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Wednesday Results

15 Aug **Stroke**
B Robb net 74

Saturday Results

21 July **Stableford**
S Wright (14) 42
28 July **Monthly Medal**
B Klaaysen (19) net 62
4 Aug **Modified Stableford**
B Warrener +14
11 Aug **Stroke**
J White (32) 66

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1/3 body of prime beef and 1 whole lamb
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3rd Prize Country Produce Hamper

Club Championships

Club Championships will be held over 3 weeks commencing 1st September. Expecting to see a lot of juniors out there practicing. Good luck to all who are competing. Odds on favourite for A Grade has to be Dean Jones!

The course is in great shape apart from the damage caused by wandering cattle. Drainage has been put on the second green to help alleviate water pooling on the green.

Romsey Golf Club - Ladies Report**Results for this month**

Wed 25th July	Monthly Medal	H. Caly Nett 72
Wed 1st August	Stroke	B. Cole
Wed 8th August	Stableford	H. Caly 30pts
Wed 15th August	Monthly Medal	H. Caly Nett 71

Travelling has been a bit quieter this month. Loraine and I represented Marg and Neryl-Lea at the RWH 4BBB at Broadford on 26th July. The weather looked threatening and we started with all the wet weather gear on, but had to take it off as the sun came out and smiled on us. It was an enjoyable day and we were runners up at one stage before all the field came in. I did ask for presentations to be done early but no go.

Hilda ventured to Avenel for their tournament and her report is that she needed a navigator. Now for more details it could only happen to Hilda. She managed to turn off the highway

at the wrong turn and in the wrong direction and end up at the airfield, where she was rescued by a lovely man who took her in the right direction. Her direction on one of the par 5's was also off but other than that she enjoyed the sand scrapes and will go back again. Then another adventure for her was the flat tyre on the way home. Thankfully she had not gone far and the men's captain was on hand to change her tyre. Apparently she had no correct tools in her car. After this she was shown the way back to the highway or we may have lost her again.

Recipe for this month**Hamburger Soup**

Approx ¾ kg minced steak.

1 cup chopped celery
½ cup uncooked rice
1 can tomato soup
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cans water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 medium onions chopped
1 cup carrot chopped
1 large can peeled tomatoes
1 cup chopped cabbage
Salt & pepper

In a large saucepan brown the meat in a little oil. Add all other ingredients to almost fill pot and simmer about 2 hours. Delicious with hot bread rolls.

Beryl Cole
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Thank You!

To Family, Friends and Supporters of the Romsey Kindergarten: We wished to send out a note of thanks to each of you to express our appreciation for your gracious generosity and show of support for the Romsey Kindergarten. The commitment and support was overwhelming and allowed us to raise over \$5,000 dollars this year! The night was enjoyed by all, with many snagging a bargain. As one supportive patron stated 'I'm having trouble deciding where to spend my money!' We would like to again thank Elders & Pat Reddan for his entertaining and professional auction, to the Romsey Golf Club for the donation of their rooms and those local families and businesses who gave donations so readily. A very special thankyou to all committee members who made themselves available on the night with a special mention to Raelene Mottram and Helen Barrow. The Romsey Kindergarten Goods & Services Auction allowed us to raise much needed funds required to begin the first phase in our play area rejuvenation. This is a much needed and expensive process which the Romsey Kindergarten believes will only serve to benefit our children in their ongoing development and growth. As you are aware the Romsey Kindergarten is committed to the education and wellbeing of the children it serves. We believe that we provide an extremely important service dedicated to delivering a stimulating and educational environment for all our children.

We wish to thank you again for your continued support and commitment, and hope we can continue to count on you in the future. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Romsey Kindergarten.

Kath Brundell
Romsey Kindergarten,
Committee of Management.



Macedon Ranges Art and Craft Co-operative (MRACC) was formed in 2004 and is made up of a small group of like-minded dedicated art and craftsmen. MRACC is looking for new members particularly woodworkers, potters, metal workers, painters etc. If you produce high quality hand made art and craft products and reside in the Macedon Ranges or have a connection to the Macedon Ranges, please contact Marty on 5428 6932 AH to discuss becoming a member. We normally have a monthly sale in Lancefield but have quite a few other events planned for the second half of this year in various locations around the Macedon Ranges. You can visit our website at www.mracc2004.com to see a small sample of what we do and where we will be appearing this year. You can also drop in at one of our sales, bringing a sample of your work with you, and meet our members.

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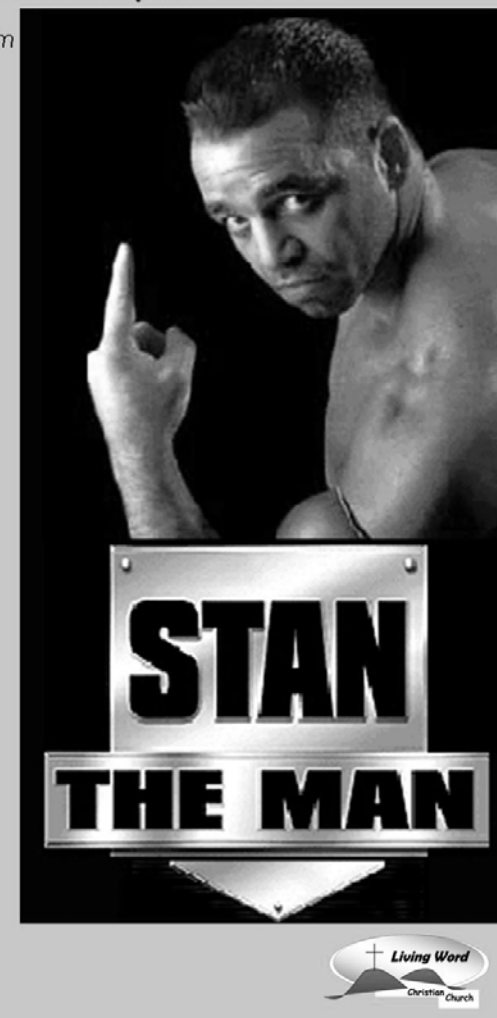
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Probus Club Romsey – Lancefield

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OUR BANK - SHARING WITH THE SHIRE TO HELP COMMUNITY

Macedon Ranges Council services are being provided from our Romsey Community Bank premises until next year as part of another major step in community support by our Bank. Local Community Bank chair Maureen Wiltshire said selected Council staff would be working from the bank while the Romsey Community Hub is being built. Romsey Service Centre staff are being relocated during the Community Hub construction, and it was seen as important that residents still had local access to Shire services.

"We view this as a very exciting step by the Romsey Community Bank, which further underscores our commitment to the needs of the local community," Mrs Wiltshire said. "Staff were specially selected to provide the Council's services, and will not be involved in our own banking activity. Customers will be able to tell the difference between the Bank and the Council staff by their different uniforms. Our Bendigo Bank Community Bank branches are supporting the Shire in the development of the Romsey Hub, along with the other partnerships we have with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council in terms of its financial needs. Sharing of our premises is a further expression of our partnership with the Council," Mrs Wiltshire said.

Local Community Bank senior manager Rod Browning said the Council operations would move back out when the Hub was finished.

"In the meantime, it's important that Romsey residents don't have to travel out of town to conduct the business they normally do with the Council," he said. "Our Community Bank branch is proud that the close relationship between our Bank and the Council has been able to ensure residents are not inconvenienced."

The Bank branch is at 1/112 Main St.

Bendigo Bank – business as usual

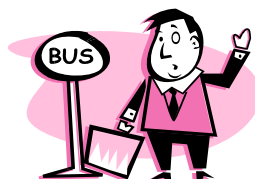
Bendigo Bank's announcement of its intention to merge with Adelaide Bank would not impact on the day-to-day operations of our Community Bank branches, local Bank chair Maureen Wiltshire said.

Mrs Wiltshire said Bendigo Bank had assured her that the proposed merger would provide security to the Community Bank model, with both banks agreeing the model would continue to grow under the new entity. Our local company, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services, operates the branches at Romsey and Lancefield.

"Our customers at Lancefield and Romsey will be among 1.3 million customers of the new bank, which will have more than 380 branches and will provide our customers with access to additional branches and ATMs," Mrs Wiltshire said. "Bendigo Bank has announced that the Community Bank model will continue to grow and prosper under the merged company, and assured us that the Bank's commitment to supporting our communities will not change."

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From Cr Henry Bleeck

Making the grade on road maintenance

The Macedon Ranges Shire has beefed up its program of road maintenance, and is looking to adopt a new Road Management Plan. We have legal responsibilities for maintenance and upgrading under the Road Management Act 2004. And while we take these responsibilities seriously and are keen to respond to our residents, we all need to be clear exactly what we're responsible for.

The Council is responsible for some 1500 km of roads across the Shire – but VicRoads has the responsibility for a number of our major roads, including the highways and major arterials such as the Lancefield-Sunbury Rd. Our Council roads include the road surface, bridges and culverts, paths, kerb and channelling and road furniture. Collectively, these assets have a current replacement value of more than \$184 million. It is unfair to expect our ratepayers to pick up the lion's share of the maintenance and replacement bill for our local roads. I will be pushing through Council for a better deal from government in helping to fund our road and footpath maintenance program.

The Macedon Ranges Shire is a key tourism region on Melbourne's northern doorstep, with most of our attractions barely an hour's drive from the city. With our wineries, Hanging Rock, the Cobaw and Macedon Ranges and our host of other tourist attractions, our roads are subject to heavy and constant use from non-residents. Acknowledging that we do receive grants from government for roadworks, I believe that more funding is needed to maintain our roads to the standards required. And it shouldn't be the ratepayers who pick up the bill for this work.

The Council's new Road Management Plan sets out the schedule for when all our roads and footpaths should receive inspections and cyclic maintenance. While we have accepted our responsibility to enhance this program, we need more funding to enable us to do it to the standard expected of us. Copies of our road maintenance schedule and Council's Road Management Plan is soon to be posted on our website, www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Our Bank and Shire – working together

It's wonderful to see the co-operation between our Shire and our Community Bank while the Romsey Hub is being built. Proving that anything can be done if we are committed to working together, an agreement was reached for Council service staff to be located in the Romsey Community Bank while the work takes place. It means that Romsey residents can still get face-to-face service from the Shire in their town during the rebuild. Well done to Bank Manager Rod Browning and his staff for facilitating this, and it's yet another example of how our Bank works to the benefit of our community.

School crossing

We've been advised by VicRoads that work is soon to commence on installing upgraded electronic speed signs at the school crossing on Main Street. The Council supported a petition signed by around 210 residents for the upgraded signage at the crossing near the Skate Park, and I'm pleased that VicRoads has now responded. The bright signs will ensure motorists know the limit is 40kmh during school hours, and will be a major improvement on the old, faded signs. VicRoads however did not support the proposal to reduce the general speed limit on this stretch of road to 50kmh at all times.

Henry Bleeck.

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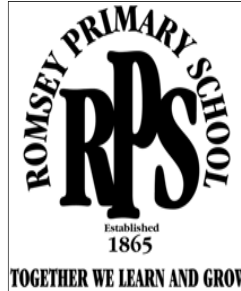


Romsey Primary School News



School Production – “I Love the Knight Life”

This year's school production has a medieval feel with a quirky re-telling of the legend of King Arthur battling the forces of evil with some musical inspiration from Elvis. Sounds funny? It is! Over two weeks our two casts have been entertaining a packed school Performing Arts Centre. The students are to be congratulated on putting in so much work to produce such a fabulous show. The extra rehearsals during lunchtimes as well as class time have certainly paid off



My Sporting Hero” Dress Up Day

The whole school held a special “Sporting Hero” dress up day to assist Lauren Connell on her way to the national cross country championships in Perth. Lauren progressed through the school's cross country to district, region and eventually state championships to achieve the honour of representing the state at the national championships in Perth. On the dress up day we raised funds to assist Lauren's family with the considerable financial burden incurred with participation in this event. Lauren has been training hard all year for this event- we wish her well in her athletic endeavours representing Victoria.

Walking School Bus First Birthday

We had a great turnout of registered walkers to celebrate the first birthday of the walking School Bus. Walkers and bus volunteers accompanied the Walking School Bus mascot from Todd Lane to the school, where representatives from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council joined the celebration. A special birthday cake was presented, and shared by the school's registered walkers at recess. Thank you to the volunteers who have helped to successfully launch and maintain this important program. Another bus route will be officially launched next term.



Athletic Sports Years 3 to 6

We will be conducting our annual school based athletic sports for years 3 to 6 in the last week of August. These sports are the basis of selecting the athletics team for the Cobaw District sports which are planned to be held in mid September. The students competed in hurdles, long jump, triple jump, discus, shot putt, 100 and 200 metres. The 800 metre event was offered for those children wishing to participate. This is a fun day for students, teachers and our parent volunteers.

Water Watch Warriors

The students in two of our 5/6 classes have become involved in a community project with the Landcare group. Our role as Waterwatch Warriors is to carry out water testing at Daly's bridge for Deep Creek. Within this role we will focus on habitat, vegetation and water quality.

The students have been working with Rhys from Melbourne Water, who is co-ordinating the project for this area. Recently the students were involved in three activities at Deep Creek – Observing the features of the local landscape, observing and examining the macro- invertebrates (water animals) found in the water, and testing the water quality with tests for acidity, salinity, phosphate levels, water clarity and temperature.

The students used a reflection strategy called “how is your thinking shaping up?” to respond to their experience.

Golf Report

Recently five of our talented students represented Romsey Primary School in the district golf competition, played at Kyneton. Congratulations to the team—Toby Clements, Mark Wilkinson, Ricky Horan, Seamus Whelan and Josh Lan-yon—on their success as they are now through to the regional finals to be held at Heathcote later in the month.

Aerobics Success

Congratulations are again extended to our Aerobics Team. Both the troupe and trio made it through to the finals of the State Competition last weekend. This is an outstanding achievement as many of the schools these girls are competing against are very well resourced with professional coaches. Our trio is now off to Sydney for the National Championships later in the year. Congratulations to all the competing students, and especially to teachers Leanne Stewart and Karren Baker for their tireless efforts in training these girls to such a high standard.

Orchard Planting

The Romsey Primary School garden continues to be developed with the recent addition of an orchard. Using a grant from the State Garden Awards the trees were purchased, the area prepared by our wonderful handyman Steve Westbury assisted by Bill Pearce and planted by students from the 3/4 and 5/6 units, under the watchful guidance of teacher aides Sue Nolan and Denise Polidoro, and Principal Barney Healy. The fruit from the orchard will be used in the canteen and in cooking groups with students.

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What's happening on the Wildlife Front??? -

More snippets from your team of the 'Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network'.

The winds are picking up, the daffodils are showing their heads and the wattles are loaded with bloom. Spring is in the air and all around us. And not only us humans are getting excited with this promise of re-growth, these are very exciting times for our some of our wildlife as well.

Just watch the birds. Now is the time to form relationships and marriages as well as defending and establishing territories. But while it is rather amusing to watch little guys like wrens, honey eaters, shrikes, whistlers and spinebills – it is totally different kettle of fish in regards to the magpies. How about you just Google "swooping magpies" on your computer – stacks of solutions there as well as why they do it. And don't worry, it only lasts around 2 weeks of 52.

Unfortunately there have been quite a few kangaroo road casualties – and some of our carers are now substitute mothers for orphaned joeys (Billy, Kirra and Guido, just to name a few.)

Did you know joeys are totally dependent on their mums for approx 2 years?? And that means if a human has to care for a little joey it is just like having a new born baby. It means feeding them around the clock every 4 hours, (sometimes more, depending on it's size,) changing nappies/pouches, making up formula, washing and sterilising bottles, doing loads of washing. The only difference is we don't have any school fees!! We have stacks of vet fees though.

Did you know that kangaroo mums are actually rather amazing? They have 2 teats in their pouch and produce different milk to cater for a joey at foot as well as a joey in the pouch!! Not only that – in case of severe drought like we just had – they can regulate the nourishment in the milk. Meaning that the developing joey can be put "on hold" till conditions improve. And to top it all off – in cases of extremely unfavourable conditions, kangaroo mums actually can dissolve a foetus back into her system and not give birth at all!!!

A female Eastern Grey roo can have in ideal conditions 6 - 8 joeys during her fertile life. However not all make it. In our Shire the biggest killer of the little ones are dogs, foxes, viruses from introduced species (e.g. cats / toxoplasmosis), various sicknesses (e.g. coccidiosis) and as well as cars and getting caught in fences in built-up areas.

Next month is "Wildlife Awareness Month". Depending on our workload you might be able to say 'hello' to some of us at the local farmer's markets. Till then - your team from the 'Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network' - <http://mrwn.org.au>



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Where: Stanley Park - off Salisbury Road, between Mt Macedon Road and Waterfalls Road (VicRds Ref 634 G5)

When: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Sunday 23rd Sept & Sunday 28th Oct 2007

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Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

The committee is very excited to report it has received more grant money, this time from the ever-generous Shire of Macedon Ranges. The Toy Library received \$500 as part of the annual community grants scheme, money which is greatly needed to improve and expand our range of educational toys and games.

One of the new initiatives which the Toy Library will now be able to implement is the establishment of a Party Pack.

This will comprise of lightweight, portable kid-sized tables and chairs and party-friendly games such as Pin The Tail On The Donkey and sacks for Sack Races. Parents, who do not have to be toy library members, will be able to hire the party packs for a small fee and use them for their home parties. It should be a very popular initiative and one which will help the toy library to generate some much-needed income, which will be used to improve our current service.

The toy library is most grateful to the council for this grant, which it can be assured will be put to good use!

A big thanks to Romsey resident Jan Perez, who read in last month's Rag of the Toy Library's need for donations of board games. Jan arrived at the Toy Library one Saturday with a big bag of board games and puzzles, which we have been able to put to good use. Thanks so much, Jan, for cleaning out your cupboards and thinking of us! If you have any board games, educational toys or good quality large toys (i.e. Little Tikes cars) which your children have no further use for, please think of your local toy library! We especially need new board games, so if you have any tucked away in your cupboards which are hardly ever used or that you children have grown out of, we would love to receive them. The Toy Library's board games range desperately needs replenishing but we do not currently have the funds to buy new ones. Call Leanne Manton on 5429 6583 anytime and we'll come to you to pick up if you wish.

Educational board games such as Junior Monopoly, Junior Scrabble, Boggle or strategy games such as Connect 4, Battleship or Trouble would be especially welcome. Don't worry if your set is missing a dice or a few bits – the Toy Library already has board games so your incomplete set could help us update our current collection if pieces are missing or worn.

Toy Library committee secretary Anna Quigley recently travelled to Woodend as part of the Toy Library's membership of the Romsey Community Hub steering committee. The committee met on site at the Woodend Community Hub to see how that hub was operating and lessons learned which could be used in the organisation of the upcoming Romsey Hub. Now building of the Romsey Hub is underway, Toy Library committee members will be meeting twice a month with the council and hub tenants including the Neighbourhood House and Romsey Playgroup to 'fine tune' the design and operation of the hub.

Welcome to the new members of the toy library this month – we are growing steadily and that is most heartening. All residents of the Romsey and also the Lancefield area,

whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join our toy library. All toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and this is a great way for parents, grandparents and carers to have a constant new source of amusement for children. With membership of the library just \$15 for six months and \$25 for a whole year, our fees are very affordable for everyone.

Call into St Mary's Hall (behind the Catholic Church) in Main Street, Romsey, on Saturday mornings from 10am-11.30am and you can view our range of toys and sign up!

Toy Library members and members of the community are asked to support the library's one and only fundraiser for the year, a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Sunbury. The date is **Saturday, September 2** – the day before Father's Day, so we expect the store will be extremely busy! The money we make from the sausage sizzle will go towards paying our annual insurance costs and membership of Toy Libraries Victoria, our parent body. Anyone who can help with this sausage sizzle is asked to call Leanne on 5429 6583. Anyone who could spare an hour to turn a few snags on the barbie would be most welcome. We will be buying all of our supplies i.e. sausages locally for the sizzle, so even though the fundraiser will be held out of town, we will still be supporting local business, which we feel is extremely important.

As always, we need new members! Memberships are still \$15 for 6 months or \$25 for one year, regardless of the number of children in your family. We have lots of 'big toys' – scooters, Cozy Coupe cars for toddlers, jeep ride-ons, trikes, see-saws and the like – which are great to borrow as they are expensive to buy. Come along one Saturday morning and check out our range! We have hundreds of puzzles, games, large and small toys, ride-ons, LeapPads, Leapsters and educational CD-ROMs for you to borrow for children aged from birth to 12 years. Or just give Leanne Manton a call on 5429 6583 and we'll sign you up.

The library opens in St Mary's Hall (behind the Catholic Church) on Saturday mornings from 10am until 11.30am.

Thanks for your time and look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

On Saturday 4th August, the Romsey Uniting Church held a Sausage Sizzle outside the supermarket. This fundraising raised \$293.00 which will be used for Local Mission and Community. This was a very successful fundraising venture.

Worship on 2nd September will be led by Michael Bastin. Michael is a fourth year Exit student studying for the ministry of deacon at the Uniting Church Theological College.

Pray for Peace:

World Council of Churches member churches worldwide are invited to pray for peace on Friday 21st September, 2007 or the closest Sunday. The International Day of Prayer for Peace offers an opportunity for church communities in all places to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies. The idea was proposed in 2004 and coincided with the UN International Day of Peace. The Day of Prayer is one of the initiatives of the World Council of Churches Decade to Overcome Violence. Congregations worldwide are invited to pray for peace – possibly using the same prayers – in all participating churches on September 21st or the Sunday preceding it.

The Romsey Uniting Church will be open on Friday 21st September to take up this challenge and be involved with the World Council of Churches Day of Prayer for Peace.

Church services conducted during September 2007

2nd	9am	Worship and Sunday School Conducted by Michael Bastin
9th	9am	Communion Service and Sunday School Conducted by Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
16th	9am	Worship and Sunday School Conducted by the Worship Team
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Listen and you will hear familiar sounds... talking, crying, laughing.

Understand and you will know the stuff of which your dreams are made...

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We stand together as one... drawing warmth from the same sun and life from the same earth.

And though we travel on different roads,

We are part of one God, one Earth, one Universe...

There are no strangers.

Tears shed in compassion.... songs of love and dreams of peace make us all one.

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ROMSEY? LANCEFIELD GUIDES

Its spring!! There are daffodils every where, the air is warming up and the days are growing longer which is really great. More daylight time for outdoor activities. As this year at Guides is The Year Of The Outdoors we have been making a big effort to do lots of outdoor activities. And part of the badge the girls are working on includes keeping a journal of something they have done outside every week. The girls write up or draw pictures of something they have done, so that they will have a diary of many, many activities, both formally organised and informal events, that have occurred during the year. Their journals are already looking really interesting and colourful and the girls enjoy starting Guides each week by writing something in their journal and sharing and comparing with other girls.

This month we have more outdoor activities planned. We are going to walk the Deep Creek Track in Romsey one night for Guides. The girls will be looking and listening for anything of interest as they walk, in particular listening for frogs (sign of a healthy waterway) and birds which might already be nesting. Some of the trees might be flowering too. We are hoping we don't see any rubbish, but we will be prepared to pick up rubbish as well if we need to.

Our last activity for this term will be to have a go at playing golf! Yes golf! We have arranged to have an introductory lesson for all the girls on the last Monday of term and, weather permitting, we will be learning to swing a golf club and hopefully hit a golf ball a long way! Now that's something different isn't it!

Would you like to join us? We meet at the Lancefield Park on Monday evenings, 5.00 to 6.30pm. If you would like further information please ring Rita on 5429 1996.

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The Holistic Management Training Program is delivered in a series of 2 day blocks over a 3 week period, with a follow up day early in 2008. The program will commence on **Wednesday 17th October 2007** and be delivered via a mix of 'class-based' sessions (at the Huntly CMA office) and 'on-farm' sessions. The training program outline is as follows:

Module 1 - Introduction to Holistic Management: Principles for success (2 days)

✦ Introduces a management framework that lowers stress, improves communication and increases strength within your business

✦ This framework enables you to cope with change such as climate, market and family

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Module 2 - Financial Planning: Designing a healthy profit (2 days)

✦ How to plan for and produce a profit in all seasons

including increasingly variable seasons

How to design enterprises that satisfy your financial needs

Module 3 - Grazing Planning: Increasing land and animal health (2 days)

✦ How to use livestock to improve the health of your land and increase profit

✦ Land Planning - designing a whole farm plan to suit your needs

Biological Monitoring - gives you the earliest warning of the impact your management, the season and climate is having on land health

The usual cost of attending a Holistic Management Training Program is \$2,500 per farming enterprise. In addition to the course being FarmBis accredited, the North Central CMA has been able to successfully attain funding to assist 10 farming enterprises to attend the Holistic Management Training Program valued at \$2,500. The breakdown of costs is as follows:

Course Value:	\$2,500 per farming enterprise
FarmBis to fund:	\$1,250 per farming enterprise
North Central CMA to fund:	\$750 per farming enterprise
Participant to fund:	\$500 per farming enterprise

We are now inviting community members to apply before the 31st August 2007, for the chance to participate in the Holistic Management Training Program. Places are strictly limited to 10 Farming Enterprises. Please contact Paula Camenzuli on 0354487124 for an application form. Successful applicants will be notified by the **14th September 2007**.

Towns in the Macedon Ranges Shire

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council recognises that its various towns have a special economic base and social fabric that the community is keen to protect and maintain. Council is wishing to develop a method of assessing changes and potential changes in towns that may result should new uses be introduced or developments proposed. Council has selected Romsey as the town to base this work in. Over the next couple of months there will be business and community meetings at which those living and working in Romsey will be invited to discuss what is special about Romsey and what you think may affect the health, social and economic wellbeing of your community in the future. Council is also wishing to tap into your local knowledge and insights of the Romsey community to gain a better understanding of what changes may occur and how you feel you may be affected. The first meeting will be held on Monday the 24th of September, between 7.30pm and 9pm at the Romsey Primary School, Performing Arts Centre. So please come along, enjoy some light refreshments, and let us hear from the local community. A door prize will be drawn at the end of the evening. Council Contact is: Dr Lorraine Beyer, Social Planning Coordinator, Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Ph: 5427 8237



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KINDER CORNER

ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Although today was a cold and gloomy Winter's day in Romsey, a sense of brightness was detected outside the Romsey IGA when the Kindergarten volunteers set up a small stall to sell raffle tickets and promote the upcoming Open Day (see below!). This was in the form of the many people who stopped, without coercion, to buy a ticket or two to support the local Kindergarten. Many were not even interested in the prizes, but just wanted to help a "good cause". This highlights the recurring theme of community, of which the Kindergarten is an important institution.

Some, both within and outside of the Kindergarten community, have questioned the "need" for Open Day. "What's in it for the kinder?" is the typical question. I recently explained that in addition to the obvious marketing opportunity by showcasing to prospective new parents, Open Day is a day when the Kindergarten opens its doors to celebrate with the broader Romsey community. It's a day when kinder gives some good will back to the community that supports it throughout the year. So yes, there is something in it for the Kindergarten and everyone else who becomes involved in the day.



Kinder Goes Wild!

On Monday 13th August, Wild Action visited all classes (4 separate classes) at the Kindergarten with an Australian animal



theme. The site and sound of a kookaburra laughing as it sat on its handler's arm was a source of amazement to both 3 year old and 4 year old children. And then there was the baby crocodile.....! This was a great session of educational experience for *all* involved (children and grown-ups alike!).

Teachers Keep Learning

The teachers and assistants undertake professional development as part of an ongoing learning process. Much of this takes the place in the form of seminars and conference, but it can also be in the form of networking with other teachers and reading resources. The teaching staff plan their professional development in the context of specific learning goals, which they identify. A recent seminar attended by Catherine and Kay (our teacher's assistants) related to the importance of play.

Art Week Is Coming

Monday 3rd September marks the beginning of Art Week. This has been kindly supported by Romsey's own Gillmay Gallery, and will comprise a showcase piece of laminated artwork from every kinder child. Please feel free to drop into the Kindergarten centre to have a look at our children's creative work collated by our wonderful teaching staff.

Open Day

As mentioned in the previous Rag and alluded to above, the second annual Romsey Kindergarten Open Day will be held on Saturday 8th September. Renee Silberman from the early childhood consultancy, Kathy Walker and Associates will speak on "Effective parenting" and "Building resilience in children." Other speakers include our own teaching staff and our maternal and child nurse. A free sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, colouring competition, helium balloons, a cake stall and show bags ensure the day will be enjoyed by all. Ms. Joanne Duncan, our local member of state parliament, has kindly agreed to launch Open Day at 11.30 am. Local councillors have also kindly accepted our invitation. Please drop in to have a look and say hello between 11am and 4pm.

Goods And Services Auction – A BIG Thank You!

Romsey Kindergarten Committee of Management wishes to sincerely thank the many local businesses and individuals who supported this recent big fundraiser with donations of goods and services and purchases at the auction. Sincere thanks is also given to our auctioneer on the night, Mr. Pat Reddan from Elders. The night was a great success for Kinder, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Enrolments

All enrolment information is available from the Enrolment Officer, **Tracey Newnham**, by phoning **54 296269** or **0409 511439**.

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Ripper Reads for September

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Run, Johnny, Run – Mungo MacCallum

Mungo MacCallum is well known for his political views, that border on the left-hand side of the fence, so his story of the 2004 Federal Election alternates between amusing and depressing anecdotes of the sport we call democracy.

The book is definitely written in his idiosyncratic style, but still manages to convey to the reader the background machinations, particularly from 'Little Johnny's' team, that the general public are totally unaware of. A nice touch is his continual referral to the opinions of the front bar patrons of his local watering hole – the Billinudgel Pub up in far north NSW – to the campaign's highs and lows. If this book appeals, a com-

panion book to read might be Margot Kingston's book on contemporary democracy in Australia, 'Not Happy, John!'

Holes & Small Steps – Louis Sachar

One of the quickest ways to kill off a good book is to put it on a high school reading list. This has been done with Louis Sachar's novel *Holes*, but hopefully it won't have put off too many adolescents enjoying what is a riveting story about wayward boys in a youth detention centre in the Texan wilderness. Sachar has now written a sequel, *Small Steps*, which follows the life of Theodore Johnson after he has been released from Camp Green Lake.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

1st, & 3rd Sunday of the month:

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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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parish Council members enquired of Parishioners, responses to the question *"What makes you feel good about coming to Mass?"* Responses were very positive and showed a deep love of and benefit from the Eucharist and revealed a wonderful support from our faith community. *"I love coming to Mass", "it comforts me", "feeling part of our community",* etc.

Parish Feast Day:

Our Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on the Sunday nearest the birthday of Our Lady, which this year will be on the 9th September. Celebrations will be held in the Church grounds following the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Lancefield. Lots of activities for the kids. A BBQ lunch will be supplied. BYO drinks and chairs.

Women's Retreat Day:

After the successful day last year, we are again offering a Women's Retreat Day. The day will be facilitated by Helen Barnes, a Josephite Sister who has wide experience in leading days of reflection and meditation.

Date: Thursday, 4th October

Venue: Lancefield Golf Club Rooms

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (approx.)

Cost: \$20 (morning tea and lunch provided)

Bookings are essential ... please phone the Presbytery on 5429 2130 or Florence on 5429 1399.

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ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The children at St. Mary's have been working hard this term and have been very involved in their learning.



On 6th August the Grade 4 students took part in their Pedal-athon. They had a wonderful day together and were able to raise \$923.60 to go to Moira Kelly at the 'Children First Foundation'. With the help of parents they made cup-cakes which they sold along with toffees at recess. Thank you also to the families in the school community who sponsored them and to the Dipietro family who donated the sausages for their dinner. Your support helped them to raise the amount they did and is greatly appreciated.

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The whole school celebrated the Feast of Mary MacKillop on the 8th August. We had Mass in the morning, followed by the unveiling of a plaque which

commemorated the Sisters of St. Joseph who played such an integral part in the development of St. Mary's School. Sister Frances joined us and it was great to have her back in the school. The whole school continued its celebrations with a sausage sizzle at the Lancefield Park.

The Grade 3 children are receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist at the end of August. Please keep these children in your prayers. We would like to acknowledge the work done by Mrs. Natalie Bradbury, our Grade 3 teacher, and Mrs Cheryl Walker, our Religious Education Coordinator in preparing the children.



Romsey Community House Inc.
A Learning and Activity Centre
P.O.Box 418
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HOUSE NEWS

Programs for Term 3:

Art Classes: For Children and Adults:

Children's Art Classes (School Holidays)

All materials and light refreshments supplied.

Call Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0411 579 906 for further details.

Adult art classes will be run in Term 3 every Tuesday night 7—9.30 pm Phone Gillian for details.

Art & Craft Market for Romsey

Expressions of interest are sought from local arts and crafts people to start a regular art and craft market in Romsey It is anticipated that the first market will be held in November.

For information phone Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0411579906

Some of our old favourites include:

Yoga With Kym Oliver Wednesdays 7.00 pm at Romsey Primary School.

Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term.

For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on

54292134.

Writer's Group with Dee White—new members welcome. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining. Meets once per month on the first Monday night at 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School. NEXT MEETING MONDAY JULY 2ND AT 7.00PM.

Crop till you drop: Each third Saturday of the month beginning April 15th. for all you Memory Makers and Scrapbookers. Starts at 5.00pm, cost is \$15 per session and includes pizza or fish'n'chips for dinner. For further information contact Belinda Williams 54291693/ 0407 203 826

Payments for classes booked through the Community House need to be made at Romsey Primary School or mailed to Romsey Community House, P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

For information, to express interest or suggest new activities please contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

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