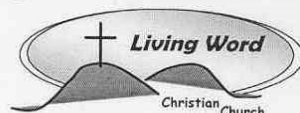


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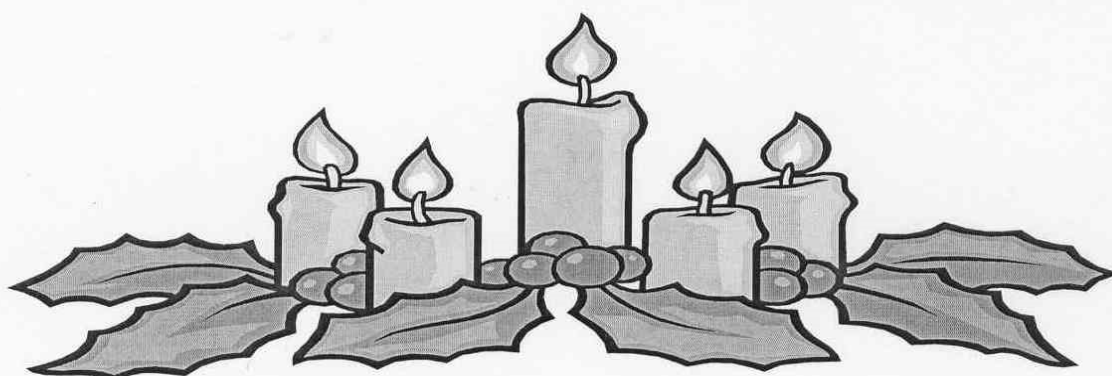
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## FROM THE RAG TEAM

The editors and crew of the Romsey Rag would like to wish all readers and the local community a safe and happy Christmas, and prosperity in the New Year. We would like to thank all contributors over the past year, and all advertisers for their support of our local newsletter. We have just reached another milestone in our publishing history—we are now printing 2000 copies per month of the Rag!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the willing band of volunteers for the hard work they put into getting the Rag to you each month. New members of our volunteer brigade are always welcome, and if you have an hour or so to spare once a month please get in touch with the school or Collation Team Co-ordinator Joan Sparkes on 5428 5848.

And don't forget—this is your newsletter, so if you have an article, a thought to share, an event to publicise, a club or organisation that needs promotion or that you would like to report on, please let us have your copy for inclusion in the Rag.



## New Waste Facility for Romsey/Lancefield

The Lancefield tip will open for its final day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006 and the new Romsey Transfer Station will open on Tuesday 5 December 2006.

The hours for Romsey Transfer Station, at Lot 3 Johnston Court will be:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am-4pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	10am-4pm



For further information, please contact Matt Garner on 5427 3821.

## The Romsey Golf Club

### Ladies Report

Since our last report other than our AGM little has happened. The officer bearers haven't changed except for the handicapper.

President—Hilda Caly, Secretary—Jenny Dodd, Captain—Beryl Cole and Handicapper—Lorraine Robb  
We have started playing our summer syllabus and are hitting off at 8.30am to avoid the heat in the warmer weather. Our Saturday morning golf is also hitting off at 8.30 during the summer. A couple of our keen ladies managed to play 18 holes on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Remember the day it snowed and was freezing, well some ladies decided home would be warmer and didn't start while others who started soon changed their minds, do I say well done to Kath & Elaine or call them something else. (They say they weren't cold)

The clinic on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November was well attended and much was learnt. Thankyou to Beau for his time. Another clinic is planned for Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. Please ring Hilda if you are interested in attending 54296538.

The ladies will be having a break from December 13<sup>th</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup>, and if any new ladies wish to join us please come on Wednesday mornings 8.15 at the clubrooms.

## Recipe for this month

### Christmas Cheese Ball

100gn Grated tasty cheese  
250gm Grated Kraft cheese  
2teaspoons chopped gherkin  
Chopped ham  
¼ cup mayonnaise  
½ teaspoon lemon juice  
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
½ 440-g tin crushed pineapple -drained  
200gm philladelphia cream cheese –for topping

Mix all ingredients except philly cheese  
Mould into ball; place on plate and cool in fridge  
Soften philly cheese and mix with 1 teaspoon of hot water  
Coat ball with softened philly cheese  
Decorate top with a sprig of holly. (Looks like a white plum pudding.)  
Serve with dry biscuits, corn chips, celery etc.

The golf ladies wish all readers a Happy Safe Festive Season and Good Hitting in the New Year.

Beryl Cole  
54295411

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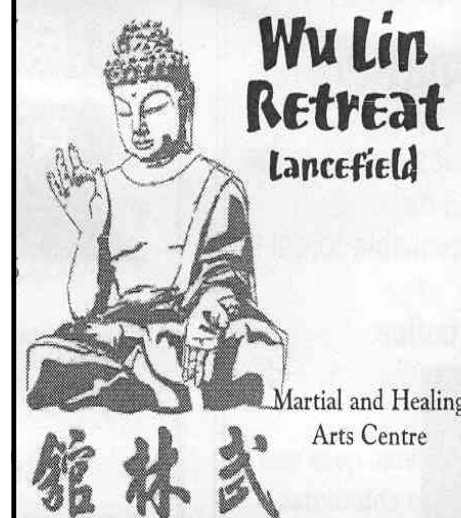
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## Breakfast With Santa Claus.

The Romsey Golf Club invites all children to breakfast ( 8.30 to 10.30am) and Christmas activities with Santa on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The morning will commence at 8.30 with Santa arriving on a fire truck approximately 9am. A parent must accompany all children. Parents are welcome to bring their cameras to take photos of your children with Santa locally. Cost is \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family. For organisational purposes please ring to book with Hilda Caly 54296538 or Jenny Dodd 54296673 by December 12<sup>th</sup>.





## BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Bolinda students have been extremely busy this last month!**



Our focus during November has been on **Technology**.

**In the Prep/1/2 class the children have been bringing the world to Bolinda!**

We are pen-pals with children in a Brooklyn, New York City school. Letters have been swapped with our pen-pals and we have been very fortunate enough to receive

gifts from the class teacher. All children in my class have a pen-pal to write to and learn more about. We are writing back detailing how our school is vastly different to theirs. Our "sister school", P.S. 105 Brooklyn, is 5 storeys high and has 1360 children at the school. A striking contrast to Bolinda! During our Technology lesson last week, the children went on Google Earth to locate P.S.105. What an interesting experience for the class. Not only were the children able to see the school building but they were able to see concrete, concrete and more concrete! We then completed a P.M.I. (Plus, Minus, Interesting) chart for what we knew about our new friends. This "friendship" will continue into next school year with letters, emails and mascots being shared.

**Our grade 2/3/4 class** are working on a major technology project involving the programme, "**Kahootz**". Their project involves linking scenes to produce a movie and the children will showcase their talent and expertise in technology and movie making to their parents. All children have been actively involved and are quite the movie makers!

**What fun the 4/5/6 class have been having using PowerPoint** as a means to present the findings of their research they have undertaken about early Australian settlers. They are also putting together a recorded ...With a ratio of 2 children to a computer; all children have regular op-



portunities to enhance their skills!



**Bolinda's Blooming Lunch** programme is continuing and all the children are active participants taking turns in harvesting, preparing and eating the food which is served to the entire school every week. The produce grown at the school is complimented by our fresh free range eggs as ingredients for our special lunches. This programme is promoting not only healthy eating choices but

also the responsibility for maintaining our garden of looking after our school animals. Integrating this programme across the curriculum is proving very successful!

**We are very proud of our Grade 6 student, Nathan Allen** who was presented with an award by Joanne Duncan, MP at our school assembly. The award was for a student who has a "Community Minded Spirit and has reached their full potential in their extra curricula activities". The award was also targeted at students who volunteer regularly & always give 100% in all they do. Nathan is a well deserved recipient of this award and we are proud to have him as one of Bolinda's students.

We have had our Prep Orientation morning which was a great success. The preps for next year felt very at home and were well cared for by the children from all grades. If you are still considering which school to send your child or children to next year, come and speak with the staff at Bolinda. We will be pleased to show you around and speak with you about our school!

Julie Cooke  
Acting Principal

### Babies & Kids Market,

Saturday 3rd March 2007 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm at the Ross Watt Children's Hall, Station Road, New Gisborne. New and pre-loved clothing and goods, crafts and children's toys, face painter, sausage sizzle, jumping castle. Stall Holders Wanted \$30.00 per stall. Contact Lainie Nitz 5428 1998 or Julie Gentles 5428 1687. Stalls selling fast.

## From Cr Henry Bleeck

### *Have a great season by keeping burglars at bay*

Christmas and the holiday season is meant to be a time of fun and enjoyment, but opportunistic criminals can put a real dampener on the joy. The violation of a home burglary can knock the stuffing out of you, and that's why I thoroughly endorse the role of our local police and the Crime Stoppers program in putting the finger on crime.



Crime Stoppers engages the community in working together on home security, and we all need to be the community's collective eyes and ears. Information usefully shared with Crime Stoppers could include details of time and place of someone offering to sell household goods cheaply, at places which might include pubs. Information lodged with Crime Stoppers might well lead to arrests and charges. 1800 333 000 is the number to call, without needing to give your name.

There are plenty of easy tips which might prevent home burglary while you're away.

- Check that all house locks and windows are activated and lock the garden shed.
- Cancel mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Ask a neighbour to clear your letterbox of junk mail.
- Place rubbish bins out of sight.
- A trusted neighbour, given a key, may alter curtain and blind positions daily.
- Invite the neighbour to park in your driveway.
- Ask the neighbour to water pot plants. Dying plants are a sign of absence.
- NEVER hide a key on a verandah or porch.

Crime Stoppers in Victoria takes almost 30,000 calls annually, passing information about many crime themes ranging from theft from country properties to production of illegal drugs. Over 720 arrests have followed calls to Crime Stoppers in Victoria so far in 2006. Well over 3000 charges have been laid, and millions of dollars worth of stolen property has been recovered.

We can all work together by following the Crime Stoppers method of putting the finger on crime, and ring 1800 333 000.

### Transfer station opens

The long-awaited Romsey Transfer Station's official opening is 2pm on Monday, December 4. The Lancefield tip closes its gates for the last time on the same day. The opening of the new transfer station and materials recycling facility in Portingales Lane will in no way impact on the regular weekly rubbish collections. Residents should take their hard rubbish and tree clippings, etc to the new station.

### And have a happy Christmas!

Christmas and the New Year are fast looming, and this is my last opportunity before the holiday break to get a message out to the residents of Romsey and the region.

The Romsey Rag must be thanked for providing me with the space for a regular message to the community.

With the current drought, water conservation and the environment are key issues. And whether you stay at home or go away, remember that the weather conditions have made for a potentially severe bushfire season. The bush and the countryside are tinder-dry, and water shortages won't help. Think about a fire plan now.

Have a happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year, come back safe and refreshed, and we can look to addressing the issues that matter to the residents of Romsey and surrounding areas.

**Henry Bleeck.**

**Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.**  
**5422 7027**

### **"ATTENTION CITY COMMUTERS"**

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## Romsey Primary School News



### Enrolments for 2007

You should enrol your child for 2007 now. Please bring the enrolment forms, proof of age and record of immunisation.

### ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB INC.

PO BOX 288 ROMSEY 3434

**President:** Bev Beaumont 5429 6189

**Secretary:** Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

**Treasurer:** Louise Conlan 5429 6595



#### Just 12 months ago.....

In the Romsey Rag this time last year, we were writing.....

#### "Light up our courts"

"We are very keen as a club to pursue all possible funding avenues to be able to **install lights to 3 courts** at the same time as the re-surfacing project. This would be a fantastic achievement for the **Romsey Community.**"

#### It has become a reality!

We would like to acknowledge and gratefully thank, the following people and businesses that have made this lighting project a reality.

- P. and V. Electrical
- Phil Newell
- Newnham Earthmoving
- Doug and Cameron Newnham
- Benny Dyer
- Brett Lockens
- Andy Mustey - Mustey Engineering

#### Now that we have lights.....

#### Monday Night Social Tennis

We are meeting at the courts from 7.30pm on Mondays, with a cost of \$5 per person which includes balls and lights. If you are looking for a casual and social hit of tennis, after a hard day's work, then come along for a set or more. No commitment is needed – just bring along a racquet.

#### Thursday Night "Macedon Ranges Tennis Association" Competition.

We are very excited to be able to have a tennis venue with lights over the eastern side of the district. In the past, members have had to travel to Macedon, Gisborne, South Gisborne or more recently New Gisborne to be part of a team. We are now looking for interested people to form teams playing out of the Romsey Tennis Club (but still with away matches). At present there are 2 sections, but hopefully 3 next season. 4 players are in a team, it is non-gender specific, and each person plays 3 sets of doubles each Thursday night starting at 7.30pm. The season starts in February, but teams need to be entered by 16<sup>th</sup> December. Players need to be a registered member of a tennis club. Please call Kaye or Bev if you are interested in playing.

#### The Hiring of the Courts – both day and night - is now available to both members of the club and the community.

Costs:- Free day use by members

\$10 per hour per court for day use by non-members

\$10 per hour per court for night hire for members

\$20 per hour per court for night hire for non-members

Please contact Bev on 5429 6189 or Kaye on 5429 5622, for court hiring or membership enquiries.

#### Social Tennis – "Hit and Giggle"

Social tennis is growing in numbers at the Romsey courts on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am. Come along for an informal hit, some exercise and fresh air. Just bring a racquet, suitable footwear and a sense of humour!!! Please ring Eileen French to express interest or for more information on 5429 3391.

#### Friday night junior team practice hit.

We are re-starting our Friday night junior practice hits at the courts from 4.30pm. An informal gathering of kids and families, for a hit and social gathering. So come along.

#### Tennis coach

**Andrew Peake**, our professional club coach, can provide coaching from 5 years of age and for all ability levels, including social hitters and competition players. With the addition of lights, coaching times will be extended. Contact Andrew on 0412 225 792, or by email at [peaketennis@hotmail.com](mailto:peaketennis@hotmail.com)

#### Fundraising continues....

We now have to focus on beautification of the surrounds of the courts, providing sun shade and seating areas, and eventually fence replacement. So our fund-raising continues and we look forward to your support.

Look out for Raffle Tickets currently on sale, the prize being:-

#### "A dinner for Two" at Soltan Pepper

This local restaurant is a very popular venue for wonderful meals. We thank Soltan Pepper for their support. The raffle will be drawn on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Club Contacts

Club coach – Andrew Peake 0412 225 792

Social Tennis – Thursday Morning at 10.30am – Eileen French 5429 3391

Mid-week Ladies – Bev Beaumont – 5429 6189

Senior Saturday Tennis(Open) - Darlene - 5429 5186

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- Every other Friday night 'Hang Time' at the RYG Room 7 Mitchell Crt. Romsey. Cost \$2.00

### Who are we?

We are a group of young people who just love having a great time. RYG exists to impact the lives of guys and girls from Yr 7 to 12. We are a place to hang-out on a Friday night. As well as having awesome fun we look at the issues confronting our young people today. We ran events such as the Skate Comps, Commonwealth Games Day, Shaun Hart Youth Rally and 3 on 3 Basketball Comp. Don't miss out!!! Come along to our action packed RYG!!!

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Competitions held on Saturdays at 12.30pm.  
The course is available for social groups with club-house facilities and bar by bookings only.

### Results

29 Oct **Monthly Medal**  
B McLennan (11) Net 69  
4 Nov **Stableford**  
M Clement (28) 41 pts  
7 Nov **Stableford**  
M Nicholls (22) 40 pts  
11 Nov **Stroke**  
James Menzies (29) Net 63

### Friday Twilight Golf - 9 holes

Juniors \$2, Adults \$5, sausage sizzle after golf included. So far we have had a great turn out, great to see some new faces in the club. It's all a bit of fun, so please feel free to join us.

Congratulations to Chris Gaunt on being given the opportunity to qualify at the Australian Open. Unfortunately he missed the cut by one stroke. Now he is off to Tour School, so we all wish him the best in his golfing endeavours.

The golf trip to Tocumwal and Barooga was enjoyed by all. Conditions were great and courses were in top condition. Thanks to Jarz for organizing the trip.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to wish its members and the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Calling all instrumentalists!

**Christmas Carols Community Orchestra -  
Conducted by William Howard,  
director of Macedon Ranges Creative Arts.**

This is a unique opportunity for everyone who wants to be part of the community orchestra, playing at the Lancefield Christmas Carnival on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

All participants will need to be able to read music and bring their own music stands to rehearsals and the performance! (Chairs will be provided!) Music will be given to you upon registration, so that you can practice before the 2 combined orchestra/choir rehearsals prior to the performance at the Lancefield Christmas Carnival "Carols by Torchlight".

12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7pm – 10pm	Holy Cross Primary School New Gisborne	Combined Orchestra & Choir	Lancefield Xmas Carnival Rehearsal	
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10am – 1pm	Lancefield Primary School Lancefield	Combined Orchestra & Choir	Lancefield Xmas Carnival Rehearsal
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7pm – late	Lancefield High Street	Meeting place TBA.	Lancefield Xmas Carnival Carols Performance

For further enquiries and information, or to register for the orchestra,

please contact Josie Waldron  
5429 2449  
0448 292 002  
[josiewaldron@gmail.com](mailto:josiewaldron@gmail.com).

## Whole School Camps at Hesket

Hello, our names are Faye and Beth and we are in Gr 6. This month we are writing about our whole school camps. Every year, in December, the whole school goes on camp. Faye has been here since Prep so she has gone on all the camps. We go to four different places for our school camps. Over the years the camps have changed but they still fit in with the school's camp themes. The whole school camp themes are

\*Water \*Big City \*Historical \*Outdoor Education.

**In Prep 2000 We went to Philip Island.** (Our first time here)

**Faye** This was my first camp and my family was a little worried, they thought I might get lost but when I was there it was great. My best memory at Philip Island was seeing the penguins

**In Gr 1 2001 We went to Melbourne – The Urban Camp near the zoo**

**Faye:** The best thing at the Melbourne camp was seeing all around the big city and having fun with my friends. The trams were fun the big kids and the teachers really made sure we were always OK.

**In Gr 2 2002 We went to Sovereign Hill.**

**Beth:** This was my first whole school camp and I was a little bit worried because I was going away from home and I didn't know much about the camps but by the end of the camp I wanted to stay longer. I really loved my first camp, "Red Faces" it was a really funny night

**Faye:** I enjoyed this camp because all the historical things like gold panning and having lots of fun with Beth and my friends. The best thing was I felt like an older child because it was Beth's first camp and I had to look after her

**In Gr 3 2003 We went to Roses Gap in the Grampians** (This was our first camp here)

**Beth:** I enjoyed this camp because I love the outdoors. I remember the cabin inspections and my cabin won, the flying fox and swimming was fun, the night hike was fun as well

**Faye:** Roses Gap was a great camp playing in the outdoors was great because of all the great activities but my best was swimming in the shallow lake

**In Gr 4 2004 We went back to Phillip Island**

**Beth:** This camp was enjoyable, the activities were heaps of fun too. The things I remember were the whirly gig, the pool and the sandcastle competition and Faye and I won. The food was delicious and seeing the penguins was amazing.

**Faye:** This camp I loved because of the Whirly Gig, it was so fun, when Beth and I got off it our hair stuck up because you went upside down. At Phillip Island we had the sand castle competition and Beth and I won, it was so much fun!

**In Gr 5 2005 We went to the Urban Camp again**

**Beth:** I liked this camp because the city was great to go to. I liked our night walk around Southbank to see the Christmas Light Show, I also liked going on the ferry to Science Works.

**Faye:** This camp was so fun because we did a lot of cool stuff like going on a ferry to the Science Works and going to the Melbourne Aquatic Centre but most of all I loved seeing the Christmas Light Show in the foyer of the Crown Casino.

**In Gr 6 2006 We will be going back to Sovereign Hill**

**Beth:** This year I am hoping for a great camp because it's my last. We are going to the school and getting dressed up in 1850s clothes and doing olden lessons there so that should be good.

**Faye:** This one, I hope, will be my best camp because it is my last one and I am looking forward to going to the olden days school and seeing the sound and light show. I remember the great cabins



Sandcastle competition in 2004



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## KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The ongoing function of many community groups is dependent on volunteers both at committee level and more generally. The Romsey Kindergarten is no exception to this dependency. In fact, the business of Romsey Kindergarten Inc. is totally in the hands of the volunteer parent committee (overseen by the bookkeeper, of course!). At the recent Orientation Day (see report below), I addressed next year's parents on the subject of the committee – what it does, how they can help etc. Every year, there is a natural turnover of committee members, which of course needs to be addressed. When considering how I would tackle my "spruiking", I wondered whether to risk putting off volunteers by giving a realistic perspective or perpetuate the cake stall and sausage sizzle myth, which would guarantee plenty of hands up for committee duty. As I reflected on the workload, challenges and subsequent achievements of this year's committee, I decided to take the "honest" (and perhaps risky) approach. Administering an educational facility is hard work with much responsibility taken on by people who already are busy in their lives. However, the personal rewards (friendships, personal development, sense of purpose) and ongoing development of the kindergarten are really worth the effort. Let's hope my recruiting honesty was the best policy!

### Special Relationships No. 1 – Our Bookkeeper

Recently, our bookkeeper of *many* years, Viki Spedding, announced her intention to retire from her position at the end of this year. Viki has been a loyal servant to the kindergarten community and has been the glue that binds all the stakeholders (teaching staff, parents, children, committee members, the cleaner etc) together. Her job has at times included unpleasant tasks, but she has always tackled it with professionalism. She has been an example to us all and hers will be very large shoes to fill. We are eternally grateful for Viki's service over the years and wish her all the very best for the future.

### Another Historic Departure

Another big chunk of history for the kindergarten, in the form of Chris Farrell, has also announced her intention to resign at the end of this year. Chris has been an assistant to Jane Whelan for many, many years! She has seen countless "little people" through the kinder doors and seen some of them bring their own children back! We wish Chris much happiness in her retirement and thank her for such long service to the kindergarten.

### Orientation Day

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the children in both 3 year old and 4 year old classes met their classmates and teachers for 2007. This was a hectic day for all concerned – teachers, parents, committee and, of course the children. The teachers worked hard to ensure the day was a success, speaking one-on-one with the parents in attendance and ensuring the children were comfortable in their new environment. This was the day when the enrolment officer (Amanda Burley) and her assistant (Anna Quigley) could finally reflect on the fruits of their intensive labours - many thanks to them for their hard work in this critically important job.

### The Future Of Early Childhood Education

On behalf of the Romsey Kindergarten, I recently attended a forum in Melbourne conducted by Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV), which explored the issues associated with the management/administration of early childhood education facilities. Key-note speakers included Cathy Walker (Early Childhood Education consultant) and Marie Hammer (Early Childhood Australia). The debate as to whether kindergartens should be under Department of Human Services or Department of Education control was raised. It was a great opportunity also to meet others in-

involved with kindergarten committees and "trade information".

### Christmas Dinner

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, members of the kindergarten community attended the Glen Erin Retreat for a sumptuous end-of-year dinner. After recent busy times, it was a much-anticipated event - it did not disappoint. Many thanks to Glen Erin for looking after us so well.

### Special Relationships No. 2

Recently, one Friday afternoon, in the midst of bookkeeper interviews, a flat battery and a flat tyre, kindergarten committee members realised a massive urgent printing job (7000 pages of policy handbooks!) would probably send our copying machine into meltdown. The Romsey Primary School came to the rescue. Special thanks are extended to Barney Healy, Christy Brown and Robyn Moore for being so accommodating at short notice. The School and Kindergarten have a special relationship for which the Kindergarten is forever grateful.

### Sausage Sizzle On Election Day

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Kindergarten will be providing a sausage sizzle outside the Romsey Primary School Polling Booth. Sausages will be served between 8am (yummy breakfast!) and 3pm (late lunch!). All funds are, of course in aid of the Kindergarten. We are currently raising money for café blinds to enclose the playground porch areas in winter months for extra play space.

### The Cookbooks Have Arrived!!

The second print run of the incredibly popular Kinder Cookbooks has arrived. They are available for sale at the kindergarten, Romsey Primary School or by contacting Joanne Warren (54 295368).

Jenny Stillman  
Committee of Management  
(Ph. 0412-349849)



## ROMSEY FOUNTAIN

Mike Garnett reports:

The Romsey Fountain has become a symbol to the town in the short time since it was established in November 2001. However it is sad (but understandable) that we have had to turn it off due to the current water restrictions. Realistically, it may be months or even years before it returns to normal. Residents are asked to report to police any acts of vandalism that occur to the fountain during this period of inactivity.



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### RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS NOW!

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We especially need people who are available to respond during the day to become a volunteer fire fighter. If you don't wish to commit to being an active firefighting member of the Brigade we also have other roles available. You

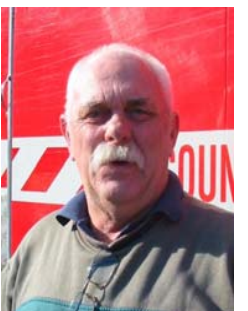
will be provided with all the necessary training and as you further enhance your skills on the job, you can expect to be supervised at any turnouts by an experienced mentor, such as Noel or Ralph:

Noel Smithwick

Noel's family moved into the area shortly after the 1983 Ash Wednesday Fires.

"Having moved into the country I believed I had a responsibility to help in safeguarding the town from any repeats of 1983. Little did I know that apart from fighting fires in the local area that I would end up in NSW, twice, and in the North East."

"When you go away, say to NSW and to the North East, everyone treats you like heroes, this is a very humbling experience, in our own minds we are just doing a job. When you sit back a think about what we did it was a very satisfying experience, something that will last you forever."



Ralph Hermann

Ralph is the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Romsey Brigade and a Deputy Group Officer with the Romsey Group.

"I joined because having moved into the area I thought I had a responsibility to be part of the town and one of the best ways to achieve that was to join the brigade."

"Not all firefighting is done from the back of a truck. I've had the opportunity to be involved in Incident Management Teams working on Logistics, basically ensuring firefighters are fed, have a place to sleep and transport home after their shift. This is almost as physically exhausting as actual firefighting, but just a satisfying".

Forward planning for the future needs of the Brigade is under way in training and mentoring younger members, such as:

### Richard Brooks

Richard joined the Brigade in March 2005 as a junior. Richard's father Peter Brooks has been a member for more than 20 years, his mother, Jade was also a member of the auxiliary for many years.

"I joined because Dad is a member of the brigade and mum was a member of the auxiliary so I've been around the brigade for a number of years before I could officially join."



**We also need to recruit additional younger firefighters to ensure the Brigades' continued development.**



Interested in learning more about this dynamic organization? **Telephone CFA recruiting on 1800 232 636**, or speak to one of our Recruitment Officers at one of our display sessions in the shopping center. Alternatively just come down to the Fire Station, Stawell Street, Romsey, from 9.00 am on any Sunday, meet some of the other members and have a look around. You can also 'phone the Station on 54 296054, but remember it is not manned all the time.

**Remember, it is a VOLUNTEER Brigade that your Community is reliant upon for protection. We rely on people like YOU in order for that service to continue.**





## HOUSE NEWS

Romsey Community House Inc.  
A Learning and Activity Centre  
P.O.Box 418  
Romsey, Vic 3434

The committee of the Romsey Community House Inc. would like to extend warmest greetings for the coming festive season. We look forward to seeing many more members of the community getting involved with programs and activities conducted by the house in 2007, while plans for our permanent "home" in the Romsey Hub development continue to evolve and crystalise. It will be a very exciting time indeed when we move in, hopefully some time in 2008. We would like to acknowledge once again the support we have enjoyed from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the Romsey CFA and Romsey Primary School. We also express our appreciation of the support and encouragement we have enjoyed from the other neighbourhood houses in our district.

Don't forget that the Community House is here to meet your needs—so please come forward with your suggestions for future programs and activities. We are always on the lookout for anyone with a skill or interest to share to be program facilitators, and we know that you are out there, so please get in touch!

Our program for 2007 is still in the planning stages, but we know that we will be running yoga, the writer's group and our regular drop-in craft mornings next year. We are also looking in to some gardening sessions, some fire safety sessions (subject to availability of experts at this dangerous time of the year), plus one or two other ideas we are considering. Watch out for full details in the February edition of the Romsey Rag, and for the combined program brochure put out by all the Neighbourhood Houses in the area.

For information please contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 (BH) or 0412 275 152 (AH).

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

## Australia Day Award



Macedon Ranges Shire Council together with the Living Word Christian Church are sponsoring an Australian Day Celebration.

### Recognition award for Community Group

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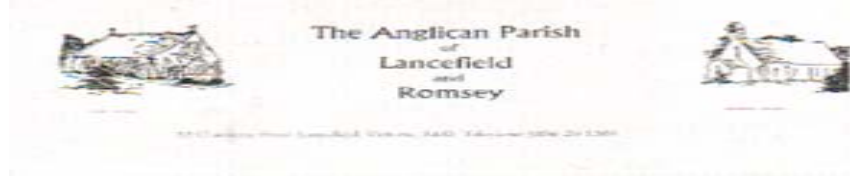
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### VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

In the last week, we have had weather conditions that have been consistent with a Northern Hemisphere Christmas than an Australian Christmas. But what is Christmas really about? Yes Christmas is a celebration as displayed by the many decorations we see around the shops we buy our presents at this year. But what sort of celebration is it? Well, I'm here to tell you that it is a birthday party. We decorate our houses and places of work like there is a party about to happen. But this leads me to another question – whose birthday is it? It is Jesus' birthday that we celebrate each Christmas. It is because God gave us the present of his Son to the world that we can celebrate Christmas each year.

Jesus Christ Born in the manger is the reason that Christmas is a birthday party. However, when we go to a birthday party, we usually take a present. The question to be asked this Christmas is what are we going to give Jesus this Christmas for his birthday? The answer to that comes in the Bible when it says, "he came to give life so that we can have life" meaning the best present we can give to Jesus is our lives in service to him. If that was done we can then truly celebrate Christmas in the manner it was intended.

May you have a Christmas filled with God's blessing and a 2007 filled with things from heaven.

That's the Christmas window view from the vicarage.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar

Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey

Ph. No 5429-1680

P.S; Please see below your invitation to our Christmas Celebration in the Anglican Church.

### **December 17<sup>th</sup> – A Service of Lessons and Carols**

- 9.00am at Romsey
- 10:30am at Lancefield

### **December 24<sup>th</sup> – Normal morning services.**

- 9.00am at Romsey
- 10:30am at Lancefield
- 6.00pm at Lancefield – Jesus' Birthday Party preceded by a low cost sausage sizzle at 5pm.
- 11:30pm – Candlelight Service at Romsey.

### **December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00am – Family Christmas Service at Lancefield.



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Cheers, Pauline R.

### ADULT FICTION

The Harsh Cry of the Heron (continues the Otori trilogy) - Lian Hearn  
Depths - Henning Mankell  
Gentlemen & players - Joanne Harris  
Bachelor Brothers' Bed & Breakfast - Bill Richardson  
Heart Cancer - Bill Leak  
Fat, fifty and f\*\*\*ed - Geoffrey McGeachin

### NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHIES

Absolutely faking it - Tiana Templeton  
The Life & times of the Thunderbolt Kid - Bill Bryson  
The Secret world of Wombats - Jackie French & Bruce Whatley  
Affluenza - Clive Hamilton & Richard Denniss  
Why Dick Fosbury flopped - Damien Farrow & Justin Kemp  
Castles in the Air - Judy Corbett

### CHILDREN & TEENS

Bobbie Dazzler - Margaret Wild & Janine Dawson  
On the Jellicoe Road - Melina Marchetta  
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Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509  
Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

### News from the Romsey Uniting Church:

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, the Romsey Uniting Church held a "Day of Prayer" in the church. There were a number of our church members involved and we prayed and spoke about the water crisis, our church and our call for a Minister, also the linking of the four churches – Lancefield and Romsey, and Riddells Creek & Mt. Macedon. We also prayed for the Romsey community and the world situation.

During November we had the church open on each Thursday in the month between 1 – 3pm. Anyone was welcome to come and have a chat & a cuppa or just sit quietly in the church. We have found that this has been a very rewarding time and we will open the church again early in the New Year.

Romsey and Lancefield Uniting Churches will have combined services from 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2006, to the end of January, 2007, as printed below. Jeni Clampit

### Services and activities during December 2006 & January 2007.

- 3rd 9am. Sunday school service – Christmas Pageant  
Service conducted by Sunday School & Worship Team
- 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Combined Service at Romsey  
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Combined Service at Lancefield  
Service conducted by the Worship Team
- 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Combined Service at Romsey  
Service conducted by Marion Latham.
- 11pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at  
Romsey conducted by Marion Latham
- 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am. Christmas Day Service at Lancefield  
Service conducted by Marion Latham.
- 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am. Combined family service at Lancefield  
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- January 2007**
- 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am. Combined family service at Romsey  
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am. Combined Communion service at Lancefield.  
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am. Combined family service at Romsey  
Service conducted by Worship Team.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Combined family service at Lancefield.  
Service conducted by Marion Latham.

### Apology:

In last month's Romsey Rag I mentioned the removal of the trees on the western boundary of the church property, I also said that fuel was stored on the property behind the church. I have since found that this was incorrect – there is no fuel stored on this property and my apologies are extended to the people concerned.

J. Clampit

### The Night before Christmas

(a slightly different version of the famous Christmas poem)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the town,  
St. Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down;

Our Lady was waiting, so meek and so mild, while  
Joseph was seeking a place for the Child;

The census had brought them to Bethlehem town;  
but there was no lodging, no room to be found.

When even the innkeeper sent them away,  
Joseph was wondering, where they would stay;

He thought of the stables in the side of the hills,  
Let's go there, said Mary, it's silent and still;

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,  
made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;

And there in a manger, on a cradle of hay,  
Our Saviour was born on that first Christmas Day!

The Father was watching in heaven above,  
He sent for his angels, his couriers of love;

More rapid than eagles God's bright angels came;  
Rejoicing and eager as each heard their name;

"Come Angels, Come Cherubs, Come Seraphs, Come  
Raphael, Come all Hosts of heaven, come Michael & Gabriel;

Now fly to the earth, where my poor people live,  
announce the glad tidings my Son comes to give;

The Shepherds were watching their flocks on this  
night, and saw in the heavens an unearthly light;

The Angels assured them, they'd nothing to fear,  
It's Christmas they said, the Saviour is here!

They hastened to find him, and stood at the door,  
till Mary invited them in to adore;

He was swaddled in cloths from his head to his feet,  
never had the Shepherds seen a baby so sweet!

He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew,  
He was telling them secrets and blessing them too;

Then softly they left him, The Babe in the hay,  
and rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas day;

Mary heard them exclaim as they walked down the hill  
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to all of good will!

**"Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year  
from all at the Romsey Uniting Church."**





## St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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### MASS TIMES

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

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

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

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

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

### RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

### BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

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

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

### REGULAR EVENTS

**SVDP Drop-In:** First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m.

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

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Ecumenical Carols:

**Date:** Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Time:** 7.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Mechanics Hall, Romsey

#### Reconciliation:

**Date:** Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 7.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Romsey Church

#### Advent Reflection Day

*Moments of growth ... Moments of grace 2006 – 2007.*

*What did we learn? How will we move forward?*

Advent is a beautiful time in the Church's year – a time of preparation for the Feast of Christmas. You are invited to take some "time out" during these busy weeks to join with us for a quiet day of prayer, reflection and sharing.

**Date:** Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (approx.)

**Venue:** Meeting Room, St. Mary's Presbytery

**Facilitator:** John Stuart

**Cost:** \$5.00. BYO lunch to share. Tea and coffee provided.

### 100 Years as a Parish

Over the last 12 months St. Mary's has been celebrating the last 100 years by different activities. It culminated in a "back to" on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November last, when 300 people celebrated with Bishop Connors of Ballarat, who grew up in Lancefield. The following BBQ in the hall at Romsey fed everyone and all enjoyed the day. Thanks to the Centenary Committee and to all who helped over the 12

months.

### Christmas Mass Times:

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

7.00 p.m. Lancefield

Midnight Romsey

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00 a.m. Lancefield

### Sr. Frances Guinane – Pastoral Associate

Sr. Fran has been appointed to a new ministry with her Order which will mean leaving Lancefield/Romsey at the end of the year to take up in Melbourne. We will all miss her friendly and dedicated presence around the towns over the last 14 years. We have a chance to say goodbye on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 a.m.** at the Church Hall in Romsey. All welcome.

### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Drive In Movie & Fireworks - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

What a fantastic night and what a positive result for our community. The adults and the children had a great night. The fireworks were amazing. What a great opportunity for the children to play and have some fun together. **Congratulations to the Parents and Friends Committee who organised the event.** A special thanks to Jenny Parks who was the driving force behind the night. Thanks to all the people who helped on the night. The winners of the raffle were: 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vinnie Doria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey Newnham, 4<sup>th</sup> Trish Tame, 5<sup>th</sup> J. Burns, 6<sup>th</sup> Wilson family, 7<sup>th</sup> Unsworth family, 8<sup>th</sup> Georgia Linehan.



## BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening

St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

**Doors Open**

**7.00 p.m.**

**EYES DOWN**

**7.30 p.m.**

30 games ... finishing 9.30 p.m.

\$3.00 per book

No entry fee

Canteen facilities

Free tea and coffee

## ROMSEY LANCEFIELD PROBUS CLUB



This will be our last News and Activity information article for 2006. and planning for 2007 has already started.

For **October** we had a lunch outing to the Wandong Australiana and for **November** we are out for the whole day in a comfortable coach. First to visit Harcourt for the fully guided Butterfly Sanctuary, the Orchid Show and the Display Garden. After lunch in the restaurant we go on another guided tour through the Buda Gardens and Homestead in Castle-maine and will continue on to The Chocolate Factory.

In December we have the 'End of Year Breakup Party'.

We have fortnightly Ten Pin Bowling mornings. You don't have to be good to take part as we are all very inconsistent and the scores are not the most important thing, **Having Fun Is!!!**

We also have a music afternoon once a month for the music lovers. Every Friday morning we enjoy morning coffee at the local coffee houses in Romsey and Lancefield.

Our guest speaker for September was Jean Buist (one of our members) who showed pictures of the great tours she and her husband had in France and on a boat trip from Amsterdam to Budapest and beyond. It was a most interesting.

Probud is a fun club comprised of people who have retired, partly retired and those about to retire.

Our next club meeting is November 23rd (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of any month, 10.00am in St Mary's Hall) For further information Ring Geoff or Alice 5429 6567



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## Bullengarook Landcare Group



Dear group members, landcarers, councillors, local newsletters, and staff working on environment-related issues in Macedon Ranges Shire

Rob Gell has advised Bullengarook Landcare Group that due to a commitment to speak overseas, he was not able to speak in Bullengarook on November 10th on the "Implications of Climate Change". Bullengarook Landcare Group are in the process of re-scheduling this talk, hopefully for early in 2007, and will notify everyone once a new date is finalised.

The Landcare Group apologises for this change and hopes that it does not cause too much inconvenience.

regards

John Robinson

Werribee and Maribyrnong Landcare Co-ordinator Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority.

## FREEMASONRY MACEDON RANGES LODGE

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## Thank You Wendy

Romsey Post Office identity Wendy is leaving us around Christmas time due to family commitments, although we suspect it's so she can have more holidays! We would like to wish Wendy all the best for the future, and thank her for all the excellent service and sometimes acerbic humour we have enjoyed over the past few years. We also wish Alan's wife Margaret well as she serves her "apprenticeship" to fill Wendy's shoes in the Romsey Post office.

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Romsey Golf Club Ladies  
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# Breakfast with Santa



Date: Sunday, 17th December

Time: 8.30am

\$5.00 per child

At the ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

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TOAST



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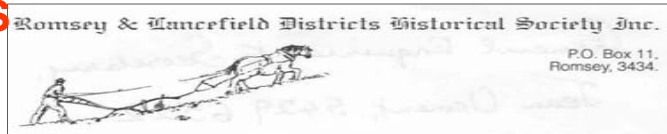
Every child receives breakfast, a drink and a lolly bag.

Please RSVP by the 12th December 2006 to Hilda on 54296538



## ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 3434 or  
Research Enquiries to: P.O. Box 101 Lancefield 3435



### A THOUGHT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our October guest speaker Joy Barton spoke passionately about the need for everyone to write down their memories. After all, we are "living history" and our stories will be lost forever if we do not pass them on. So grab an exercise book or give a journal for Christmas and use the coming holidays to record some personal or family memories—before they are lost forever. (Or you may use a computer, and—who knows—it may lead to desk-top publishing!)

### ROMSEYB HISTORY BOOK

There are still a few copies left of this excellent hard-cover book, and they will be on sale at the Romsey market, or direct from secretary Jean Clement (phone 5429 6522) for just \$25, which is half price. What a wonderful Christmas present for anyone interested in the history of the district.

Season's greetings and best wishes for the holidays.

Jean Clement

Hon. Secretary

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### A THOUGHT-PROVOKING PERSPECTIVE ON OUR GLOBAL VILLAGE

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like this:  
There would be:

57 Asians  
21 Europeans  
14 from the western hemisphere, both north and south  
8 Africans

Of these:  
52 would be female, 48 would be male.

70 would be non-white, 30 would be white.

70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian.

89 would be heterosexual, 11 would be homosexual.

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and nearly all would be from the United States.

80 would live in substandard housing.

70 would be unable to read.

50 would suffer from malnutrition.

1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth.

1 would have a collage education, 1 would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

The following is also something to ponder:

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness—you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation—you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death—you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep—you are richer than 75% of the people in this world.

If you have money in your bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish some place—you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married to each other—you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

If you can read this you are doubly blessed that someone passed it on to you, and furthermore you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

*Work like you don't need the money  
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