

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Results for the month

Wed 27th May Monthly Medal K. Jekabsons

Wed 3rd June Stroke L. Beasley

Wed 10th June Stroke L. Robb

Wed 17th June Match Play B. Cole

Wed 10th June it was surprising to have five ladies turn up to play golf. That was the day snow was predicted for the local hills. We were there with many layers on looking like the "mitchellum man" and having difficulty swinging with all the clothing restricting us. But the sun came out and suddenly we were overdressed. Well done to Lorraine that day.

It was good to see so many ladies play in the mixed 4BBB on the tournament weekend. Lorraine and her son Wayne combined well together to win the relative pairs. Leila and Colin won the mixed pairs with Jan and Bruce coming in runners up.

The golf ladies who supported the local Ambulance Auxiliary at the Town Garage Sale had a successful day and raised money for the Relay for Life as well as clearing our homes of unwanted treasures. Although some treasures seemed to go from one house to the next golfers home prior to the sale commencing. We could have had a swapping session at golf.

Travelling has been quiet this month with only Lorraine and I going to Bacchus Marsh West Captain & Presidents Day on 4th June. While the weather was fine that day they had some rain prior to the day and much of their course had gone to mud. It was a heavy day, but with good company and playing a fun game of Irish four's. It was a good day as our team (2 Sunshine Ladies and us) were runners up, so a truly fun day with a great lunch to follow the golf.

Recipe (An Old one)

Mulligawtyny Soup

1large onion
4rashers bacon
2medium carrots
1large apple
1/3 cup rice
1Dessertspoon curry powder
1Tablespoon flour

½ cup fruit chutney
1½ litres beef stock
Salt & pepper
Sauté bacon, onion, carrot & apple in oil
Add curry powder & flour and fry 1 min longer
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Beryl Cole
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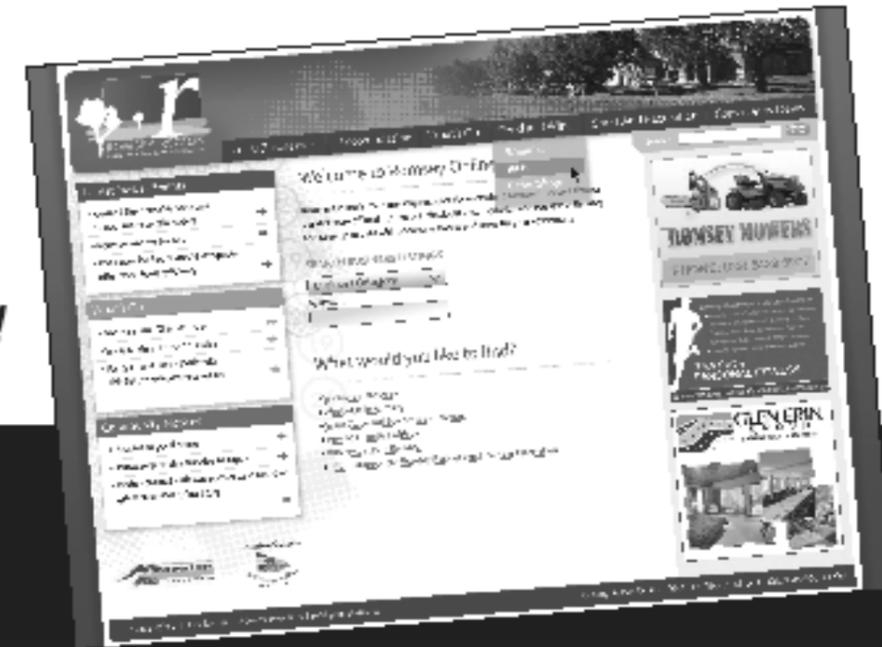
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Please note that my office street address has changed. The new address is Shop 14, 9 Goode Street, Gisborne. Please drop in if you are close by. My postal address, telephone, fax and email address remains the same.

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

The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Winter Luncheon on June 10th was a great success. The Guest Speaker, Rev. John Smith (God's Squad) is a remarkable person. His talk on his life story was inspiring. He is a very powerful speaker and a very compassionate and tender person. He is also a rebel!! The Uniting Church Hall was full with 80+ people present. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the speaker. Thankyou to everyone who made this day so successful.

Combined Ecumenical Service – 26th July. An Ecumenical Service involving all the churches in Romsey and Lancefield (Uniting, Anglican, Roman Catholic, AOG) will be held in the Lancefield Uniting Church at 10am on Sunday 26th July, 2009. You are welcome to worship and enjoy fellowship with fellow Christians. This should be a great day.

1 Samuel 17: 48 – 50.

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone.....

Do you remember the story of David and Goliath? Goliath's the baddy, a giant soldier stronger than anyone else. David's a shepherd boy, the young hero who, with great courage and faith in his God, went out with a sling and hit

the giant in the forehead with a stone. Exit giant, minus head.

I used to find that story a bit hard to believe. Killing a strong man with a small stone seemed unlikely. Then I visited the British Museum in London.

They've got sling stones there that were dug up in Israel by archaeologists. The stones are as big as cricket balls – and thrown expertly by a sling can travel at a hundred miles an hour.

That could change the face of cricket. It certainly changed the face of Goliath.

The Bible tells us that when David first saw Goliath David was up on a hillside, Goliath in the valley below. My guess is that from up there the giant didn't look so big. But as David moved down and nearer, the giant seemed to get bigger and bigger, more threatening.

That's how our problems sometimes appear. The nearer they get the bigger and heavier we feel they are, but they're the same size really.

Someone imagined David's reaction as he saw the giant close up. His first thought was, "He's big!" but his next thought was, "I can't miss!"

Some of our problems are only as big as we make them and can be cut down to size with a bit of courage and the sort of trust in God that David had.

(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)
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Join the churches of
Lancefield and Romsey
at a

Combined Service

10 am, Sunday the 26th of July
Lancefield Uniting Church,
High Street, Lancefield.

All welcome!

Church Services during July 2009

5th	9am	Worship Service conducted by Mr John Williams
12th	9am	Worship Service & Communion conducted by Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
19th	9am	Worship Service conducted by The Worship Team
26th	9am	Combined Ecumenical Service At Lancefield Uniting Church All welcome

Romsey Secondary College?

Your local councillors agree one of the top priorities for the Romsey community is a secondary college.

On Wednesday 18th March a meeting was held in Kyneton with members of the Education Department to discuss the prospects of a future secondary college in Romsey. The outcome of this meeting was that a Romsey Secondary College was not planned.

On Thursday 11th June Cr Joan Donovan and I attended a meeting with Joanne Duncan MP, State Member for Macedon, and Steve Herbert MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, at Parliament House to further discuss the topic. (Mr Herbert has fond memories of our area as he grew up in Glenroy and would often cycle to Clarkefield in his youth).

At this meeting we had two main questions for Mr Herbert:

1. Would the current investments into the surrounding secondary schools in Gisborne and Kyneton reduce the feasibility of a future Romsey Secondary College?
2. Why does Romsey not have a secondary college and what is required to get one?

The response was simply that the current population is too low to sustain a local secondary college. The trigger point is approximately 1,100 students. When the local student numbers approached this level the education department would act accordingly.

Mr Herbert discussed the evolution and advances in education where a broad range of subjects are now expected

at secondary level and to cater for this demand there needs to be sufficient student numbers. Without the required student numbers, students would endure a mix of being educated at their local secondary college, neighbouring secondary colleges and possibly some correspondence education to experience the same range of subject opportunities modern schools provide.



The two main towns that would feed into a future Romsey Secondary College are Romsey and Lancefield. Although Riddells Creek is in our East Ward it is closer to Gisborne and accordingly the Riddells Creek Primary School students numbers (320) are not counted.

The current student numbers are approximately:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Romsey Primary School	410 students
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lancefield Primary School	140 students
<input type="checkbox"/>	Darraweit Guim, Bolinda, Heskett, Clarkefield	150 students
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total	700 students

Our thanks to Joanne Duncan for arranging this meeting and Steve Herbert for giving his time, attending and answering our questions.

Education is the responsibility of state government not local government (council) however your local councillors fully support a local secondary college and will continue to advocate on your behalf.

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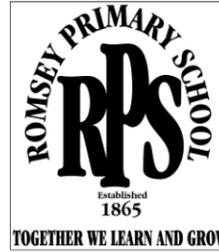
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Romsey Primary School News

National School Pride

RPS will be investing \$200,000 into maintenance and refurbishment as part of the Federal Government boost to the economy. This expenditure will be made up of a number of outdoor projects needed to improve the school. All the outdoor pergolas will be replaced with steel structures and laserlight. The original structures were made of oregon and were not sealed correctly consequently they are beginning to rot. Another project which the school started last year and only a small area was completed is covering all the fascias with a colorbond material, as similarly there is a problem with rotting timber. The shade clothes on all the adventure playgrounds will be replaced and a new shade sail will be erected over the amphitheatre. The internal and external sky lights in the main classroom block will be replaced or cleaned. This project requires scaffolding to complete and has been in need to maintenance for considerable time. Some of these projects will begin in the school holidays. Additional projects include paving, painting and the installation of solar panels. All of these projects are scheduled to be finished by the end of the school year.



Sports Report

Congratulations to all the Winter Sport participants who competed in the In-school Football, Netball and T-Ball last Tuesday. All the teams performed very well, particularly the boy's netball team who won the overall competition and now go on to compete in the Zone Netball Championships in Bendigo next month.

Jump Rope For Heart

All students are to be congratulated for their participation in Jump Rope for Heart Day. This program was an excellent addition to our curriculum for many reasons:

- It is appropriate for, and engaged all students, both male and female
- It encourages children to participate in a worthwhile group or individual physical activity that is enjoyable, inexpensive, can be done anywhere and promotes physical fitness, endurance and well-being
- It encourages the development of children's skills and co-ordination
- It has a valuable community service component, supporting the Heart Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who supported the day with sponsorship donations, and thank you to the children for organising sponsors. Mrs Horton and Miss Moore are to be commended for the work they have put in during the term with helping students to develop their skipping skill and the routines they presented.



AEROBICS NEWS

Last Saturday saw the beginning of an exciting period for the Aerobics Teams, with our first competition for the year. This year we have 15 participants in the Aerobics Teams, the most we have had since the commencement of the program. We travelled to Aquinas College, Ringwood and were set for a long but exciting day. All teams and individuals should be extremely proud of their efforts on Saturday. Everybody represented Romsey Primary with enormous pride. The following results are a testament to the hard work that each of the children put into their training. The sections were large and had between 20 and 35 competitors.

RESULTS

JUNIOR GROUP – 2nd place - Dakota Barnes, Annalea Prespakis, Karlie Hales and Janelle Spinks. Well done as this was their first ever competition.

JUNIOR TRIO – 1st place – Emily Canning, Emily Sharp and Samantha Richardson.

INTERMEDIATE TRIO – 5th place – Cassy Steele, Hayley Townsend and Brodie Carter. A great effort for your first competition together.

INTERMEDIATE GROUP – 2nd place – Leanne Traill, Paige Nuttall, Samantha Derrick, Lauren Connell and Katy Quinn.

INDIVIDUALS

JUNIOR – Samantha Richardson 4th place, Emily Canning 6th place, Emily Sharp 7th place.

INTERMEDIATE – Paige Nuttall 2nd place, Samantha Derrick 4th place, Lauren Connell 5th place, Katy Quinn 8th place and Cassy Steele 24th place.

Our next competition is the Qualifying round of the State Championships on July 31st at Melbourne Girls College, Richmond.



Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country Champion



After winning our school and the Cobaw District cross country events Year 6 student Lauren Connell was also victorious in Girls 12/13 Years event at the recent Loddon Mallee Cross Country Championship in Bendigo. She has been training hard and led all the way and now will go onto the Victorian Primary School State Championship. Lauren also won the Regional Championship in 2007 when she competed in the 10 year old age group, and then came third in the Victorian State Championship. That year she went onto the Australian Championships in Perth, where she was placed ahead of the two other Victorian representatives. Congratulations Lauren on your success in this event.

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Senator Steve Fielding

Leader of Family First



Steve Fielding grew up in a family of 16 children in Reservoir in Melbourne's northern suburbs – an environment not unlike the parliament where rigorous debate, a sharing of ideas and plenty of 'argy bargy' gave Steve great grounding for his future role as a Senator.

Steve and wife Sue have been married for more than 20 years and have three children.

Steve has a Bachelor of Engineering degree from RMIT University and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Monash University.

He started his professional career in 1984 at Hewlett Packard, where he met his wife, and later moved into management and executive roles with NEC and Siemens.

In the early 1990s Steve and his family moved to Wellington in New Zealand where he took up an executive role with Telecom NZ. They returned to Australia in 1995 and Steve joined United Energy and then Yellow Pages.

From 1999 to 2004, Steve was with one of Victoria's largest superannuation funds, Vision Super (formerly Local Authority Super).

Steve served as a councillor at Knox City Council in 2003 and 2004, and became Family First's first federal representative when he was elected to the Senate at the 2004 election.

The election of the Rudd government in 2007 gave Steve a pivotal role in the Senate as a balance of power Senator along with independent Nick Xenophon and the Greens.

It gives him a key vote and one he exercises with three key values in mind – keeping children safe, helping our neighbours and protecting jobs. Steve believes kids, community and jobs are worth fighting for.

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Publishing Success for Local Author

'Letters to Leonardo' – coming out 1st July, 2009

Letters to Leonardo, to be published on 1st July, is the first Young Adult novel for local author, Dee White.

Dee wanted to be an author since she was seven years old, and credits the support and encouragement of teachers, Jennifer Coish, Graham Cooper and Liane Kaias at Sunbury Secondary College with helping her achieve her goal. Graham Cooper and Liane Kaias still teach at the school, and all three teachers will be attending Dee's book launch on 4th July at Sunbury library.

This will be Dee's third published book, and she has also had many short stories and articles published, and won awards in a number of writing competitions.

Letters to Leonardo is the culmination of more than ten year's work and over twenty drafts, and Dee's advice to would-be writers is 'stick with your story', 'write from the heart' and 'don't give up.'

Letters to Leonardo is the story of a boy who gets a card on his fifteenth birthday from the mother he thought was dead. Matt sets out to find his mother, and along the way becomes obsessed with dead painter, Leonardo da Vinci. Through the connections he makes between his own life and that of Leonardo, Matt unravels the mystery that his life has become and discovers the reasons behind his abandonment.

In this powerful, unique and sometimes confronting coming-of-age story, Matt realises that finding out the truth can be worse than not knowing.

Dee is doing a book signing at Collins Bookstore in Sunbury at 11.00 am on Saturday 11th July, and will be available for school visits.

Romsey Primary School News

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Wild Action with the Preps!

Early in June Room 1 was taken over by all sorts of amazing Australian animals. The Preps were introduced to a Bettong (very cute, fluffy and sleepy), a Major Mitchell Cockatoo, a Tawny Frog Mouth, lizards, tree frogs, two very amazing and enormous snakes and a very long crocodile. We all got to touch each of these animals and had special photos taken with them. The Preps had a fantastic experience and listened and behaved beautifully. The staff were a little less convinced!



Enrolments for 2010

Enrolments packages will be delivered to kindergartens at the beginning of term 3. Any parents who are planning for their child to start school at Romsey Primary School will need to complete the enrolment forms and bring them to the school's office along with proof of age and record of immunisation. If you would like to obtain more information about our school please phone the office on 5429 5099 and make an appointment to see me for a school tour and an opportunity to talk about our programs.

Joan Gibbs
Principal

Bush Fire Book Appeal

At the beginning of 2009, year 6 Ellis began studying "The Hazards of Nature". Little did we know that we were going to have a very real and firsthand experience so close to our community. After the devastation of Black Saturday, my students wanted to know how they could help. After brainstorming a number of ideas they selected a Bush Fire Book Appeal as their community project. As a result of the efforts of our class and the generosity of many individuals, families and businesses we were able to collect a large number of books. Finally this week my students processed all of the books, placing labels inside all of the books, stacking them in plastic storage tubs and tying large yellow ribbons around each box. The culmination of our project was an excursion to the newly developed portable village at Middle Kinglake Primary (that was totally destroyed in the bushfires). Our school captains, Tom Green and Sarah Edwards presented the books to the school with an appreciative response from the school council representatives. This was an extremely proud moment for the students in my class as they realised that with time, patience and devotion to a cause you can make a difference and have an impact in the lives of others in need. The day evoked many emotions as the students witnessed the devastation, however the students were most surprised by the positive attitude of the students and how much they have bounced back. After the handover of the books we then spent an hour building relationships with our new friends. A lasting memory will be our students and the students from Middle Kinglake Primary playing together on the football oval with the backdrop of the burnt and blackened forest. This was a very proud and rewarding day for all involved. The sense of community spirit was strong and I hope the values instilled from this project will stay with the students throughout life.

Diana Ellis Year 6 teacher



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Riddells Creek: 28 July, Neighbourhood House, 7:15 – 9:30



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'MATHEW STANNARD COMEDY GALA & AUCTION' FUNDRAISER

'Mathew's Challenge' Comedy Gala & Auction fundraiser held at Glen Erin at Romsey on Friday the 19th June, was a huge success. The night kicked off with drinks and silent auction bidding on wonderful items donated by the community. The event was hosted by Lehmo (Before the Game, Channel 10). Guest speaker Mr Don Gray spoke beautifully about Mathew's journey on behalf of the Stannards, leaving not a dry eye in the house. This was followed by Mathews' parents Steve and Kerry, who sincerely thanked the organizers and have named them "Mathew's Angels" - Melanie Traynor, Nicki Ferraro, Anna Quigley and Mia Fichera. Next funny girl Claire Hooper stepped up for her comedy act followed by auctioneer Adam Mizzi, who had the room buzzing during the live auction and guests generously purchasing every item on offer. Then Romsey's own Tom Gleeson gave us his best and had the audience rolling on the floor in fits of laughter. Co-organizer Nicki Ferraro said, "There was an incredible warm feeling within the room. It was pure magic. I am very proud to have been involved in such an amazing event." The night was capped off with live music by Adam and Michelle Johnstone. Organizer Melanie Traynor said, "Mathew's Challenge would not have been possible if it wasn't for the kindness and generosity of the local community. As a result of this event I have witnessed overwhelming generosity & community spirit. All those who supported this cause, especially Romsey, should be so incredibly proud. I cannot thank everyone enough." "Mathew's Challenge" raised in excess of \$35,000 and will go towards Mathew's medical costs, future health and well-being. Mathew's parent's Kerry and Steve Stannard were stunned at the generosity of the Romsey and surrounding communities and send out a heartfelt thank you. Kerry & Steve's message "To all the people who were involved and attended the evening we will never forget your kindness. A very special thank you goes out to Mathew's Angels Melanie, Nicki, Anna and Mia without their love, support and tireless efforts this event wouldn't have been possible."



second half saw Erin Mitchell assume the number 1 shirt once more and the girls lift in the determination to keep the ball out of their defensive half. The girls were eventually rewarded for their dominance with a second half goal to level the scores and come away with their third draw of the day

The boys had one match gap after cheering on the girls in their last match to prepare for their ultimate test, Braemar and with Aaron still barely able to walk, but to his credit and realising his team needed him on the pitch he discarded his icepack and began to stretch out his injured leg, determined to take the pitch. From the kick off the pressure was on our midfield and backs and a number of balls got through our defense to Zane in goal but in a game saving, best a field, performance he got out off his line saving shots and clearing the ball off his line to give his midfielders another foray into attack.

By the half time whistle both teams were still scoreless. The second half saw some excellent running from Jamie and Jack O'Sullivan. Captain, Jude Taylor lead from the front organising and making as many entries into his own attacking half as he defensive stoppages and tackles against their midfielders. A very red faced and weary St. Mary's emerged from the match proud of their efforts in keeping guaranteed finalists Braemar to a scoreless draw, their only pool match they did not win.

Congratulations to both teams for their commitment to one another in every match, their team work and camaraderie as well as their improvement from one match to the next. They listened well to their coaches and followed team directives whenever asked to.

On Wednesday the 20th of May, nine Year Six girls represented the Cobaw District as the Girls Team champion in volleyball.

The team was drawn to play six games and St. Mary's were the only all girls team there. What they did not realise until later was that this meant they had automatically qualified for state. The first game was against Violet Street White and the girls quickly won the first set 25 - 12 and the pattern was set. The next set was won 25 - 18 and they finished out the last set 8 - 4 before time ran out thus finishing the match on a cumulative score of 58 - 34.

With a win under their belts they headed off to another court to play Romsey. After a tight fought first set Romsey emerged with the set 25 points to 22 and so carried a 3 point lead into the second set where some servers kicked into gear and got them exactly 3 points clear as the final whistle blew ending the set on 21 points St. Mary's, 18 points Romsey.

Game three saw our girls pitted against Violet Street Navy this time and after two good sets they emerged convincing winners 25 - 18 and 25 - 14, helped along by some excellent stints as server by Casey, Erin M and Nerieda. The girls entered game four against Kennington Gold full of confidence and won the first set 25 - 22 before giving up the second set 20 - 25 and trailing Kennington 3 - 4 when time stopped the game ending it on 51 points for Kennington and 48 points for St. Mary's, a narrow and only loss in the pool stage for our brave girls.

The fifth game shaped as a tournament shaping encounter as our girls, present ladder leaders, came up against a polished and imposing looking Girton Gold. After some excellent play from Girton and despite improving team work and general play from

St. Mary's, Girton took the first set 25 - 21. After some encouragement from the coach and a lift in intensity the girls skipped to an early lead in the second set where they finished at the end of regular time 15 points to 10 ahead and so won on cumulative points by the narrowest of margins, 36 - 35.

In the final pool match against White Hills Diggers, St. Mary's skipped out to an early lead in the first set and hung onto it to win the set 25 - 15 before White Hills put the pressure on in the second and third sets only going down 23 - 25 and 4 - 7 respectively leaving St. Mary's girls the victors by 15 points for the match.

Sitting third after their fifth match and having just won their sixth, our girls had a nervous wait through a final round bye to see where they would finish on the ladder knowing they could finish no lower than 4th. After a win by Girton Gold and having earlier beaten Kennington Gold our girls were ecstatic to finish second and were spurred on by the possibility of taking home a second shield in as many tournaments.

The girls were drawn to play the grand final against Girton Gold. Having beaten them narrowly earlier in the day our girls were quietly optimistic. Girton got on top early in the first set with a long string of deep, powerful serves from their first server and held on to most of that lead to finish the set in front, 25 - 19. In the second set our girls fought hard to see off that same server and worked hard for every point narrowly losing the set 22 - 25. They again worked hard for each other in the third set and had the serve, the support of the crowd and had leveled the scores on 3 a piece for the set when the final whistle blew, Girton running out victors on a cumulative total of 53 points to our girls 44.

Congratulations must go to the girls and were offered on the day by each of their opposition, especially their grand final opponents Girton and tournament organiser Scott Ross. Congratulations for their efforts to play mixed teams all day, for their sporting behaviour and their encouragement of one another as well as their success on the day. They certainly earned the respect of all who saw them play and deserve the opportunity to compete at a higher level. A special mention goes to our emergencies that traveled to Bendigo not knowing if they would get a chance to get on court. All did and they added not only options to allow the first six to rest and rotate but added real serving and scoring power to the side.

Thank you to all of the girls for their efforts and the manner in which they represented their school and district. Thank you also to Marlene Chafer and Belinda Mitchell for making the trip up to Bendigo to support the team.

Stay tuned for more exciting St Mary's news next 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.

RCIA

We have just started a new group to look at living the Christian Faith in the Catholic Church. Anyone interested please contact the office on 5429 2130.

MASS TIME CHANGE

On Sunday 26th July there will be no 10am Mass (Lancefield). Instead parishioners are asked to join in with the Ecumenical Service in the Uniting Church in Lancefield at 10.30am (Anglican, Assemblies, Uniting & Catholic).

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are very excited at St. Mary's as the *plans for our new school* have been finalised and *building* will begin very soon. The front main building will remain but all of the portables will go! We will add 6 new classrooms to the existing building as well as an art/technology room. We will also have a multi purpose hall which will be great for the school and the community.

Enrolments for Prep 2010 are closing soon. Please ring the school on 5429 1359 if you have any enquiries. Be a part of this exciting new phase at St. Mary's.

We have recently been involved with Bahay Tuluyan, a children's charity in the Phillipines. Our Social Justice group attended a conference in Essendon and then we received a visit from the organisation. So far we have raised over \$400 to support this very worthy cause. You can see from the pictures, the fun our students had learning about how lucky we are in Australia and how we can help others who are less fortunate.

Recent weeks have been action packed with many sporting events:

On Friday the 29th of May one of our grade 6 students, Casey Adamson, attended the final stage of the country selection trials for the *VPSSA State Netball* team after having made it through the zone trials in Bendigo earlier in the year. To quote her mum Lisa, Casey "tried her guts out" and through athleticism and determination won an invitation to the final trial day where the last 30 girls in the state will trial for the 12 spots on the team. Considering over 320 girls were nominated statewide, to make it to the final 30 is an outstanding effort.

On for June 9th Casey was selected for the state team and will represent Victoria in the Nationals in August. Congratulations, Casey!!

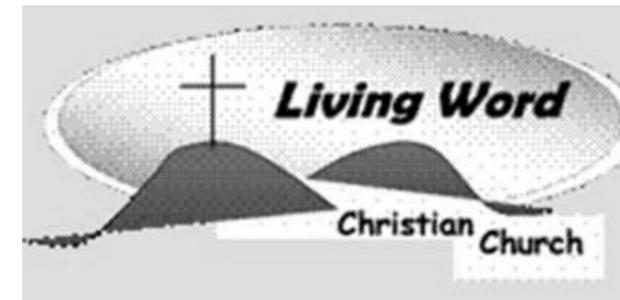
The Cobaw Soccer Tournament was held recently. Our boy's team kicked off first against Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton who turned out to be a taller, more skilled and eventual grand final team. Our boys put their bodies on the line, running and competing to the best of their abilities. The boys suffered a first up defeat at their hands but also learnt some valuable lessons that would see them improve markedly over the day. Special mention must go to Daniel Noble who was a rock in defence and the most valuable player for the team in this match.

OLOR also turned out to be our girl's first opponents. With the boy's team cheering from the sidelines the girls attacked the ball in packs, looked to keep the ball in possession and take their time with passes. After a scoreless first half, not without its chances, the girls were encouraged to go longer and that is exactly what they did, a number of long passes and through balls setting up Amy and Tiffany up forward who unluckily missed a goal by what seemed millimeters in the dying minute of the game which finished in a nil all draw.

The boys then faced Lancefield Primary and showed immediate improvement, especially in the midfield where Jack O'Sullivan, Brock, Jamie and Jude dominated the match. An incident 1 minute into the first half saw Aaron kicked in the knee and unable to take any further part in the game, leaving the boys to play 10 against 11 for the remainder of the match. When Lancefield did manage to get the ball forward Peter and the two Daniels were quick to get out to meet the ball and return it from whence it came. After a goal by Jack O'Sullivan, off of a great through ball St. Mary's took the lead and added a second later in the game to come away with a convincing win.

The girl's next opponent was St. Ambrose. The girls showed a lot more through the centre midfield this match with Casey and Eden doing a lot of heavy running as well as Amy and captain Erin Ferraro providing a lot of drive into attack. St. Ambrose looked set to score a number of times but Erin Mitchell was excellent in the number 1 shirt and kept her second clean sheet. The girls had the better of St. Ambrose for most of the game but couldn't put it away coming away with their second draw of the day and *still* yet to concede a goal.

The girls played their final pool match against Tylden Primary School. The first half saw good ball use by the girls and some hard work by the forwards through the centre of the pitch. The



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Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

Vale: Jan (John) Van Arkel

Members of the Probus Club express their sadness at the passing of John Van Arkel, a good friend and founding member of the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club. Sympathy to Lyn and family.

President: Mrs Alice Long 5429 6567

Secretary: Mrs Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probus meetings are held at St Mary's Hall, Main street, Lancefield, at 10am on the 4th Thursday each month.

Probus is a mixed club for men and women. There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of each month (either a trip or a luncheon).

We also have coffee mornings and musical afternoons.

Anyone interested in the club, and wanting more information, should contact the President or the Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our guest speaker at our June meeting was Cr Joe Morabito. On June 17th we travelled to Castlemaine and then caught the steam train to Malden.



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Vale Jan (John) Van Arkel

On June 13th 2009 our community lost a quiet achiever, Jan Van Arkel. John, as he was known many, led a remarkable life and made a remarkable contribution to his adopted country.

John was born in Indonesia to a Dutch family, and as a young child went to boarding school in Holland. With the German invasion and occupation of Holland in World War II, John was forced into hiding with relatives for several years. In 1950 he migrated to Australia with little money and little English, determined to make a new life. His wife Lyn followed a short time later.

John had many jobs in his early years, some of which are chronicled in his memoirs that we have been publishing in the Rag recently. Without any qualifications, and too old for an apprenticeship at 26, John put himself through college to qualify as an accountant. He held various clerical and accounting positions over several years in the shipping industry. When John was 45, his job was relocated to Sydney, but he opted to remain in Victoria. He retrained as a teacher and worked at Glenroy Tech. He was instrumental in setting up youth groups, and a St John's Ambulance First Aid Training facility in Glenroy. He worked tirelessly for his students and the youth of the area generally. Where many of his peers and colleagues had negative views of the young people they encountered on a daily basis, John was optimistic and positive and strove to assist them to be the best they could.

John's active involvement in and promotion of the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club and the Romsey branch of the Red Cross are typical of his commitment to his community. As a founding member of the Romsey Community House John's contribution was immense. He was often the voice of reason and considered opinion at committee meetings, and kept the committee on track. He believed passionately and positively in youth and their place in society, and advocated strongly for youth to be consulted about what they wanted out of their community. He also championed the needs of older people.

John was a man of many talents, among them writing, building and woodwork. He also embraced change, and became a very competent computer user. Up until his last days, at the age of 83, he was still writing, getting his thoughts down and trying to make a difference.

We don't know how well the people of Romsey knew John—certainly those who were involved in his various groups would have, but we suspect that to many people he may have gone unnoticed. We know that the Red Cross, Probus and the Community House will miss him immensely, as will his family and wide circle of friends. He was well-liked and much respected. The members of the Community House team feel privileged to have known and worked with John. John was farewelled on Thursday June 18th at a funeral service in Kyneton, attended by many.

John is survived by his wife Lyn, their two daughters, and their respective families, to whom we offer our most sincere sympathy.

From the President and Committee of Management of the Romsey Community House.

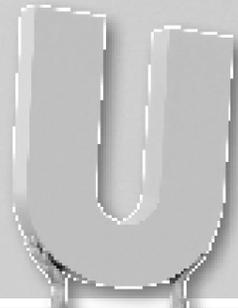
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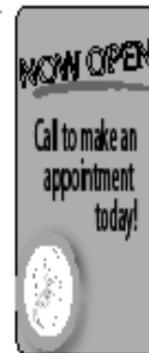
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REFLECTIONS. (3) - By the late Jan Van Arkel
KNOWLEDGE only comes in time and experience.

I was tired, long hours in aircraft, under constant pressure and only home during weekends. Suddenly the company was taken over. The new owners told me to move to Sydney. When I declined I was on the scrap heap. I was out the door with a payout of three months salary. I soon found out I was on the executive scrap heap at age forty-five. Never again would I take on such a high placed job. Where to go from here?

*Imagination is more important than knowledge
How do you apply knowledge without imagination?*

I made an appointment with the then Commonwealth Employment Service (Executive section). After the first interview I was introduced to someone who was a principal in the education system. He suggested, after reading my papers, to take on teaching in the secondary system. In his opinion I could contribute a lot of real information to the students. I always wondered about this word 'real'.

It took a lot of thinking on my part. I had bad memories of my primary school years in Indonesia. In those days teachers used to discipline with belts and bamboo canes. I was not an easy student, very much with a mind of my own. I was always the prime target even when I was not guilty of whatever deed. I never forgot all those cane strokes on my behind.

My enormous inborn curiosity and my constant questioning was what upset the teachers the most. I even got into trouble with the Sunday school preacher, and was banned from the church. As I walked out he yelled to the kids that he could see the devil sitting on my shoulder. What did I do wrong? I just wanted to know why only Christians could go to heaven and why my baboo (nanny) was banned from the place. Anyway when I got home baboo sent the devil away.

The only school I enjoyed was the boarding school in Holland.

Initially I was a very angry twelve-year-old boy who felt abandoned by his parents. They had returned to Indonesia as dad's tropical leave was up. Brother Superior noticed my anger and took charge of me. We had many talks but funny enough never about religion. We talked about Indonesia the most, as he wanted to go there as a teaching missionary.

We had common interests. We both liked the forest, plants, flowers, and animals, all in their natural habitats. They all need protection, especially wildlife.

It was an expensive boarding school, the teaching brothers certainly knew their job and encouraged imagination

and allowed debate to take place. This stirred interest and enthusiasm.

I never heard the brothers say: "you are wrong". They always responded with the words: "Think about it a bit more, we will talk again later"

I still use that phrase today.

Unfortunately I could not finish my education at the boarding school. War had broken out and Germany invaded Holland. The brothers were involved in resistance work, and the Germans shut down my boarding school. Twenty-five of the boarders were transferred to another boarding school owned by the same brothers. Again they were involved with the resistance and the Germans closed this one down too.

For me now it was boarding with mum's brother and his family. We did not know then what had happened to my parents and little brother. They ended up in Japanese camps.

To be continued in REFLECTIONS 4.



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If you don't have an item (anything to do with the district) come along anyway and enjoy what other people bring. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Secretary Shirley on 0402 248 540 or Jean on 5429 6522 by Friday July 24th.

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Under 13's Soccer Competition (July-Dec)

Friday - Games from 4.50 pm

Under 17's Soccer Competition (July-Dec)

Monday - Games from 4.50 pm

BASKETBALL

Under 10's Basketball Development Program

Tuesday - 4.00 pm - 4.45 pm

Our Basketball Development Program is a 10 week program where participants each week learn and develop their skills in basketball including - dribbling the ball, rules of the game, shooting techniques and includes lots of fun and games

Under 13's Basketball Competition (July-Dec)

Tuesday - Games from 4.50 pm

Under 17's Basketball Competition (July-Dec)

Tuesday - Games from 7.20 pm

A DISCOUNT is available for siblings registered in the same program

ROMSEY REC CENTRE

Park Lane, ROMSEY

EMAIL: rrc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au PHONE: (03) 54 29 56 37

Romsey Rec Centre Programs Include

- Ladies Daytime Netball
- Junior Netball
- Squash Competition
- Fitness Classes
- Senior Mixed Netball
- Casual Squash
- Senior Mixed Soccer
- Senior Mixed Basketball
- Pilates

Macedon Ranges Cycling Club.

The Macedon Ranges Cycling Club, is looking for new members, both juniors and seniors.

The club is a local group, which does both competitive and social rides for both children and adults.

We have members from 7 - 70 years, and our emphasis is on fun and safety.

Our coaches are nationally accredited, and all new members are giving comprehensive training and coaching. Loan bikes and equipment can be arranged. We meet at various local locations, on Saturday afternoons.

Please contact Matt Gunn 54271592 or Alan (Sandy) Sandford 5422 1382 for further information.

Casual Squash

Our Squash courts are available for a regular hit or for the occasional dust off of your racquet

Bookings are required and may be made up to 3 weeks in advance by contacting the
Romsey Rec Centre: 54 29 56 37

Court Hire times are:

Tuesdays 4.00-9.00 pm
Wednesdays 5.30-7.30 pm
Thursdays 4.00-9.30 pm

Other days/times may be available upon request

Rates: Cost is per court/per hour

Concession, Pension, Child: \$13.00
Adult: \$15.00
Happy Hour: 4.00pm-6.00pm \$7.00

Equipment available for hire from the kiosk

Permanent bookings are available



Social Squash Competition

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7.00 - Late

Competition to start 22nd July 2009

The aim of this competition is to offer a fair & balanced, but challenging competition that is social, fun & enjoyable

All ages and abilities welcome

Individuals will be graded over the first two weeks of play and then compete in a round robin competition.

Cost is \$57.00 per player for the season

If you are interested in playing in our
2009 Winter Squash Competition
Please Contact: (03) 54 29 56 37

Ladies Daytime Net-

ball



Monday Mornings - Games at 9.40am and 10.30am

All Ages and Abilities are Welcome,
but Sorry Guys its Girls only!!

It doesn't matter if you haven't played for 20 years or even if you have never played before, Ladies Daytime Netball is a Social Competition, that aims to get you out and about and active!

Uniform is whatever you are comfortable with - so you don't have to find that old netball skirt you haven't

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

RRBATA Guests at Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc. Meeting

On Tuesday 16th June, Jenny Stillman represented RRBATA as an invited guest at the Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) Inc.'s Committee Meeting held at the Macedon Spa Motel. The key purpose of this meeting was to introduce Mr. Graham Middleton who has been recently appointed as Executive Officer of Daylesford Macedon Ranges. (DMR). Graham will be involved in a Tourism Victoria campaign over the next 3 years which will focus on the Daylesford Macedon Ranges region as THE place to visit in Victoria. The Yarra Valley has been a similar focus recently. This \$7.3 million dollar campaign will be focused primarily interstate to target the 50+ age group with a "Health and Wellbeing" theme in the context of the "Villages" of the region. Whilst Daylesford will be the "jewel" in the advertising campaign, the Macedon Ranges will certainly be a part of the campaign. This will be an opportunity for RRBATA to stamp Romsey's place to be a part of this campaign in the context of its village identity in the Macedon Ranges. This emphasises the need for RRBATA to continue building relationships with groups such as Tourism Macedon Ranges and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The Benefits of Networking Out of Town – MRSC Wants To Help

Subsequent to our representation at the TMR meeting, RRBATA was contacted by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Economic Development and Tourism Unit who had "heard" about some of the RRBATA initiatives. We have subsequently organised a meeting with Leanne Davey and Kylie Lethbridge for early July to discuss how they can assist RRBATA in the future.

June Meeting Report - A Taste of Community Planning

The RRBATA meeting held on Monday 15th June at the Romsey Community Hub featured Kirsten Larwill from the MRSC Community Planning Unit who spoke about the concept of Community Planning and the MRSC's experience with this process so far. Various community groups (including the Lions Club, Rotary, CWA, Community House, Romsey Rag, and Bowls Club) and the Bendigo Bank had accepted RRBATA's invitation to attend this meeting to get a taste of what "community planning" is all about. Unfortunately, Romsey is not yet scheduled to be included on the MRSC's funding cycle for active assistance with this process (it could be at least 18 months away). However, those in attendance became aware that there are preliminary processes (such as networking between all of the groups) which could be undertaken ahead of any more formal process. Kirsten made herself available to field enquiries on this topic at any time. So....watch this space.

The Romsey Web Site (romsey.org.au) is nearly here!

The web site information packs are currently being distributed to all businesses, community groups and service providers. This website aims to showcase Romsey to both local residents and those wishing to visit or move to the area. There will be links to Tourism Victoria and the Shire of Macedon Ranges web site. A noticeboard for "What's on" will also be featured. Community groups, not for profit groups and charitable organisations will be entitled to a FREE listing. Any groups or businesses wishing to receive information about the website should contact Tracey Newnham (newlec@bigpond.net.au , phone 0409 511439) ASAP. The

gala web site launch night is planned for Monday 20th July and will be a sumptuous finger food banquet evening at Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Our local, State and Federal politicians have all indicated their attendance at this special event to celebrate this exciting Romsey project.



The Romsey ODP Continued.....

As previously indicated, RRBATA Committee of Management formulated a response to reflect the diverse opinion of its members regarding the ODP. The submission also included general comments reflecting RRBATA's commitment to Romsey's prosperity and "liveability" which appeared to be common ground sentiments.

The Romsey Bags Have Been Ordered!

After much discussion, analysis and pondering the "Romsey Bags" have been ordered and will hit town in mid July. There will be two types of bags available and both will feature the stylish Romsey Region logo as well as the website address. The red grocery-type of bag will be for "everyday" use and freely available at a reasonable cost through outlets such as the IGA. The off-white/cream canvas shoulder bag will be mainly available through specialty shop outlets such as Cuttings. It is hoped that Romsey residents and visitors will embrace the use of these bags to spread the "Romsey word" near and far.

Web Site Manager Wanted

To all of those budding IT experts out there, the RRBATA is looking for expressions of interest from anyone interested in offering their services to assist with the regular update management of the soon to be launched Romsey website. This would initially be a voluntary position. Those interested in offering assistance should contact Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com) or Melanie Traynor (0430 370360, tpfitness@tpg.com.au)

Upcoming Guest Speakers at RRBATA

The **July 20th meeting** will be the *gala web site launch* function to be held at Soltan Pepper restaurant. This will be a sumptuous finger food function will be a hot ticket with numbers limited. Please do not hesitate to contact Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com) if you wish to reserve a spot at this exciting occasion. Our **August 17th meeting** will feature *Brett Hartnett from Merrill Lynch*. Brett is a local resident who will provide insight and reflection on the current economic situation both locally and globally.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. The Committee is considering a number of exciting initiatives for the year ahead – consider being a part of these by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!! *Membership Enquiries:* Tracey Newnham (Secretary) 0409 511439

newlec@bigpond.com

Next RRBATA Meeting:

GALA WEBSITE LAUNCH
Monday 20th July 2009 at 7.00pm
Soltan Pepper Restaurant
Numbers Limited
RSVP: **Essential** to Tracey Newnham 0409 511439



2009 Romsey Fire Brigade Appeal Under Way

By now residents of Romsey will have found a brochure from the Romsey Fire Brigade in their letterbox. Last year the Brigade conducted an appeal to help fund the purchase a four wheel drive utility. The brigade is pleased to announce that the vehicle has indeed been purchased, but they are again appealing for public help in purchasing some specialised radios and other equipment that needs to be installed in it before it can become operational.

"Although we have bought the car we still need to spend a considerable amount of money on it before we can use it in an operational role", said Third Lieutenant and appeal organiser, Nicholas Needham. "Radios are critical to us, but unfortunately they are a major expense item. We are hopeful that our local residents can see their way clear to help us again, by making a donation this year."

Whilst the Romsey township was not directly threatened during this recent fire season, Romsey Brigade was extensively committed at all of the major fires. Crews were deployed to the large fire at Woodend; Mirboo North and Churchill; at Wandong, Broadford and Mt Disappointment areas, during the Black Saturday fires; to Redesdale and to the Musk, Dalesford areas. "It is a pity we didn't have the new car ready for this past fire season, we really could have done with it, said Nic, this seasons deployments have just reinforced our need for a brigade vehicle, so we are relieved to finally have it."

Romsey Brigade has previously shared access to a four wheel drive station wagon that is owned by the Romsey Fire Brigades Group. When the Group Car was deployed by the CFA to an intrastate or interstate incident, the brigade had no Command and Control vehicle. "We were forced to depend on one of our neighbouring brigades for support. Now we will be more self sufficient and not relying on others to help us out," added Nic.

All premises within the Romsey area should have received a brochure that explains the details of the appeal and how householders may contribute. The brigade asks that everyone take the time to read the brochure and then consider making a donation, if they can possibly do so. If residents have not got a copy of the brochure and would like to donate, they can do so through the Romsey Post Office, or the Romsey branch of the National Australia Bank.

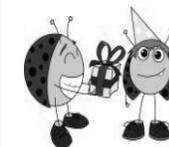
The Romsey Fire Brigade is also recruiting volunteer firefighters, with a recruit training course set to start soon. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, don't wait until the fire season starts, come and see us now!

For more information see www.romseyfirebrigade.org.au or 'phone us on 54 296054

For volunteer firefighter information, free call the Volunteer Hotline 1800 232 636 or email volrecruit@cfa.vic.gov.au. Or visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

For further information contact Romsey Fire Brigade Admin Support Officer 0419 381 008

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Coaches Wanted

The Romsey Cricket Club seeks applications for all coaching positions for season 2009/10. In planning for the 2009/10 season the club intends to have up to four senior teams and up to five junior teams across the range of under 12, under 14 and under 16 grades.

Last season the senior sides underwent significant changes by encouraging an aggressive youth program finishing sixth in the McIntyre Cup and fifth in the second grade while the more experienced third grade team ended up semi finalists. In the juniors both the under 14 and under 12 teams finished in the top four with one under 14 team taking out the premiership, whilst a number of under 16 players made their debut in senior cricket.

This season the club is looking to build further on this success. The first step in this process is the appointment of excellent quality coaches who will have the ability to encourage improved performance and techniques at all levels as well as enhancing personal and team results. If you believe that you have those characteristics and are passionate for a coaching role in any grade from seniors right through to under 12 level we would look forward to receiving your application.

All applications can be sent to PO Box 281, Romsey or for further details and information the President Michael Richardson can be contacted on 0437 240 655 and would be happy to receive any calls to respond to any queries in relation to an application. The club looks forward to receiving high quality applications for each role. Remuneration is negotiable for each position.

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Health, Fitness & Well Being

Pilates for Beginners

Improves flexibility, strength, balance and body awareness. An 8 week course commencing 20th July 12.30-1.30pm. Term Cost \$96.00 (\$12/ session). Convener: April Banes. Bookings essential. Ph: Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Yoga - With Kym Oliver.

Wednesday's 7.00 – 8.30pm. Cost \$140 per 10 week Term. Casual rate \$18/ session. Ph: Kym Oliver 5429 2134

Understanding Loss & Grief

Presented by counselor Amanda Summers. Course focusing on the inner and outer world of grief & the 5 stages of grief. Cost is \$25 - Includes handouts and cd. Dates: 18th July 10-12pm or 17th September 7-9pm. Bookings essential. Minimum numbers apply. Ph: 5429 6724

Responding to Childrens' Anxiety

Presented by counselor Amanda Summers. A practical course on managing anxiety in children. Cost is \$25 – Inc. handouts and cd. Date: 30th July 7-9pm. Bookings essential. Minimum numbers apply. Ph: 5429 6724

Responding to Childrens' Anger

Presented by counselor Amanda Summers. A practical course on managing anger in children. Cost is \$25 – Inc. handouts and cd. Date: 27th August 7-9pm. Bookings essential. Min numbers apply. Ph: 5429 6724

Chinese Medicine

Come and be informed about the benefits of Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture and Shiatsu. Presented by Chinese Medicine Physician, Peter Gigante. Date: 6th August - 7.30 -8.30 followed by question time. Gold coin donation.

Diabetes Education

A qualified Diabetes Educator will provide information about all aspects of Diabetes including education, care, lifestyle and diet at a minimal fee. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details

Walk Together Program:

Meets at the Lions Park (near the creek) 9.30am every Tuesday. For further details contact Heather 5429 5895.

Counselling services available from Amanda Summers. Phone 54296724 for further details.

Social & Creative Activities

SIA (Seniors Info & Activities Group)

This month's feature is a 1hr information session on All you need to know about Mobile Phones. Followed by a light lunch with tea/coffee, then spend time playing cards/games & socialising. Cost: \$5.00 inc. 28th August 11–1.30pm Ph: Romsey Community House 5429 6724
Next Months Feature: The services available to the Aged & Disabled in the Macedon Ranges. (Last Friday of the month).

Youth Pizza Night

This will be a youth information evening. Includes follow up from the Youth Forum Ph: 5429 6724 to register your interest. August 20th—5-7pm. No cost.

Children's Forum

This is a powerpoint presentation about Police. Come and meet Constable Kenny Koala and gain information on police training, police stations & interview rooms, the various roles and responsibilities of officers, detector dogs and much more. Ph: 5429 6724 to register your interest. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details

Knitting Group

Every Wednesday 4-5pm. Adults \$5.00, Child 12 under \$2.50 Art & Craft Room. Bookings essential. Contact Heather 5429 5895

Knitting Clinic

18th July 9.30–12noon \$5 per person.. Art & Craft Room. Bookings essential.

Contact Heather 5429 5895

Craft Group meets every Thursday from 10.00am.

Drop on for a cuppa any week day 9.30 -5pm. Gold coin donation.

Educational

Maths Help For Parents

This course will allow u 2 refresh your maths skills so that u can confidently assist your child with their homework. Focusing on the skills needed for Grade 3 to Year 9 and will include the following topics: fractions, positive/negative numbers, decimals, indices, measurements & basic algebra. Eight 1.5hr sessions 7.00-8.30pm. 21st July – 8th Sept Cost \$100 or Concession \$80 Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Tuning into Kids

A parenting program that teaches awareness, understanding & regulating of both children & parents emotions. Learn how to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness & teaching. Gain skills in assisting children in problem solving & to verbally label their emotions whilst guiding their behaviour with appropriate limits. Cost: Gold coin donation for tea/coffee Dates: Every Thursday 23/07/09 – 20/08/09 (6 weeks) Term 3 fully booked. Register now for Term 4 Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Cooking for One or Two

This is a six week hands on cooking course funded by the Dep't of Veterans Affairs & run on behalf of Nutrition Australia. Learn how to prepare quick & easy meals. Wednesdays 22nd July – 26th August, 10-1pm Bookings essential. Cost is \$6 per session or \$30 for 6 sessions. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Technology

Certificate Courses – Non accredited:

Computer Basics 1 – Evening Class

Learn about computer hardware, using a mouse, the desktop, icons, files & folders, my documents, using Windows explorer, and lots more. This is an ACFE funded 10 week course 6.30pm - 8.30pm from 16th July – 17th Sept. Cost \$160.00/Concession \$55.00 Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Computer Basics 11 – Day Class

Build on skills already learnt including creating & maintaining a file system, maintaining your computers environment, installing/uninstalling software, protecting your computer, common applications (Word, Spreadsheets, etc) internet applications, basic internet skills. This is an ACFE funded 10 week course 10.00am – 12noon from 16th July – 17th Sept. Cost \$160.00/Concession \$55.00 Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Microsoft Excel – Evening Class

An introduction to excel spreadsheets. This course runs over 8 weeks and is ACFE funded. Cost \$160.00/Concession \$55.00. Every Tuesday from 14th July – 15th Sept, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Microsoft Publisher – Evening Class

Non-accredited, non-certificate. This course will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks, from 15th July – 29th July 9th, resumes August 19th – September 2nd. Sept, 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Cost \$90 (No concessions apply). Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Accredited BRIT courses:

Looking at a career in hospitality. BRIT are running the following practical & theory courses off site, at the Romsey Community House. Each course provides accreditation towards a Certificate in Hospitality (made up of 8 modules). Two of these modules will commence in Term 3. Contact the House for details. 5429 6724

Food Hygiene & Food processing (1 Module)

Follow Health Safety & Security Procedures (1 Module)

Barista (Coffee making) nationally accredited certificate course 2 days