6) 36  
4 April W.Ray (31) 70; W.Salathiel (20) 70  
11 April P.McLaughlan (15) 38; W.Ray (31) 35

The inaugural North-West/Central Victorian Pub Challenge initiated by Lancefield Golf Club was held in mild weather conditions on 26<sup>th</sup> February. 186 players making up 31 teams from the region had a great day. The team from Diggers' Rest Hotel went away with the first prize of 20 slabs of beer and a year's membership for the Hotel's

Publican. Lancefield Hotel were the runners-up taking 10 slabs for their efforts. The day was a great success and it is hoped that the Challenge will become a regular event on the Lancefield Calendar.

The Social and Fundraising Committee has been hard at work over recent weeks. The Last Man Standing Event at the Clarkefield Hotel raised \$1500, the Trivia Night on 1<sup>st</sup> April raised about \$900 and the Easter Raffle brought in about \$450. The winner of First Prize was Coral Schembri, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Trevor Lambert and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to Carol Daniel. Lancefield Golf Club wishes to thank everyone who supported this raffle. The Club owes a great deal to Committee Member Carole Mee, the initiator of most of these fund raising events.

The Pennant Season has been in full swing with four teams entered. Three of the four teams entered have won 2 matches and lost one. All teams have a chance of making the finals.

The course is in good condition for this, very dry time of year. It is surprising that more golfers are not availing themselves of the chance to play on our course with no waiting, greens and fairways in good condition (although the fairways are dry, there is good run). A day's golf costs only \$15. The Club's kitchen is open on Saturdays from 11 am and offers a great meal for a very reasonable price (less than \$10 per person). The kitchen is open on Sundays when Social Groups make a booking, otherwise on Sundays until about 2 or 3 pm depending on demand, pies, sausage rolls and hot dogs are available and drinks of course can be purchased over the bar.

**Enquires for memberships and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper (5429 2079) or access our website [www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au](http://www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au)**

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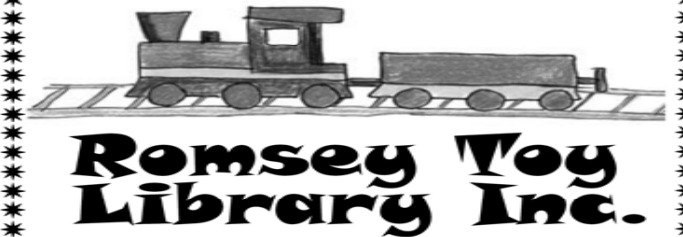
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**Romsey Football & Netball Club**

Well, the season has now started. At the time of writing we have played once and achieved mixed success in both the Netball and Football matches. It's too early to make comments yet.


We will need players, so supporters keep looking! New jumpers have been purchased and numbers selected. The new computerised team sheets caused a few problems for all clubs, but we will get it right next time.

The Muddy Rock races helped us financially, thanks to all who helped. We also had a big clean out of the scoreboard building and canteen. The canteen also had some minor alterations thanks to Ray Blair, Rob, ladies and the usual helpers. The work space is extended and more storage area is available.

Most of the new sponsors signs have been completed and compliment the oval. Thursday nights are getting very popular, all are welcome, so please come along and meet the players, supporters, committee etc.

John Lynch  
President

**Romsey Uniting Church**  
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Marion is available for Pastoral Care on Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
Church Council : Noel Shaw - 5429 5509 Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



*You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship*

**UnitingCare - SHARE Community Appeal.**  
In February, The Romsey Uniting Church held the Uniting Care "Pancake Day" as so many other churches and individuals did all over Australia and Tasmania. We raised the sum of \$234.00.

UnitingCare's Pancake Day is now firmly established on the Australian community calendar. With the number of Pancake Day events more than doubling this year across Australia, it is impossible to ignore the day's success. In total there were 3,850 events across Australia (1593 last year), with 970 of these taking place in Victoria and Tasmania. The February "Pancake Day" held each year is the only major fundraising UnitingCare holds during the year.

Pancake Day has proven a wonderful vehicle for spreading the word about the work of the church and its community service programs - addressing poverty and disadvantage. People can register for next year on 1800 060 543 or at <www.pancakeday.com.au>. The next Pancake Day is Tuesday 20 February, 2007.

Jenny Ellis from UnitingCare - Share Australia will be leading the worship in the Romsey Uniting Church on Sunday 7th May, you are invited to come along and join in that worship.

The following is a letter that we received from Jenny Ellis outlining some of the work done by Uniting Care's Share Community Appeal.

"Just before Christmas, I travelled with a film crew across regional Victoria, making a new national DVD on UnitingCare.

Our first stop was UnitingCare Ballarat's meals program, funded by donations to UnitingCare's SHARE Community Appeal. This program opens every day of the year to provide hot, nutritious meals for homeless people. While waiting for filming to start, I spent two hours in the company of a wonderful old man, whom we will call Jim.

Jim is 80 years old, and sleeps huddled in doorways on the cold streets of Ballarat. With his grey hair sprouting from beneath a tattered hat and possessions bundled in a plastic bag it was difficult not to feel sorry for Jim.

"

When Jim left, a social worker told me that he has a mental illness. While he now lives on the streets, he once had a job and a beautiful home in the local area. He still has the house, but it is filled to the rafters with rubbish, rotting food and rats. You can't even open the front door. In desperation and unable to control his compulsion to hoard junk, Jim has resorted to spending the years he has left living on the streets.

"I don't know what would happen to me without UnitingCare," he told me.

Your support of Pancake Day, UnitingCare's only national fundraising event, will enable us to fund more than 50 programs like Ballarat UnitingCare's meals program.

Your support will also enable us to distribute \$200,000 in food vouchers through our CommunityCare program. These food vouchers help UnitingCare agencies feed those - like Jim - who are very hungry and have nowhere else to turn.

Thankyou again for participating in Pancake Day and helping us to support more than 1.3 million men, women and children across Australia.

Yours sincerely,  
Jenny Ellis - Director of Appeals."

To find out more about work done by UnitingCare - SHARE contact numbers are listed below.  
UnitingCare Phone: 9251 5251 / Fax: 9654 4110  
Email: share@vic.uca.org.au  
Web: www.shareappeal.org.au

Services at Romsey Uniting Church during May.	
7th.	9am. Worship and Sunday School. Service conducted by Jenny Ellis - Share Australia
14th	9am. Holy Communion and Sunday School Service conducted by Marion Latham
21st	9am Worship and Sunday School. Service conducted by the Worship Team
28th	9am. Worship and Sunday School Service conducted by Marion Latham.



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## HOUSE NEWS

### YOGA IS FOR EVERYONE

Not only for those who seek an alternative lifestyle; but yoga is a must for all of us. Our bodies undergo stress and strain on a daily basis and regular yoga exercises help alleviate the impact of our day's activities. Whether we work behind a desk, on the farm, in the garden, or care for children we need to stretch and strengthen our bodies.

I studied yoga in India for three years and I met people in their seventies who were as strong and supple as I am in my thirties. Why? because they practice yoga on a regular basis. Yoga truly is a god-send; its holistic approach strengthens, tones and stretches muscles; internal organs are renewed to help prevent disease, and relaxation and guided meditation focus on bringing the mind to a peaceful state.

The least you can do for yourself is try a class; and I promise you there will be no contortionist poses, unless you already practice and want to go deeper.

**Classes currently run through the Romsey Community House at the Romsey Primary School every Mon at 7.00pm; cost is \$10 per class.**

**Expressions of interest for another yoga class (day or evening) in Romsey, please call Kym Oliver on: 5429-2134.**

Other programmes currently running under the umbrella of the Community house are:

Writer's Group on Wednesday nights

Relaxation and Meditation on Wednesday nights

Aerobics—4 sessions per week on Mondays and

Wednesdays at the Rec Centre

Scrapbooking on every second Wednesday at the Old Court House (CFA Headquarters)

Drop-In Craft Mornings every Thursday at 10.30am at CFA Headquarters

For information about any of these programmes please contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 BH) or 0412 275 152 (AH).

If you have any suggestions for activities or programmes please contact the above numbers or write to us at P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

### UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ROMSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE

The committee is very actively involved in negotiations and plans for our permanent location within the Community Hub being developed by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. At the same time, we are exploring the possibility of establishing links with the committee of the fledgling Riddells creek Neighbourhood House, to jointly lobby for support from the state government. Our committee meets monthly, and welcomes input from members of our community. Watch this space for details of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

# Mother's Day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May Special Fun Service

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### Cross Country Race at Heskett P. S.

Each year we try to enter as many sporting activities as possible. The first activity is the Cross Country. It is usually held at Hanging Rock so it is always a beautiful place to run. We are able to run in four different age groups, they are 9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years. The 9s and 10s run two kilometres and the 11s and 12/13s run three kilometres.

Usually we only have about five or six runners but this year we had more than ever, we had 16 people compete.



Carlo



Daniel

Before the races we had to train so that we would be fit and not hurt ourselves in the race. We marked out a track at school and trained at Play and Lunch. Each day we would try to do more laps. The 11s and 12/13s had to run 12 laps and the 9 & 10s had to run 8. We made a list and marked off each runner each day so that we knew who was training and how many laps they were doing. It made a big difference on the day.

Our results were;

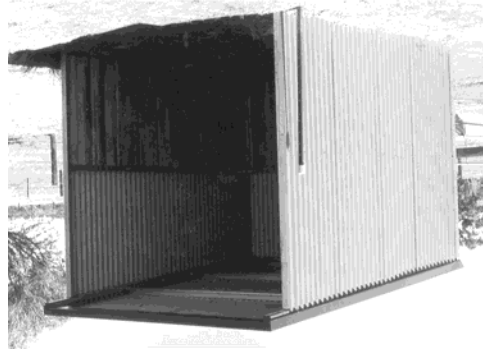
- **9 boys** - Shannon – 23rd, Lachlan – 3rd, Ryan – 33rd, Sean H – 39th,
- **9 Girls** - Tess – 10th, Matilda – 8th,
- **10 boys** - Liam – 39th, Billy – 35th, Alec – 32nd
- **10 girls** - Emma – 40th, Linley – 37th,
- **11 boys** – Daniel W – 13th, Hayden – 37th,
- **12/13 Boys** – Carlo – 17, Nick – 14, Matt – 52

We cheered our team on and the other teams too. Everyone in our team finished their race whether it was 2Km or 3Km, they all finished. At the end of the day all of us had had a great time.

Carlo & Daniel W

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## BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had such a busy start to the term but when you are working with children, you are always busy, life is never dull and how time flies !!!

Tuesday morning Assembly sees the students recite our Statement of Commitment after the National Anthem. This is followed by the presentation of weekly Principal's Awards, and any news that has to be passed on to the whole school. It is always nice to see a good attendance of parents at Assembly as well.

Every morning (weather permitting) we all walk our "K a Day", which means we walk a kilometre or more around the Bolinda Reserve on the new Bolinda Walking Track that was officially opened by Cr. John Connor just before the holidays. Some days the children walk with a ball to catch or bounce as they go, reinforcing ball handling skills as they walk. Many parents also take the opportunity to walk and talk with their children at this time as well.

We have had three clinics from Victorian Golf Association professional, John O'Halloran, who took the children through the basics of golf, how to stand, the different clubs and how to approach the game. They were very well received by the children and some could see that maybe golf was the game for them. Several parents have since been asked to have a round of golf with their children. Maybe the next Baddeley, Scott, Webb or Norman are just starting their career!!!

An AFL clinic with two Essendon players was also a recent highlight. Jason Winderlich and Kepler Bradley did a terrific job going through the skills necessary for a footy player and a great question and answer session followed with both players signing many autographs and footy cards for the children. Our children were very pleased to hear that Jason had come from a small rural school in Gippsland with only 50 children like us at Bolinda. He was very encouraging to the children that coming from a small school did not stop them from achieving their aims and dreams as long as they were prepared to work hard at what they wanted to do.

Under the marvellous instruction of one of our parents, all children have been participating in the preparation of healthy meals for the whole school as part of our Bolinda Blooming Lunch Program. Peta Heine has worked with renowned chef, author and personality Stephanie Alexander at the Collingwood Children's Kitchen Project and has brought her expertise to our classrooms to assist in the education of our children. It has been a wonderful success. The children take part in planting vegetables in the schools vegie garden, they then harvest the crop, prepare the food in the kitchen and all enjoy the healthy lunch afterwards. They see the whole picture regarding the food they eat. Then they take a copy of the recipe home to help in the kitchen and show off their skills to mum and dad.

Older children wrote to Commonwealth Games athletes before the holiday and they were very fortunate to receive 4 replies including a hand written letter from Bowls Gold medallist, Kelvin Kerkow, encouraging the children to have a go at Lawn Bowls.

Correspondence continues between the Grade 4-5-6 children and our very dear, long time pen friend, Jackie French. When Bolinda children first wrote to Jackie in 1995, Jackie had only written 2-3 books, she has now taken that total to well over 100, with three books having been dedicated to the children of Bolinda. Jackie still hand writes letters to every child from the school who writes to her. She truly is our "special friend".

We certainly have been and continue to be very busy at Bolinda. At the time of writing, our ANZAC Day service is being planned with all grade 5-6 children to take part in the proceedings with readings or explanations about the ANZAC story. We will all sit around our pine tree in the school grounds that is a direct relative from the original seeds brought back from Lone Pine in Gallipoli in 1918. Lest We Forget.

Our 4 new Preps are thriving after a term with all the exciting activities of their new classroom and school. How quickly they learn to mix with the older children in the different playground activities. One of the really wonderful things about a rural school is seeing children of all ages mixing in together and learning to get along with each other.

All schools have many hard workers behind the scenes that help the school in ways that everyone does not often see and don't necessarily know about. This is often the case during school holidays just passed. People who water gardens, feed the school cat, clean out chook pens, sweep pathways, check out water pumps, cut grass, check spouting and a lot of other little jobs that just have to be done. In a small school like ours, people just tend to jump in and help where and when they can. A very big 'Thank You' to all the helpers.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – drop in and see us sometime - cheerio for now.

**Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317**



