The Romsey Rag April Edition 1998

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By the time you are reading this edition of The Romsey Rag, Easter will be upon us again but what does that really mean to you? A break from routine for most. A chance to avoid the tight schedules of normal daily life and possibly get away from it all for a holiday and quality time with family. Will it mean a chance to stop and think? After the chocolate eggs are consumed and the RCH Appeal total announced, will Easter provide a time for renewal and taking stock of life's goals, before the on set of the inevitable busy times ahead? One of the most significant times on the Christian calendar and the real reason for this holiday time, will not be anymore significant for some, than a long weekend. Take time to check out the new life emerging from our dry garden beds. The first signs of daffodils and the spring flowering bulbs that bring so much pleasure, are battling towards the sunlight in our waterless gardens. So too should we be encouraged and strengthened by this Easter time to encourage others with a daily smile a word of acknowledgement and appreciation for the things they do each day. We tend to take one another for granted so often that it is only at significant times or at funerals, when ofcourse it is too late, to note the value that individuals provide in our lives. Why not take Easter this year a time to stop and think, a time to appreciate and praise the good things in people a time to create a new beginning for yourself and a time to enhance friendships you are fortunate enough to have developed.

Primary School Biathion Challenge: All girls and boys in years 3 - 6 are invited to participate in a competition that will demand increased stamina and fitness. On the first Friday of June a biathlon will be held at Romsey Primary School and any interested children in years 3 - 6 at any school, are invited to participate. A two cross country km bicycle ride will be followed by a 2 km run. Medallions will be presented to the fastest boy and girl at each year level. All competitors should ensure that they are fit and have the stamina to complete the course. Local schools will be invited to send representatives to Romsey Primary School for this new event. Developing your fitness levels could be a worthwhile task during the school holidays.

NEW TAFE FACILITY IN ROMSEY

Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (**BRIT**) is starting up an Open Learning Centre in the Shire Service Centre / Cobaw Community Health building in Main Street Romsey opening on Monday April 27th.

Anyone in the community who is interested in gaining qualifications or simply learning new skills can easily access the facilities by enrolling in a selected course.

The Open Learning Centre is a very pleasant space, which has two computers, course notes and learning guides for a range of courses. Students can come in any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday to work at their own pace. Tutors are assigned upon enrolment and can be contacted by telephone for assistance.

BRIT has run courses in Romsey in past years and has been looking for ongoing ways to serve the training needs of the area. Open Learning is a method of studying that offers flexibility in time commitment and pace of learning. Some of the courses available are: Information Technology (Computers), Office Administration, Accounting, Workplace Leadership, Medical Terminology and many more.

BRIT hopes to encourage as many people as possible in Romsey to take advantage of their new facility. Call in and have a look at our display and find out about courses available or call the **BRIT** staff Chris Litchfield or Tracey Madden at the Kyneton Campus on 5422 2737.





Water Supply to Romsey is provided from Kerrie Reservoir. The current reservoir level is 35% and falling at a rate of 2 to 3% per week. Unless significant rainfalls occur or water consumption is reduced, compulsory water restrictions will need to be introduced.

To help conserve water, Macedon Ranges Shire Council has agreed to introduce voluntary restrictions at council owned properties. Similarly, Western Water has ceased its water main flushing program. The improved water quality from the new water treatment plant will compensate by providing "cleaner" water.

All Romsey customers are requested to immediately introduce water conservation practices to help reduce the demands on the system. Whilst this request is for voluntary water restrictions, customers should be aware that if the situation does not improve over the next week, compulsory restrictions will be introduced. Compulsory restrictions would initially include bans on sprinklers, and would not permit vehicles to be washed by hose.

Just under 50% of water use occurs in the garden. Suggestions for reducing consumption include watering during the cool of the night, preferably with a hand held hose rather than a sprinkler and no further watering of lawns. Within the house, shorter showers and only washing clothes when you have full loads will help.

Western Water will continue to monitor the situation for any change and will keep customers informed. Please contact Hans Ekdahl on 54 219 400 for further information.

Yours sincerely

NEIL BRENNAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Western Region Water Authority

Robertson Street (Locked Bag 2). Gisborne, Victoria 3437. Telephone (03) 5421 9400. Facsimile (03) 5421 9444

Water Wise Hints for Romsey Gardeners:

- Approximately 60% of the average water used by households goes on garden maintenance. You can dramatically reduce the cost of your water bill with a beautiful, water efficient garden. Here are some effective strategies to make far better use of our precious resource.
- Plant trees for cooling shade.
- Lay thick (15 cm) mulches over all areas of bear soil
- Choose plants with low water requirements.
- Remember recycle! reuse! The best water saving resources in your garden is home made compost. Use it!
- Plant ground covers to fill the spaces between shrubs.
- Consider replanting lawns with drought tough substitutes like lippia (Phyla nodiflora) or creeping boobialla.

- Grow drought tolerant lawns varieties such as Kikuyu or Buffalo
- Aerate compacted lawns areas with a coring or garden fork to ensure water penetration rather than evaporation.
- Only top dress a lawn to even out dips and bumps and not as an annual rejuvenation treatment. Use a mix that's rich in organics so that you improve the water holding capacity of the area as you go.
- Set the deep watering, reticulation system to come on before sunrise, or stick to a regular pattern for deep watering by hose or sprinkler once per week. Read your garden. Do those plants really need to be watered? Which plants are showing signs of thirst? Is the watering effective? Is it just water that those plants require?

St. Mary's Catholic Parish - Lancefield/ Romsey

Fr. George O'Connor: 54 292130; Sr. Patricia (School): 54 291359; Sr. Frances (Convent): 54 291582.



Mass	times	I de la companya de l		
Sat.	10am	Romsey		
	7.30pm (vigil) Lancefield		
Sundays of the month		1st & 3rd	2nd, 4th & 5th	
	8am	Lancefield	Romsey	
	10am	Romsey	Lancefield	
Daily 1	masses: as adver	ised in the we	ekly bulletin.	
			aturday or by arrangement.	

PRAYER LIFE

 Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.

'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Monday, 7.30pm Romsey Church Hall. Contact: Merle De Silva 54 295 672. If you would like to request prayers for family or individual needs please write clearly, no names necessary, to: The Holy Name Of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.

 Christian Meditation (silent prayer) St. Mary's Church, Romsey, Monday, 8-9 pm. Pamphlets available Ph:Stephen 54 295 907

EASTER CEREMONIES
Parish Reconciliation (3rd. Rite)
Tuesday 31st March 8.00pm Lancefield
Palm Sunday 5th April

7.30pm Lancefield 8.00am Lancefield 10.00am Romsey Holy Thursday

Thursday 9th April 7.30pm Romsey Way of the Cross (Ecumenical)

Friday 10th April 10.00am Lancefield Anglican Church

Passion

Friday 10th April 3.00pm Lancefield Easter Vigil

Saturday 11th April 7.30pm Lancefield

Easter Sunday

12th April 8.00am Romsey 10.00am Lancefield

(Apologies for incorrect dates last Rag!)

DROP-IN CENTRE

Every first Thursday of the month 2nd April, 7th May, coffee morning/afternoons are held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. 10.30 am start. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Lancefield/Romsey offer a table of goods for sale, card games etc. Come & have a browse & chat, you will be most welcome!

For transport call the Presbytery 54 292 130

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (Melbourne Incorporated) 1998 Weekends

A weekend to enable separated, widowed, divorced,

to confront the past to gently leave the past behind to begin a new life in the present and to look forward to a happy, fulfilling future.

May 22-24 Lower Plenty July 31-2 August Templestowe October 9-11 Ballarat

For enquiries or an application form contact: Jenny 03 9741 1208 or Catholic Family Welfare Bureau Geelong 03 5221 7055

PARENTING PROGRAM

Covering adolescents ages 10 - 25, with Colleen Beattie. Wednesdays 6th -27th May 10.30am-12.30pm. Lancefield Presbytery. No cost. All welcome.

'But the Angel spoke; and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Matt 28 v 5-7

St. Mary's Parish of Lancefield and Romsey would like to wish residents of Romsey a Blessed, safe and Happy Easter.

'Had you but once entered perfectly into the Heart of Jesus, and tasted something of His burning love, you would care nothing for your own gain or loss;'

The Imitation of Christ pg.69 by Thomas A Kempis (b. 1380)

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield & St Paul's Romsey

Your local Anglican Church is always pleased to welcome new people especially with children. Our main services have a Sunday School, the children spend half the time in the service and spend half the time in Sunday school. During the week we have a children's club. We seek to practice hospitality, encourage community, establish integrity relationships. Our focus is on biblical teaching and on sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We are very happy to help those who wish to do an introductory course to explain the basics of

our faith. Visitors, explorers, newcomers are most welcome.

Sunday Services

9 am Family Communion :St Paul's, Romsey. 10:30 am Family Communion: Christ church, Lancefield. (both services have Sunday School during school terms)

Wednesday 10 am Communion Christ Church, Lancefield.

Wednesday 6 pm - 7:30 pm CEBS/GFS kids club in Romsey church hall

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

> Vicar: Paul Wood, 33 Chauncey Street Lancefield, Victoria, 3435 Telephone (03) 54291380

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday April 5th Combined Service CEBS/GFS Parade and Palm Sunday Thursday 9th 6:30 Middle Eastern Supper in Romsey Hall followed by stripping the church

Good Friday 10th April 10 am Stations of the Cross

Please gather 10 am at the Anglican Church Lancefield

Easter Sunday 6 am Lighting new fire & renewal of baptism vows Romsey 10 am Combined Easter Family Service Lancefield. 12th April

A date for your diary

Sunday May 3rd

Police Band Family Concert

(Tickets are on sale)

Water Wise Hints for Romsey Gardeners:

 Sprinklers can lose much water through evaporation, misdirection or worst of all being forgotten. Timers can save huge amounts of water too adjust them for the appropriate season.

· When planting, add a high proportion of organic material such as compost or well rotted animal mature to the mix. This will ensure that watering is effective

and less is required.

· Reduce the number of small pot plants by combining them into large planter tubs

· Coat the inside of porous pots with sealants or plastic paint to reduce water loss through the sides.

 Self watering pots and tubs are very water efficient but ensure that standard type pots can drain well and that saucers do not contain water.

· Use wetting agents such as Saturaid or Grosorb for lawns, pot plants and hanging baskets.

· Saving rainwater in tanks or redirecting it to parts of the garden makes use of another other wise wasted resource.

 Use the finger test to determine if potted indoor plants need a drink. Scratch the surface to a depth of 2cm and if you feel moisture the plant doesn't need watering

 Prune back fruiting trees after the crop This reduces the has been harvested. leaf surface and therefore the water

needs of the tree.

 Mulches need to be topped up regularly and any new plant introductions need Healthy, well rigorous examination. maintained plants are significalntly less susceptible to pests, disease and the effects of drought!



Romsey School Carnival

Everyone had a fantastic time at the Romsey School Carnival on Friday 20th March. The weather was great, as was the food, music, displays and entertainment.

It was a financial success too, thanks to our many sponsors, parent helpers, teachers and students for their input. Support from local community groups also added greatly to the event.

We would like to acknowledge the generous donations from these local Romsey businesses:

Romsey Balgee Mobil (Barry Street), Romsey Hot Bread Kitchen, Link Pharmacy, Romsey Fuel and Produce (Main Street), Movieworld, Newspower Newsagency, Australia Post-Romsey, Signy's, Romsey Milk Bar, Perfect Grounds Café, Forbes Automotive Care, Pretty and Practical, The Pink Schnapper, Mitre 10 Romsey Hardware, Gardenworld, Romsey Auto Care, Romsey Mowers, Suzanne's Totally Natural Beauty Therapy and Nail Studio, O'Dea's Auto Spares, McGowan's Fruit Market, Commonwealth Bank, Riteway Supermarket.

We hope you can support these local businesses, as they have supported us.

A big thank-you for the help and support, use of equipment, and displays from the Lions Club, Rotary, Romsey CFA, Romsey Police, and Newnham's Earthmoving.

CARNIVAL PRIZE WINNERS

Monster Raffle

1st Rae Hooke 3rd Joan Burnham

2nd Barbara Cummins 4th Noelene Davis

Wine Raffle

Jenni Gorrie

James Hird Football

Donna Atkins

Basketball

Adam Neyland

Name The Doll Competition

Madeleine Crofts (Doll's name was Jane)

"Guess Who" Photo Competition Kathy Lakey

Consolation Prizes-Lucy McGough, Charlene, Myles Clark, Tim McNamara, Jazmin Culpin.

The correct answers were 1. Thomas the Tank Engine; 2. Mrs Rowlands; 3. Big Bird; 4. Mr Sherren. 5. Fat Controller; 6. Kerri McCulloch; 7. Mrs Ellis; 8. Ms McLennan; 9. Mr Turnham; 10. Mrs Gorrie; 11. Mrs Sherren; 12. Winnie the Pooh; 13. Mrs Jekabsons; 14. Mrs Clampit.

Time Clock Luke Westbury chose the correct time at which the clock stopped- 08 04 0029. The prize was \$50

Brenton McAdam chose the correct time at which the watch stopped- 07 09 3059. The prize was the football signed by past football heroes.

Teddy Bear Competition We had around 150 teddy bears entered in the competition, so judging the winners was a difficult task. Thank-you to Jane Whelan and Chris Farrell from the Kindergarten for being our judges, and to everybody for entering.

The winners were:- Fluffiest Teddy-Michelle Rowley

Well-worn Teddy- Sam Witteveen

Happiest Teddy- Alyce Wadden

Most Unusual Teddy- Kaitlyn Clark

Fattest Teddy- O'Neill Family

Most Colourful Teddy- Kieran McNamara

Colouring Competition Winners were Phoebe Smithies, Courtney Smith(Hesket Primary School), Elyse Wakefield, Narelle Maple, Scott Henshall(Darraweit Guim).

Hole-in-One Daniel Clark won 2 hourly prizes of nearest the pin and the Best Overall. Andrew Clement won 1 hourly prize of nearest the pin.

Lucky \$100 Notes Another six lucky \$100 notes were drawn at the Carnival and the lucky winners were- Hazel Sutton, Bob Sherren, Jane Carr, Peter Higgs, Kerri Auer, and Kerri McCulloch.

The bidding was fast and furious, with Kerri Auer finally topping Dean Jones Bushrangers Shirt the bidding at \$100.

Grand Prix Framed Poster - Silent Auction Congratulations to Eddie Morrison with the top bid of \$107.

Guess how many Lollies This competition was won by Mrs Coppinger with the guess of 953. There were actually 955 lollies in the jar!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG AND JOINED IN THE FUN!



Recycling has three major benefits: Conservation of resources, conservation of energy and reduction of disposal problems



Sir - Here are three Rs your readers may be interested to learn: * REDUCE the use of goods and

packaring.
* RE-USE as much as you can for other purposes.

* RECYCLE, rather than throw it

No matter how little you have to recycle, it all adds up to a lot over a year. Rather than being just another chore, many householders are finding recycling to be a positive and satisfying activity.

Here are some points to remember when out shopping:

Avoid disposable goods.

* Opt for recycled, refillable or durable goods.

* Buy goods packaged in returnable or recyclable glass, metal or plastic.

* Reduce packaging - buy in bulk. * Buy fresh local produce to reduce the indirect energy input.

" Use your own bag, basket, bicycle carrier or 2 - wheeled trolley, instead of plastic bags.

How about trying a composting system to the benefit of your soil

and garden.

ROMSEY ANGLING CLUB

Secretary: Simon Allen 54295754 Treasurer: Bill McLeod 54295384

President: Russell Neyland 54295620

Hello Fishing People

What a great month for fishing it has been. We have completed a very successful first up trip to Phillip Island, and the club members reported very good catches of whiting, snapper, flathead etc. from Port Phillip Bay, continuing an excellent season out there.

After a very good - some would say controversial- response to our first Romsey Rag Edition, Janine has been appointed editor in chief of the R.A.C. newsletter. Apparently some people got a mixed message about a story in last months letter - motors not starting. Principally, I still don't understand what they were thinking.

Any way back to the fishing. 12 senior and 3 junior members, strong and bold, made the trek down to the Boomerang Caravan Park at Cowes. where our friendly hosts, Mike and Jan Tovey, pointed us to our accommodation. If you wish to stay at Phillip Island you would be hard pressed to find a better caravan park or location.

Overall for 2 days fishing 81 Elephant fish totalling 159kg were weighed in. Although the elephants were our target, snapper, pinkies, gurnett, gummy shark, bay trout and salmon were also caught to make a lovely mixed bag of fish. One of our new members Mark Usher started slowly, but ended up with equal heaviest fish with Bluey at 3.25kg and an excellent bag of fish

Well done Ush. Biggest bag for the weekend went to Bluey (11) in the seniors and John McHenry (5) in the juniors. Heaviest fish for the juniors went to Trevor McLeod (3) weighing in a whopper at 3kg. Justin Nevland also fished well in the juniors catching 2 nice size fish.

Things didn't look good on Saturday morning but most of us were able to get half a days fishing in. Russell had more problems starting his motor-I'm not saying anything else- which was fixed by purchasing a new fuel tank. Two new members, Dazzler and Ray saw most of Western Port as the anchor wouldn't hold bottom. They are now known as the "Drifters". After sorting out their problems with the anchor- again the advantage of fishing with a group- the Drifters were able to snag some nice fish including a good size snapper.

Our next trip is to Portland over the Easter period, no more cabins are available but powered sites are. Remember this is an open weekend. Also May 17th is a day trip to the Hotties at Newport and don't forget about our next meeting at Ross McHenry's on 20/4/98 starting at 7.30 p.m.

See Ya soon

Simon Allen

ST. MARY'S PARISH LANCEFIELD - ROMSEY **FASTER CEREMONIES**

Parish Reconciliation	Tuesday 31st March	8.00 p.m.	Lancefield
Palm Sunday	5th April	7.30 p.m. 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Lancefield Lancefield Romsey
Holy Thursday	9th April	7.30 p.m.	Romsey
Ecumenical Way of the Cross	Friday 10th April	10.00 a.m.	Anglican Church Lancefield
Passion	Friday 10th April	3.00 p.m.	Lancefield
Easter Vigil	Saturday 11th April	7.30 p.m.	Lancefield
Easter Sunday	12th April	8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Romsey Lancefield

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS APRIL 1998

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

An election for School Council positions provides a clear indicator of the interest of parents in our school and its programs and I thank all candidates for the time and commitment that the School Council role requires.

Elected to the five vacant positions on council school Council election were: Stephen Hendy (President), Roger Baker (Vice President), Denise Barnes, Terry McNamara & Paul Mitchell.

Together with our other councillors Cr David Blicblau, , Cr Neil Rowley, Cr Bob Sherren (Secretary) Cr Kath Jekabsons, Cr Joan Gibbs, Cr John Fryer, Cr Leanne Carroll, Cr Greg Brown & Cr Peter Brooks (Grounds Convenor) we look forward to another busy and exciting year of progress. Your representatives are very approachable people and are willing to serve your interests.

Our School Twilight Carnival - was a huge success last year and the planning committee are to be congratulating on exceeding their goals and making a rofit of \$8,810.99 Our most sincere thanks are expressed to our sponsors and the hundreds of peple who turned up during the evening to perform or just enjoy the activitities. Congratulations to all concerned.

April 6th. The Dental Van arrives. This service is not free this year and parents and families from local schools will be visiting Romsey for their treatment. It is expected that the Dental service will be in Romsey until mid May

April 6th. 7.30pm. Safety House Meeting Annual General Meeting All interested people are cordially invited. A special thankyou is expressed to the householders who offer this voluntary service within our community. If you are interested in assisting in this way please contact the school.

OUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE: Revised plans have been endorsed by the Department of Education and permission to proceed has been granted. As a result the School Council currently have advertised for interested tenders to undertake construction of this project. Tender documents, including plans and specifications are available through the school office and completed tenders should be returned to the school by 4pm May 5th.

The Australian Tax Office have authorised donations of \$2+ to this Building Fund to be tax deductible donations. This will no doubt present an attractive opportunity for those wishing to donate to the fund. Further progress reports will be reported through forth coming editions of the Romsey Rag.

The cross country: Training for our school and Interschool Cross Country events has been underway for some time. On Wednesday 8th April our Year 3/4 students will compete in their 2km event at 9.30am and at 10.15 the 5/6 unit will compete in the annual 3km event. From this competition the best runners will represent the school at the interschool cross country to be held at Hanging Rock early in May.

Supporting the Community: Envelopes soliciting financial assistance for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal were distributed last week. I commend this annual appeal to you in requesting your financial support. A Sausage sizzle lunch will be available to all children on Tuesday April 7th All proceeds from this luncheon will be going to the RCH Good Friday Appeal.

Save the Children Appeal. Will be featured next month small when special enamel badges in the shape of children will be on sale for \$2

MATHS TRI: TRI is a parent program to help parents work with their children at home and to understand how teachers work with their children at school. Last year Mrs Little, Mrs Sherren and Mr Rogers ran a very successful TRI program covering Reading and Writing. This year the maths committee is planning a similar program for maths. We need a group of 10 parents to run this program and will limit the group number to 15. The program runs for 3 The main focus will be areas of the Maths Curriculum and Standards Framework and how they are taught. This will include the 4 processes. the return slip and return to Mrs. Gibbs in Room 11 if you would like to be part of this group. It is important to be available for each session. Proposed dates - week beginning 28/4; 5/5; 12/5. Any interested members of the community are invited to attend by contacting the school office.

Side Show а Sustainable, heavily subsidised performance sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire emphasised the environmental studies being conducted in the Year 1/2 Unit at the moment. This unit recently visited CERES in Melbourne and through numerous activities reinforced their environmental studies. Some of heir project work is displayed in the school foyer. theme was highlighted by this novel show that emphasises the importance of recycling. All pupils throughout the school had the opportunity to attend this most humorous production. We trust the message will be reinforced for them and their parents.

CONGRATULATIONS: Daniel & Matthew Thomson After successful auditions they have both been accepted as members of the Victorian State Singers. Lauren Toy who has been selected for the Victorian Primary School Basketball squad. Brenton McAdam on being selected fora place in the Bruce Cup training squad which represents the best Primary School tennis players in the state.

ROMSEY AUSKICK 1998: Enrolments are still being taken for Auskick and there will be Auskick on Friday April 3rd from 4-5pm. Children who have already enrolled received a football and magazine pack last Friday. We are short of numbers in the 5/6 group and unless we get extra children may have to forfeit our Little League game and allow another clinic to take our place. A Grid Game at the M.C.G. has been organised for the Grade 3/4 group in late May. Bob Sherren, Auskick Co-ordinator.

ROMSEY JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL: There has been great interest shown in Junior School Council with more than 20 nominations from Grade 6 children for six positions. Children in Grade 5/6 conducted their elections this week with each candidate making a short speech. Secret Ballot voting followed, emphasising the importance of their recent visit to the Australian Electoral commission and a study of government. Junior School Council allows the students to express things which are important to them and report to the School Administration, and School Council on a regular basis.

Trevor Turnham - Principal

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Are you interested in joining Weight Watchers or are already a member but would like the meetings to be in Romsey. If so, please give me a ring and if there is enough show of interest we may be able to start up a permanent meeting place in Romsey.

Please ring Marg 5429 1926 by 20th April, 1998.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THANKYOU.

Special thankyou to Rev. Paul Wood for the Renewal of Wedding Vows Service on our 25th Wedding Anniversary, at St. Paul's Church, Romsey on 24th March. To Mrs. Helen Watts, for taking a video for us to keep and remember of our special day. To our son and daughter Mark and Kirsty, Anna and Bills girls Emma and Julia. The many friends in and around Romsey who celebrated with us at St. Paul's and our home afterwards, and to the many who wished us well for our special day.

Thankyou - Chris & Shirley Perkins

An Open Letter to the Riddells Creek and Romsey Communities

Dear Friends,

As you may know, during the last couple of months we have been required to go through the process of re-tendering for the management contracts of the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre and the Romsey Recreation Centre. The contracts have now been awarded (to another contractor) so Tom and I will be completing our term on the 30th April, 1998.

We would like to thank the people of Riddells Creek and Romsey for their support and patronage over the last four years. We have thoroughly enjoyed our work, it was never a chore, and it has been a privilege to serve the communities during this time.

There are many people who have assisted and supported us in our efforts and we thank them all (we know that you know who you are!) We would also like to thank our wonderful staff, the associations, the players and spectators, and our many willing helpers. We wish our successors luck and hope that they serve the communities well.

Tom & Andrea Doric.

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March Meeting

his month, several members and visitors attended one of our regular "problem solving sessions". One member brought in their computer so that we could all benefit from the experience. Problems resolved: a strange phenomenon where fonts and colour scheme would change for no apparent reason; how to unblock ink on your inkjet printer; how to tell if your ink is near empty.

Special thanks goes to Mark Gusew of HotKey and Data Synectics for supplying the clubs' computer with a "voice". We will be using this as an example of how to install hardware on your computer when you have little or no information at next months meeting.

Next Meeting - April 19th

As mentioned above, we will be

FUTURE MEETINGS

Third Sunday of each month April 19, May 17, June 21 2:00 p.m. at BUNGAWITTA (old primary school) in ROMSEY Bring a plate for afternoon tea

installi ng a sound card into the clubs' computer. Also, we will be revisiting the topic of backing up your computer. Since the last time the club presented the backup tutorial, Windows 95 has been released onto the scene. With the amount of data that is supplied as part of Windows 95 and its next release Windows 98, as well as those mammoth disks that are now supplied with new computers, some form of backup should be done, but how? Your



club has the answers! You'll see options on how to back up as well as perform one on the club computer.

As usual our meetings are open to all members of the general public and entry is FREE! Both experienced computer users and first timers will be able to gather the latest information on both the current and future technology.

Club Contacts

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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL APRIL NEWS

Here it is the end of Term already !! Even the children are saying that it has gone by so quickly. I believe that we have been so busy and working so well that we have not noticed how fast the days have gone. New room, new staff members, new Preps together with their families, have all helped make the Term so interesting and so full of activities that all of a sudden we are preparing for our regular "End of Term BBQ".

Another new addition to the school has been the arrival of 5 as yet un-named lovely, fluffy "buff pekin"chicks who have settled into the famous "Birds on Bolinda" compound.

Two classrooms of new furniture has also been delivered. These - desks and chairs have brightened up the rooms and the children think they look great.

Unfortunately, any new items must always be paid for, so consequently our <u>Fundraising Team</u> have enthusiastically embarked on a wonderfully popular bulb drive.

the ever popular hot cross bun drive, and planning for a fundraising auction in May is well under way. Proceeds from these activities will also go towards the purchase of more readers for the new Keys to Life literacy program that we have implemented this year.

We have had a very successful whole school excursion to the <u>Queenscliff Marine Centre</u> which complemented wonderfully our terms work on the sea.

We were all very pleased to get a reply from Australian Olympian Anthony Evans who competed in the cross country skiing at Nagano. He wrote in response to our Herofax that we sent to him prior to his event.

Until next month and indeed next term - bye from busy Bolinda.

Keith Jenkins Principal Phone: 54 285 317

FOR SALE:

- Discount Disposble Nappies
- Free Home Deliveries
- Superior Nappies all Firsts
- Pls ring: 54286070.

Opportunity Shop

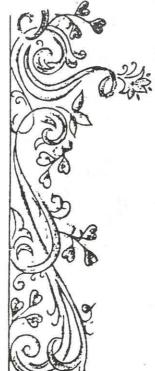
and teas

Romsey Anglican Church hall Friday afternoons & Saturday mornings.

You are welcome

NEVER BE DISCOURAGED

- Helen Steiner Rice



There is really nothing we need know or even try to understand If we refuse to be discouraged and trust God's Guiding Hand . . . So take heart and meet each minute with Faith in God's Great Love, Aware that every day of life is controlled by God Above . . . And never dread Tomorrow or what the Future brings. Just pray for strength and courage and trust God in all things . . . And never grow discouraged be patient and just wait For "God never comes too early and He Never Comes Too Late!"

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INDONESIAN SKIPE

The Sarjana Bumi Indonesian Cultural Group performed at Hesket Primary School recently. Their performance of an Indonesian play involved all of the children in acting, singing and dancing. After the performance all grades participated in workshops; constructing Indonesian kites and puppets. This day was an enhancement to the children's LOTE studies that had been improved last year by a six week stay by a visiting Indonesian Teacher. The Cultural Group was most impressed with the knowledge and involvement of the children in all activities.

SKIPPING TEAM

The Demonstration Team has continued to delight crowds at the Riddells Creek School fete, the Romsey School fair and the "Outer Edge" Community Day in Kyneton. Children as young as five can be seen skipping skillfully in the school playground everyday at Hesket. The children's general fitness levels, coordination and the understanding of the need for fitness in a healthy lifestyle have shown increased improvement during the teams involvement with the Heart Foundation's lump Rope For Heart.

SCHOOL BAND

Highlights

The school band is up and running and has performed for the first time at the "Outer Edge" concert in Kyneton. Students at Hesket are able to learn Keyboard, drums, cello, violin and guitar in addition to recorder. Students have the opportunity to play in the school band. The school choir is also available for those interested.



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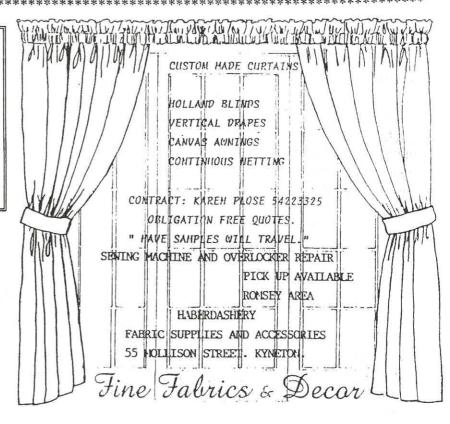
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approach to information found on the Net.

3. Be aware of what your children are doing on-line. Have the computer in a public area in the home, not in a bedroom or in a children's play room.

4. Encourage children to tell you about anything that worries them and have the family talk about

Internet danger.

5. The Internet is fun but full of strangers. Children should never give out personal information such as names and addresses.

6. Many Internet sites have questionnaires and competitions. Ask your children to talk to you before filling in any forms.

7. The Internet is a great place to make friends. Ensure any face-to-face meetings are in a public

place with an adult present.

8. Encourage children to send E-mail only to friends so that they will have no need to correspond with strangers.

9. Some information on chat lines is not appropriate for children. Teach them to say no to messages or to leave a site that makes them feel uncomfortable.

10. If your child brings something inappropriate to your attention tell them you are pleased they did and discuss it calmly.

11. Encourage your child's school to develop a Cyber Safety policy too.

12. Too much time sitting at a computer is unhealthy. Set a time limit (an hour at most) and encourage your child to get out and explore the real world too.

ROMSEY GUIDES

The guide program offers opportunities for girls to participate in a wide range of activities, and to develop as caring and responsible members of their own communities. The program is especially designed for girls and is relevant to the interests and needs of each age group. Any girl can become a girl guide. Guiding welcomes girls from all backgrounds including those with special needs.

All Guides meet on Monday nights as follows: ** Guide Pack (formally Brownies), age 7 - 11 years, meet 6.30 - 8.00 pm and ** Guide Company, age 10 - 15 years, meet 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

Currently we are looking at renaming each section of guides. There is an opportunity for all age groups to mix with this type of restructuring, but overall it is envisaged that the girls will participate in activities within their own age groups

SITUATIONS VACANT - LEADERS NEEDED

If you enjoy adventure, challenge and involvement with girls, this is an opportunity for you. <u>Full training (with support)</u> and uniform supplied. If you do not like the idea of becoming a uniformed leader, then perhaps a non uniform unit helper would be more suitable. We do need extra adult help on an ongoing regular basis, due to the large increase we have had in guide numbers this year. Don't be afraid to accept the challenge, you are **guaranteed personal rewards**.

There are some limited vacancies for girls to join guides, especially the 7-11 age group.

If you can help with guides or are interested in joining guides (all levels) please contact either Marion Skovdam (Guide Company Leader) on 54 296365, or

Michelle Hocking (Guide Pack Leader) on 54 295039, or

Carolyn Atkinson (Romsey District Leader) on 57 810728.

ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT TRI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All interested persons and sporting bodies please note that the above meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28th April, 1998, at the Golf/Bowls Clubhouse at 8.00p.m. All positions will be declared vacant at that time and it is hoped that representatives from all associations will be in attendance. Sam Howatson, Hon. Secretary. 54295 724 a/h.



Dear Parents,

Re: Changes to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's school aged services

From April, there will be a number of changes to Council's service, including a new fee structure and a new payment system, as a result of the Federal Government's childcare assistance scheme, which becomes available from 27 April (Term 2).

Fee relief and new opportunities!

The new assistance scheme offers fee relief to many more families, with child care eligibility now based on much higher incomes than before. To determine your family's exact fee relief eligibility, your income and application form need to be assessed by Centrelink as soon as possible.

Please ensure you contact CentreLink soon on 13 15 24. Once you have

been assessed, Council will be able to calculate your new fee.

New Council fees

The funds Council used to get to run these programmes will now come to you as fee relief. To make up this loss of funding, about \$141,000 a year, there will be a new fee structure from Term 2. This will mean both some increases and some decreases in costs of before and after school care. The cost of Term 3 school holiday programs, on the other hand, should be reduced significantly for most families in the Shire. The attached table details our new sessional fees and the subsidies available for families on a range of income levels.

Sessions

Council's before and after school programs will no longer be available on an hourly basis, but as individual sessions of before school care (7-9am) and after school care (3.30-6.30pm, except Kyneton, which will now close at 6pm). Parents will need to pre-book their morning and afternoon sessions either at the programme or at Council Service Centres and, as of Term 2, payments will be invoiced directly to parents rather than being accepted at each centre.

The Future

Council faces a budget deficit in the order of \$186,000 in the next financial year unless it can turn around the loss of its operational subsidy. During its mid-year review, Council will be looking at ways of reducing this deficit, by increasing usage of our services and/or by reducing costs.

There is a lot of scope for increasing usage of these services - which have a good reputation, both for the quality of care and the variety of school holiday programs.

We would ask you to encourage your neighbours, friends and acquaintances to investigate their options for child care fee relief and start using Council's school aged services so that their continued viability is assured.

Council has determined to meet with families throughout the Macedon Ranges during May and June to explore all options fully with them.

Anne McLennan Co-ordinator

Your sincerely

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Salary and conditions are of employment are in accordance with Victorian Local Authorities Interim Award 1991.

A position description can be obtained by phoning Schoolaged Services on 54 220 343. Applicants wishing to discuss the position in more detail should contact Fiona Alexander, Team Leader.



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR (RELIEVING) WOODEND RIDDELLS CREEK ROMSEY

Expressions or interest are invited for the position of School Crossing Supervisor (Relieving) with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Reporting to the School Crossing Supervisor, successful applicants may be called upon at short notice to take up school crossing supervision duties.

Qualifications and experience are not necessary as training will be provided. Equipment and uniform will be supplied.

Salary and conditions are of employment are in accordance with Victorian Local Authorities Interim Award 1991.

Criminal History Checks will be conducted on preferred applicants.

A position description can be obtained by phoning Schoolaged Services on 54 220 343. Applicants wishing to discuss the position in more detail should contact Fiona Alexander, Team Leader.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

No word yet as regards the Government's decision on our Ambulance Station but as soon as we have any news we will shout it from the roof-tops!!

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Margaret Howatson, Hon. Secretary 54 295 724 a/h.....

APOLOGY: My sincere apologies to Scentsations in Massage - our newest business in town - I made a mistake with the telephone number in the March Rag - must stop typing and cooking tea at the same time!!! Sorry Merrill! Please see the new ad for all the correct details!!!!

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Our Winter and Spring Fashions by Danny Blume will be featured at a Morning Coffee on Friday, 22nd May at 10.30am at Romsey Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey, Donation \$6.00 to aid Red Cross Funds in Victoria.

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with catering for fire fighters and burnt out families and emergency personnel during the Trentham/Tylden fires. Registration Teams registered the names and addresses of many evacuees in the local area.

At a Regional Red Cross Meeting and de-briefing held at Kyneton Uniting Church hall on Monday, 30th March, plans were made for a Regional Registration raining session to be held in May probably at Woodend Community Centre on a date to be finalised. Any community members who would like to receive free training in Registration to enable them to assist in any future emergency please contact either Leeanne Eames (5429 5658) or Helen Clement (5429 5317). A function is planned to be held on World Red Cross Day, 8th May. Further details in May "Romsey Rag"

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Our Parish Selection Committee members are still busily assembling and collating our Parish Profile which now, following a recent Maribyrnong Presbytery decision has to be re-submitted, in 2 separate profiles for each congregation, in Romsey and Lancefield, which are then put together to complete one submission. We are still hopeful that we will receive the name of a Minister with whom we can negotiate, within the ensuing few months. Sincere thanks are extended to the members of the Selection Committee who have met on countless occasions and spent numerous hours researching the required factual information. We firmly believe that they as a group are being guided and led by God and we pray that God will continually watch over us all, and safely lead us to the time of an appointment of a minister who is being led by God towards our Parish.

Our Worship Services continue to be led by relieving ministers - mostly very experienced retired Uniting Church Ministers, who deliver particularly good messages in their sermons and lead us in very inspiring worship services. Our roster of ministers for April is - 5th & 26th - Rev. Robert Wheeler; 12th & 19th - Rev. John Blaze.

Our monthly U.C.A.F. Meeting (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) will be held on Wednesday, 8th April at 1.30pm in our Sunday School Hall, when an Easter Service will be shared. New members very welcome.

Many thanks to the Quinn and Strack families for offering their hospitality - and to our many helpers and cooks who helped to make our Progressive Lunch, which was held on Sunday 5th April, such a success. Proceeds will aid the funds required to repair the roof and ceiling of our 133 year old church building.

Several members of our Congregation have enjoyed being included in the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lenten Studies each Thursday evening, and we thank them for their hospitality and friendship.

Our thoughts and prayers are with many of our friends who have not been enjoying good health recently including Sandra Strack, Marion Spring, Sue Quarrell, George Lewis, Jacqueline Weir, John, Emma and Sophie Milne, Wendy Laing and Cheryl Wright, also Phyllis Mitchell. Sincere sympathy is extended to Hazel Allen and Jean Wright in the sad sudden loss of their sister Mary Allen of Strathbogie and we remember prayerfully elderly friends living in Nursing Home care - Mrs. Mary McIntyre, "Innisfree" Kyneton, Mrs. Daisy Dawson and Mrs. Dorothy Allen, in Ray M Beggs Hostel in Kyneton, Mr. Bob and Mrs. Eily Notman in Kilmore Aged Care Hostel and Mrs. Greta Rivett and Mrs. Brynhild Hirst at "Karinya" Lancefield.

Our Harvest thanksgiving Service, despite the continuing drought, featured an impressive display of produce with perishable goods being donated to needy local families, and emergency relief for burnt out local families in Tylden and all the non-perishable goods being given to "Care" mission at Broadmeadows. Thanks to Grant Newman for doing the delivery run for us. We extend our prayerful support to Grant and Josie as they enjoy a brief trip to India in preparation for the Big Move with their 3 children, to live there permanently - may God be with them all and keep them safe and healthy.

On Good Friday, we will join with other local Christians to Walk the Way of the Cross meeting at Christ Church Anglican Church, Chauncey Street, Lancefield at 10am on Friday 10th April. All welcome. Easter Day services will be celebrated at 9am at Romsey Uniting Church and 10.30am at Lancefield. Visitors are always welcome. For any Pastoral joys or concerns, please contact either Noel Shaw, 5429 5509, Robert Clement 5429 5225 or Elizabeth Brown 5429 5110. Best wishes to all for a safe happy and holy Easter with travelling mercies to all travelling on either holiday or business - God Bless You All and may He send good Autumn rains very soon!

MEET "HAMISH JOCK CLEMENT"! The most recent member of the "Clement Clan" of Springfield. "Hamish Jock" arrived at Tullamarine from Wagga Wagga, NSW on the evening of Tuesday 24th March to replace Helen Clement's much loved "Wee Lassie", whose former friend and playmate "Bella" is really pleased to now have a "Boy" friend to play with! Hamish Jock is 14 months old and was bred by Mrs. Robyn Obst of Wagga Wagga who is sad parting with Hamish, who is the son of her female "Westie" "Kiltie" - Kiltie is fretting for her baby but Hamish is having so much fun with "Bella" and the other "Bank Glen" dogs that he has not missed his mother at all! Hamish seems to be just like "Wee lassie" in that he enjoys making friends wherever he goes. Pets are important aren't they?!

The Kyneton District Racing Club are holding a special Family Meeting on Saturday 18th April. There will be loads of free giveaways and free entertainment for the whole family and it's the last chance to see Easter Bunny for 1998!

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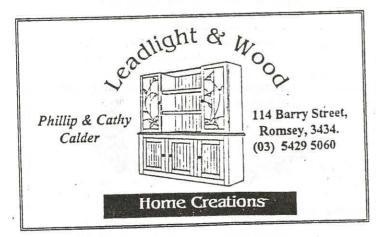
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The ladies golf season is off and running and even though the course is very dry, we are enjoying our golf. Good to see Hazel back with us, on on the grapevine I hear Jean is coming back, we will be pleased to see her with her golf sticks again.

We had a very successful Bowl on 23rd March with 13 teams competing. Congratulations to the Mt. Macedon team, Judy Miller, Val Lishe, and Shirley Martell with 121 points. Well done Mary and her helpers for a lovely lunch.

Congratulations to Kath Jekabsons, who was runner-up with 43 stableford points at the Business Women's Event at Gisborne.

Results for March:-

11th - Stroke - 1st P. Bray 62 nett, 2nd L. Beasley 71 nett, 3rd D. Baker 73 nett. NTP D. Baker. 18th - Stableford - Ist M. Campbell 37 points, 2nd S. Shelton 36 points, 3rd P. Bray. 34 points. Nine hole Winner - P. Rigby.

25th - Stableford - 1st L. Beasley 36 points, 2nd M. Crump 33 points.

1st April - Stroke - 1st Mary Campbell 59 nett, 2nd S. Shelton 65 nett, 3rd M. Crump 69 nett. NTP M. Campbell.

Well done to Mary Campbell who broke her handicap to 25.

Pam Bray has also had a good month - bringing her handicap down to 35.

Mary Campbell and Shirley Shelton were runners-up at Yea's President and Captains Day. We are having a reunion with a night out at the Riddell Hotel, May 1st. Over 50 invitations have been sent out to all the women who have played golf at Romsey. We hope to meet again - our friends we made, who have moved away, went back to work, developed bad backs, sore arms, shoulders, or put the golf clubs in the shed! A good night is anticipated.

Shirley.....

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The 150th Edition of the Romsey Rag - May '98

As this will be a special issue, I would urge all club secretaries and contributors to have their copy in to the school before the deadline of Thursday 30th April if at all possible. Help us to celebrate together. This is a great milestone made possible by community support. Thankyou.

Trevor Turnham - Editor. **********



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