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The Romsey Medical Centre is delighted to announce the first anniversary of the opening of the extended clinic. The past year has been extremely hectic and many changes have occurred over this time. In addition to the provision of general practice, our permanent and visiting specialists have settled in very well and the list of specialists attending the surgery is growing steadily. A new general practitioner, Dr Navcen (Sunny) Singh, will be joining our practice in August. He is completing his specialist general practice training during this time and will prove to be a very popular addition to our team of Doctors. With the many new features of the Medical Centre, this newsletter will focus on the range of services provided.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

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- * Counselling
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- * Orthopaedics (Bone disorders)



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CLINIC HOURS & APPOINTMENTS ROMSEY

Monday - Friday 8 am - 9 pm
Saturday & Sunday 9 am - 5 pm

RIDDELLS CREEK

Mon.- Fri. 8.30 - 6 pm

We try to minimise waiting time by operating an appointment system. Appointments, which are routinely of 10-15 minutes duration, may be made in person or by telephoning either Medical Centre. You can help us run on time by advising the reception staff if you anticipate a longer time for complicated procedures such as:

- * Insurance, pre-employment or licence examinations
- * Annual reviews of "check ups"
- * Multiple medical problems
- * More than one family member to be seen
- * Counselling or emotional problems

Please note that emergencies are seen immediately and take priority over booked appointments.

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MACEDON RANGES HEALTH CARE

AFTER HOURS ACCIDENTS & EMERGENCIES

Outside normal clinic hours the duty doctor can be contacted 24 hours a day by telephoning (054) 295 254. The call will immediately divert to the doctor's home or mobile telephone. As the diverter may take some time before it rings the doctor's telephone, please allow plenty of "rings" for your call to be answered. If an answering machine responds to your call, this means that the doctor is out on an emergency visit. Leave a message and the answering machine will contact the doctor to relay your message. The ambulance service can also be contacted 24 hours a day by telephoning 11440. **FEES** All holders of Health Care Cards, Pensioner Health Benefit Cards and Veteran Affairs Cards are eligible for bulk-billing. Private patients are billed according to the fees current at that time. Please ask the reception staff or refer to the fee list on display in the waiting area. These fees are above the rebate available from Medicare. This is necessary to provide the facilities and high quality care we think you deserve. As with most businesses, payment is required at the time of consultation. Cheques, EFTPOS, (debit and credit cards) are accepted. If you are not a card holder and anticipate having difficulty paying the fees charged, please discuss this with your doctor at the time of consultation.

THE DOCTORS

Dr. Paul Carter, Dr. Sally Carter, Dr. Noel Cunningham & Dr. Petrina Barson (Vocationally registered)
Dr. Naveen (Sunny) Singh Vocationally registered (Aug 1996)



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Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Wood BTh,
33 Chauncey Street
Lancefield, Victoria, 3435
Telephone (054) 291 380

Sundays

9am Family Eucharist: St Paul's, Romsey.

10:30am Family Eucharist: Christ church, Lancefield.
(both services have Sunday School)

Wednesday

10:00 am Service Christ Church, Lancefield.

Every day: (except Sundays and Mondays) Just a reminder that there is morning prayer at 9.15. These are at present only being held at Christ Church Lancefield. This is a short service lasting 15 minutes and is a good way to begin a days work after dropping the children off at school.

Coming up:

Sunday 21st July: 10am special service at Christ Church, Lancefield for the pastoral visit of Bishop Andrew St John, Bishop of the western region of the Diocese of Melbourne. Followed by morning tea. Sunday school and creche facilities are provided. All other services that day are cancelled.

Sunday 28th July: Guest speaker from the Gideons society at both centres.

Funerals:

21st May. Alma Ada Day, 90 years of Station Rd, Romsey. Friends and family gathered in St Paul's in her honour, to give thanks to God for her life, entrust her to his keeping, and to commit her body to the ground. The burial was at Lancefield cemetery followed by afternoon tea in the church hall.

26 June: Janet Bowen Pain, 90yrs Karinya Home Lancefield. Funeral 26th June at Christ Church, Lancefield followed by a burial at the cemetery. Janet's fascinating obituary can be read in the Lancefield Mercury.

Visitors, explorers, newcomers are always made welcome at any of our services. You may just turn up or phone and let us know before hand.

Please feel free to ring anytime for any pastoral or religious concerns

PLEASE NOTE THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE AUGUST ROMSEY RAG IS 5.00pm
ON THURSDAY IN AUGUST, 1996

Romsey District Basketball Association.

The Romsey Basketball has its new season commencing from the 14 July 1996, and any new members are welcome.

We are seeking players for the divisions of U/11, U/12, U/14, U/16 and Mixed Seniors. We also have a Ladies Competition on a Thursday morning, in a friendly non - competitive environment. It does not matter if you cannot play, and there is inexpensive child care available.

Romsey Basketball has a newly formed committee, with Wayne Brown - President, Jim Barnes - Vice President and Des John - Secretary.

Coming up in August is an Under 12 Skills Day, held in Kyneton, a great opportunity for both boys and girls to improve their basketball skills. There is also the opportunity for Victorian side selection.

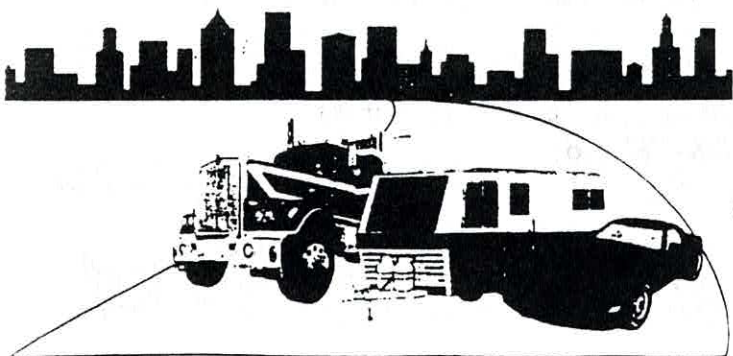
For any details concerning the above information, please contact
Ph. 295 870, 291 112 or 295442.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Weekly worship services continue to be celebrated at 9.00a.m. in Romsey and 10.30a.m. in Lancefield each Sunday. Weekly Sunday School lessons are held in conjunction with worship services and new families are cordially invited to join us. Rev. Elaine Fragar and her family are holidaying for two weeks from 1st July and any parish concerns can be directed to Robert

Clement on 295 225. Rev. Robert Wheeler from Sunbury will conduct communion services on Sunday 7th July at both Romsey and Lancefield Churches and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown will lead our worship services on Sunday 14th July. Several families are currently enjoying holidays apart from our manse family. The Strack family are all holidaying in central Australia with others from the

local Walking Group, the Baker family are also travelling in central Australia and Val, Noel and Janelle Shaw are visiting their daughter and sister, Sue and her husband Wayne Davidson in Rockhampton, Queensland, thus missing some wintry Victorian weather. Cliff Shaw is another traveller to Central Australia this month. We pray that all travellers will return safely home and share news of their travels with us. We also remember prayerfully those affected by wintry ailments hoping they recover well soon. Special greetings to Marion Spring, Bob Shaw, Mary McIntyre and Wendy Laing who have recently celebrated birthdays. Youth Group agenda is available from Sandra Strack on 270 472 or Ray Callister 295 351.



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ROMSEY 'LIVING WORD' A.O.G. CHURCH

Last weekend on the 7th July, the 'Living Word' celebrated its 5th birthday. It was a day where we looked back to where we began in the old Scout Hall, with only half a dozen people, to where God has brought us today. To have been in the community of Romsey for five years and to see the changes He has made in so many lives in the community. We believe and look forward to the many more things that God has planned for the Church and the community.

When Jesus said in His Word, "... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Jn.10:10. We certainly are thankful for that life.

Young Adventurers for grade 3 to 6 went on a progressive bike ride on Saturday. This was enjoyed by quite a few of Romsey's and Lancefield's children. The next adventure will be on July 20th. This will be a combined outing with children from Seymour and Wallan and they are going to a Picnic at Hanging Rock. What a great way for children to have fun and meet other children. For enquires phone Belinda Hunter on (054) 29 5381.

The Angels basketball team played in their grand final last Tuesday but were beaten by a stronger side. **Congratulations** to Shaun Hunter who received most valuable player and Lindsay Hunter the runner up award for the season. It was a very successful season and we look forward to the next one.

The Youth are having a break over the school holidays but in the near future they have planned a bike trip and a snow trip. If you would like to know more phone the numbers listed below.

Home Fellowships are held each Thursday evening and are designed for those who would like to have those questions answered in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Ladies have a meeting at Lancefield on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. If anyone requires a lift please phone the number below.

The Gisborne Church had a fantastic three days on the 21st to 23rd June and has now established a Bible Study on Wednesday nights. For more details on this and Gisborne phone Ps. Glen John on (054) 29 6362.

The Woodend Church have their Sunday morning service at the Neighbourhood Centre, Tylden Rd. Woodend at 10:00 A.M. A Bible Study is also held Wednesday evenings. Phone Ps. Sean & Rachel Greenwood on (054) 29 6264 for further details.

Don't forget the 'Living Word' Bookshop. It is open from 1 P.M to 5:30 P.M. weekdays and 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday. Come in for a browse and a chat you will be most welcome.

If you are new to the Romsey community, come along to one of our groups and want to meet some more people, phone our church office on (054) 296 327 or Ps. Marilyn Hunter on (054) 295 381.

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

Romsey Red Cross members are advised that there will not be a July Meeting and our August Meeting will be our Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday, 9th August at 1.30p.m. at the home of Leanne Eames, 7 Collier Close, Romsey, when new members will be welcome to attend. Helen Clement....295 317.

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Mass times: Sat. 7.30pm Lancefield

Sun.	for each month	1st & 3rd Sundays	2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays
	8.00am	Lancefield	Romsey
	10.00am	Romsey	Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 A.M. Saturday. or by arrangement.

Prayer life:

- * Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.
- * 'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295 672.
- * Christian Meditation (Silent Prayer) Meetings...Tuesdays 8 - 9pm, Romsey. Phone Stephen 295 907

Special events / programs:

* Cardinal Carlo Martini

Cardinal Martini will visit Australia Between 31 July and 7 August. Martini has been the Archbishop of Milan since 1979. He follows such notable leaders as St. Ambrose, St. Charles Borromeo and Pope Paul VI. He will be conducting two public meditations in Melbourne at St. Mary's Church, Howard St., West Melbourne - Friday 2 August at 8.00pm (Theme: Once more from Emmaus - The mission of the Church in the New Millenium.) and Saturday 3 August at 8.00pm (Theme: The Prodigal Son - Compassion and Public Policy) "I hope to convey to them my love of of the Word of God" For further information contact Marist Br Mark O'Connor on 03 9846 7207

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* MEN AT WORK - MEN AT PRAYER a weekend retreat for men

This will be held on the weekend of 26 - 28 July. The retreat will examine questions of work stress, relationships, personal ethics, and finding support. It will be a program of reflection and prayer with input from a team of men who will share their personal experiences of the struggle to find meaning. Live - in and live - out arrangements are available. Further inquiries or to 03 9853 8641

* SOCIAL GET - TOGETHERS

Every **first Thursday** of the month **coffee morning/afternoons** will be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. 10am start. The St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Lancefield/Romsey will offer a table of goods for sale , card games,etc. Come and have a browse and chat, you will be most welcome.

* MARRIAGE GROWTH WEEKEND

This weekend will be held at Pallotti College, located on McNamara's Road, Millgrove on the weekend of August 16 - 18. The cost is \$130 per couple. Please ring 03 9722 1199 for more information.

* CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children who are in Grade 4 and below, Children's Liturgy will take place at each 10 o'clock Mass.

* OLD PAPERS

St. Mary's School is still collecting papers. Please leave papers at the school anytime under the verandah.

***The Holy Name Of Jesus** Charismatic Prayer Group of Lancefield and Romsey offers intercessory prayers for individual or family needs. We intercede for these needs during our evening meetings at the St. Mary's school hall, Romsey. The words of Our Lord Jesus Christ give us the confidence that our prayers are always heard, "For wherever two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them." If you would like to request prayers, please write clearly, no names necessary, and address it to:

The Holy Name Of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.

* **The Catholic Church welcomes** those who are searching ...

Have you ever wondered what Catholics believe? Do you find yourself asking questions concerning the purpose of life? Perhaps things have changed and you are being prompted by the Spirit to take another look at your Faith? Fr. George is available on 292 130 or ask a Catholic friend you know.

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Gospel Rally

Saturday 27th July at 7:30pm

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Also speaking at Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship on Sunday 28th July at 10:00am.

Ladies Morning Tea

Friday 26th July at 10:00am

(also at the Romsey Mechanics Hall)

with

Jean Coleman

Jean's book "Chapter 29" has been published in four languages and read by thousands around the world. She is the composer of many worship choruses and a respected bible teacher.

Cost: \$4-00 - Child minding will be available at the venue.

Sponsored by Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship.
 Enquiries to Geoff and Lorraine Holland on (054) 295673

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CLOSING DOWN SALE....CLOSING DOWN SALE....CLOSING DOWN SALE...

Due to lack of support, we have been forced to close!

To the customers we have had, we thank you for your support.

An example of our discounts are:-

'Midforde' Blue Long Sleeve School Shirts (RRP \$17.99) WERE \$8.50 NOW \$6.50

Sizes 10 - 20. Grey School Trousers (RRP \$17.95) were \$11.50 now \$9.50; Trackie Pants and Windcheaters Sizes 6-14 - Romsey, Lancefield, Bolinda and St. Mary's school colours were \$9.95 now \$7.95 Reinforced Knee were \$11.95 now \$9.95. Mambo, Quicksilver and Rusty T Shirts reduced to cost - \$20 (Small and Medium Only). We also stock menswear and ladieswear which includes sleepwear and underwear. An example of the discounts here a ladies summer dresses sizes 16-18 only were \$9.95 now \$6.00.

Boys summer 'Hang Ten' shirts were \$6 now \$4.50 Sizes 8-12.

Our other stock includes photo frames, vases, toys, glassware, cards, letter sets, key rings, watches and more.

Everything in the store has been reduced!

We are situated at 97 Main Street, Romsey - opposite Kilkenny Real Estate and O'Dea's Auto Spares.

Sale starts Wednesday 3rd July and finishes Saturday 13th July. We will be open

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 1pm.

Romsey Primary School News July 1996

Congratulations are again extended to one of our staff members, Mrs Carol Hewson who has been nominated by parents for the second year in succession in the Teacher of the Year competition. This year Carol has reached the final five in the judging and we wish her well for the final result. Simply being nominated is a source of pride and reflects the ideals of the teaching profession. Carol is currently on long service leave and will return to duty next year. She has been sharing a year 1/2 class with Mrs Vicki Byrne while that teacher undertakes training in **Reading Recovery**. In the afternoons, Carol teaches science in the other year 1/2 classrooms to allow those staff members to undertake specialised reading and literature programs with small groups or individuals from their own classes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those many parents and friends for their very positive support of staff and the school over the past term. With winter upon us and the demands placed upon staff for extra commitments associated with the school it is understandable for people to feel a little flat at this time of the year and so notes of encouragement and constructive comment are most appreciated. Please remember that staff are available for interviews at any mutually convenient time through out the year and would encourage parents to make contact with them.

Other special programs include visiting experts and performers. Recently the whole school was involved in "**Destination Space**" and the amount of interest generated and integrated studies associated with this space topic could be seen throughout the school. Technology, one of the eight Key Learning Areas of the school curriculum, will be the feature of this month's display of children's work in the school foyer. Technology is far more than computers and calculators. **Technology** encourages children to solve problems, create answers, plan solutions and try out their projects to see if the criteria have been successfully met. Usually small groups are then encouraged to see if improvements can be made and provide positive feedback to the originator. Last term year 5/6 students were working individually on a complex bridge building exercise at home. Constructions were then brought to school, compared and evaluated. These models will be a feature of the Technology display. Please feel free to come in and admire the work at any time.

Fungo Chutney will be another school wide musical production which will be of interest to pupils throughout the school this term. Two performances will be conducted at 9.30 and 11.30 on July 23rd. Cost per pupil is \$2.20. More details are contained in the school newsletter or queries may be directed to Mrs Rowlands our music teacher. Thematic teaching ensures that components of the curriculum are combined in an interesting and meaningful way for children. The forthcoming **Olympic Games** in Atlanta presents an ideal opportunity for teachers to involve their pupils in a vast amount of work on any of the Key Learning Areas. Measurement and number obviously spring to mind but the creating a song which encapsulates the Olympic ideals and the striving for peak performance can also be a real challenge. Distances, times, differences in culture,

meals, nutrition, exercise, safety, security, language barriers and the like are all areas that will surely create a great deal of interest at home and within the classrooms. We would encourage parents to discuss with their children the range of sports and all aspects of conducting the Olympics. Classes throughout our school will be using this theme extensively this term.

Are your children looking for something to do during those bleak days when they are confined indoors by the weather. Discussions at home could follow those at school on the topic, "**Be wise with medicines**". Children could create their own slogan and poster around this topic and illustrate their thoughts with collage, pastels, textas or paints. A competition with excellent prizes has been launched to highlight the importance of being wise with medicines and closes on July 28th. Further details can be obtained and posters handed in to Mr Hickey our Art teacher. A large number of parents and friends came to the end of term performance put on by the Prep classes. This has now become a real feature of the end of term and provides the children an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have acquired throughout the term. Thanks to Mrs Powell, Mrs Rowlands, Mrs Turnham and Mrs Charnerski for their work in the production.

Indonesian studies for our pupils in years 3- 6 will become even more alive this term when we welcome an Indonesian, assistant teacher to our staff financially supported by our School Council. The Castlemaine/Kyneton District has arranged that two Indonesian born teachers are employed at our schools throughout this half year. The teachers will be able to add dramatically to the lessons being taught to our pupils and will pave the way for Indonesian to be taught throughout the school next year. Four of our staff, Mrs Little, Mr Bain, Mrs McLennan and Mr Fryer are currently undertaking the second year of tertiary studies in Indonesian and have spent four days during the current holidays on a vacation study program in Bendigo.

Farewells and votes of appreciation to John James our District Liaison Principal, were recently expressed at the special gathering of staff and principals from the region. John will be known to many parents and teachers for his work in school communities particularly at the Castlemaine end of the District. Due to ill health John has taken extended leave and his replacement is expected to be named this week. As a school, we are greatly indebted to John for his support and guidance and we wish him and his wife Doreen, all the happiness possible as they tour overseas. The Parents Club are currently charged with the development of a policy for "**No hat no play**" which they hope can be enforced in our school throughout the summer months. The parent body will be surveyed as to their opinion regarding this procedure, later this term. School Council support has also been given to the "**MAD DAY**" or **Melanoma Awareness day** in November. Children will be able to buy badges which react to sunlight. Proceeds will be used in support of the research into skin cancer.

If you have any queries regarding the school's programs or the way in which you could become active and positively involved, you are encouraged to contact the class teachers directly or give me a ring at any time.

Trevor Turnham - Principal

MEDIA RELEASE FROM COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

NEW ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELLOR FOR COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

Alcohol and drug use is commonplace in all Australian communities. We are a drug using society - whether it be prescribed medication, a coffee to get us started in the morning, a cigarette after dinner or a beer to relax after work.

For some people, the use of alcohol or other drugs is not an issue for concern. However as the recent report of the Premier's Drug Advisory Council chaired by David Penington highlights, for others alcohol or other drug use is a significant problem.

Cobaw Community Health Service new Alcohol and Drug Counsellor, Carole Meade says she is pleased to see the issue opening up for community debate. "We need to acknowledge that the problem is widespread. The Penington report calls for creative approaches to deal with the damage done not only to individuals but also their families and the community at large"

"However we need to realise that the drug problem isn't just confined to illicit drugs like heroin. In fact the bulk of damage done is caused by the legal drugs - alcohol and tobacco which account for almost 90% of the cost of drug abuse."

"More often than not, it is the legal drugs that we see as being acceptable that are doing the most damage in our society."

A chief aim of Cobaw's alcohol and drug service is to reduce the risk of harm when using alcohol or other drugs - whether this be not driving while intoxicated to prevent car accidents; smoking outside to prevent others from passively smoking; or using sterile needles for injecting to protect the community and self from diseases like HIV (AIDS).

In her role as Alcohol and Drug Counsellor, Carole hopes to provide the community in Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Lancefield with a range of services including:

counselling for individuals through a confidential, non-judgemental exploration of alcohol and drug use and the effects this has on the individual's life
support for family and friends who are challenged by the difficulties faced through a loved one's alcohol or drug use

information and education about the effects of alcohol and drug use and risks involved can be provided for community service providers, community groups, schools etc.

free needle & syringe exchange to minimise the risk of HIV (AIDS virus) and Hepatitis B & C to the individual and community.

Carole says she welcomes contact from people who are concerned about alcohol or drug use or those simply wanting some information. She can be contacted at the Cobaw Community Health Service in Kyneton on Mon. & Tues. 9-5 and Thurs 9-3 on 223011 or Romsey on Wed & Fri 9-3 on 296011.

BUNGAWITTA Romsey Playgroup

COME ALONG.

ROMSEY PLAYGROUP meet 5 mornings a week, Monday to Friday, from 10a.m. to 12 noon. Playgroupers paint, paste, play with water and sand climb, run, build and grow. Give your child a chance to meet other children their own age and a chance for you to meet other parents with children in our community. Become involved with running Bungawitta as a community based area for all people to enjoy.

Please feel free to come along to whatever day suits you best. New term starts 15th July. Any queries please ring one of the following: Marie Hall 296372

Karen Plöse 296589

Jan McMinn 295563

Any queries during the term please ring 296607 any weekday between 10a.m. and 12a.m.

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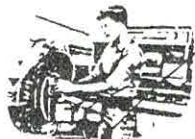
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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

A very busy and productive Term 2 has just been completed at Bolinda. Congratulations, to all the children for working so well, and to all the visitors, parents and staff who help make Bolinda Primary School such an interesting and energetic centre of learning.

At the invitation of Rob Scott, we visited Hollyburton Park, Bolinda, for a most informative guided tour of the farm. In particular we were able to experience the ostrich side of the farm, from incubation through to the leather by-products of the bird. Together with the miniature pigs, the sheep, the dogs, horses and goats, the children all learnt a lot from the experience. Thanks again to Rob and Colita.

Our vegie garden is growing well, with children all being involved in the weeding and maintenance. The experiment with organic materials such as sawdust and eggshells to deter the snails seems to be working. Thanks to Frost's Sawmill for the supply of sawdust.

Also as part of our Environmental Studies program, we had a fascinating visit to the 'worm farm' in Heathcote to see how we could further develop our worm farm to the benefit of our gardens. A wet day did not 'dampen' the enthusiasm of the children who had many questions for the very patient Peter. Our thanks to Wormcast Organics (333 014 for further information.)

While in Heathcote we took the opportunity to visit Sacred Heart Primary School to see what the children there have been doing to develop their grounds, gardens, vegie plots and worm farm.

Like most schools in the Macedon Ranges, we have also had a terrific visit from Mrs. Anne Hudson and Harold in the Life Education van. This on-going annual program is most worthwhile, and all parents should take time and talk with their children about the workbooks that will come home from school.

With our School Priority of Health and Physical Education, the whole school this term has been heavily involved in the Jump Rope for Heart Program. There has been a marked increase in the abilities and fitness of the children due to this very worthwhile activity. The fundraising aspect raised over \$250 for the National Heart Foundation Research Program

We had a very successful Open Day earlier this month especially for Kindergarten families. We opened the school on a Sunday afternoon so that both parents would be able to come and see our school. All staff and numerous school parents and children were in attendance so that new families could speak with and ask questions to the 'old' families. This was highly successful.

Don't worry if you missed this day, because you are always welcome to drop in at any time to speak with staff regarding your child's future.

We have held our Parent/Teacher interviews this term, but we at Bolinda regularly see our parents informally, and encourage parents to speak with staff at any time. After all, we are just as concerned as you, about the progress of your children.

Keith Jenkins. Principal. 285 317

RURAL WOMEN'S - Ladies would you like to drop in to Community House Lancefield for a cuppa and chat - make new friends - no obligation - with outing in view. Every fourth Wednesday of the month at 10.30a.m. Everyone welcome....Contact Merle on 295 264 or Joy on 292 287.

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Because there are so many different

viruses, and not all programs are capable of eradicating them, once installed on your PC, prevention is the best method.

We will be looking at anti-virus programs and viruses during our August 18th meeting. Freeware and shareware will be available to you at no cost, just bring a brand new, blank, unused diskette.

We will teach you how to use these programs. If you like, bring your PC, have us install the virus protection, then run a scan on your hard disk drive. It's FREE!

Internet & www

People in Romsey, and some surrounding districts, are lucky enough to have local call access to Kyneton, where a new internet service provider (ISP) is operating.

The company InterMet will be at the July 21 st meeting of the Macedon Ranges Computer Club to show us how their service works.

We will take a guided tour down the information superhighway. On the journey our members will learn how to operate the software involved and navigate through the enormous database of the world wide web (WWW) and the Internet.

Notes from previous sessions on this subject will be available in addition to the wealth of information provided on the day. Bring your family and your enthusiasm for this special opportunity to glimpse what lays beyond your PC and ENTER the world.

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AT THE LAST MEETING

The windows 95 intermediate tutorial went well. As there were very few starters, each person received individual attention. For anyone who missed out on the meeting, but would like to learn more about this wonderful operating system, notes for the tutorials, along with Power Toys 95 are available on free diskettes.

A meeting will be held on Thursday July the 25th at 7:30 p.m. to finalise the Macedon Ranges Computer Club constitution. Please call 286 977 or 295 563 for further details.

WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

Weekly results for the month of June

5/6/96 Stroke; First Round Of The Championships.

1st. Mary Campbell 37 pts. 2nd. Shirley Shelton 36 pts. 3rd. Beryl Cole 73 pts.

12/6/96 Stroke; Second Round Of The Championships. Monthly Medal

1st. Pam Bray 68. 2nd. Shirley Shelton 70. 3rd. Leila Beasley 74.

19/6/96 Stroke; Third Round Of The Championships.

1st. Darlene Baker 71 2nd. Marg Crump 73. 3rd. Shirley Shelton 78

26/6/96. 12 Hole Competition (because of the rain) Stableford

1st. Marg Crump 26 pts. 2nd. Shirley Shelton 20 pts. 3rd. Mary Campbell.

School holidays are upon us again (is it really July already??) and as long as the course doesn't get too much wetter we'll be meeting every Wednesday at 9.00am. New members are always welcome, why not come along and join us?

Chris Gaunt had an amazing round during the month shooting a course record of 60 which included a hole-in-one, well done Chris, what a great effort!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our club championships were played during the month over three rounds. Shirley Shelton took the lead after the first round followed closely by Mary Campbell who was only two shots behind. Shirley continued on her way in the second round whilst the rest of us struggled on. Despite a late rally by the other members Shirly went in to the third with an unassailable lead eventually winning by 13 shots!!!!!!!!!! Well done Shirley!

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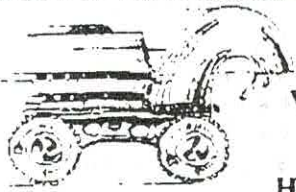
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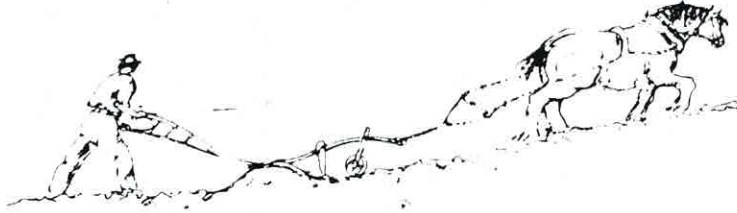
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The land around Romsey was the northern area of the Bullando Vale pastoral run taken up by John Brock about 1838 and formally leased to him in 1848. It covered about 25,000 acres and was estimated to carry 300 cattle and 12,000 sheep. A little later John Pascoe Fawcner, who held the adjoining Mooneejette run, disputed ownership of some of Brock's land. This was finally settled by Brock buying Mooneejette in 1850.

Among recent donations to the society is a large ledger containing the entries for the West Bourke and Romsey Agricultural Society shows from 1891. This is most interesting as it contains the names of those who had entries in the shows to about 1907. Some of the trophies mentioned in the book are still held by the families who won them. This book is very useful in research for the period covered. Thanks go to Mrs Betty McDonnell, Jan Thompson and Kerry Solomon for obtaining this treasure for posterity.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 'Woodlands', the home of Elaine and George Lobb, when Robyn Poletti will speak on the Aboriginal stone quarries at Mount William. Stone from these quarries was traded far and wide throughout South-eastern Australia as it had special qualities for making implements. This should prove a most interesting evening, followed by supper around the open fire. All members and friends are welcome to enjoy this meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 23 July at 8 p.m.

1st Romsey Scout Group

Thankyou to all those people who came along to the Family Fun Day on the 15th June. It really was a fun day and showed what a great time our children can have when they attend scouts, cub or guides. It was a friendly day topped off with a free B.B.Q. sponsored by McLiesh's Romsey Riteway, and finished with a traditional campfire complete with marshmallows.

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