

Romsey Winter Youth Program

July 2007



The Romsey Winter Youth Program is happening this July for anyone between the ages of 12 – 25. We would like you to help us decide which activities to offer. Some of the activities we're considering are:

Dav Trips – Melbourne & Bendigo Boxing & Martial Arts Art and Cooking

Exercise Classes Skateboard Clinics Music Sessions

Tap Dance & Hip Hop **Sports Clinics & Competitions**

To have your say fill in the form below and return to the Romsey Recreation Centre (Park Lane) or the Romsey Council Office (Main St). Surveys are also available at these points. Contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on (03) 5429 5637 for more information.

This program will be a not-for-profit activity run by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, as an initiative to provide more activities to the youth in the Romsey area. After this event we hope to develop popular activities into ongoing programs in Romsey.

* Golf

* Squash

* Soccer

* Netball

* Basketball

* Table Tennis

Name: _____ Age: ____ Phone: _____

Please mark the activities that you would like to participate in during the Romsey Winter Youth Program

- Ice Skating
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- * Hip Hop Dance
- * Tap Dance
- Martial Arts
- *Circus Workshop
- Other:

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-	Juniors \$ 35

Competitions held on Saturdays at 12.00pm. The course is available for social groups with clubhouse facilities and bar by bookings only.

School holidays have proven to be a bonus for some of the juniors having spent most of their time playing golf, and as a result, their handicaps are coming down rapidly. It appears that some of the juniors are trying for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records, having played 90 holes of golf in one day! That would be enough for some of our senior players to pack it in.

Pennant has started well for the scratch team, hopefully they will get through to the finals.

<u>Results</u>		
24 Mar	H'Cap Matchplay	
	J Gradie 7/5 Brad Klaayson 6/5	
	Singles Knockout	
	G Clement won on the 19 th against J	
	Laing	
31 Mar	Monthly Medal	
	Brad Klaayson 85 (27) Net 58	
7 Apr	Ambrose (3 man)	
-	N Jarman (9) K Dunn (20) G Wilkins (29)	
	H'Cap 9 2/3 Net 56 1/3	
9 Apr	Stableford	
·	M Thornton (5) 37	
14 Apr	Stroke	
	K McNamara (30) 57	

COMING EVENTS Romsey Open – June 2 & 3 4 B Stableford Relative Pairs/Men/Mixed

Greens are in great condition at the moment, bring on some winter rain! Come down and enjoy a hit.

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The Anglican Parish Lancefield Romsey

Connecting with God and our Community

View from the Vicarage

Recently, our Prime Minister delivered the news that industry around the Murray Darling Basin would be impacted because of water restriction that have to be put in place due to the current water shortage. This will impact all of us to a great extent because much of our produce comes from this area. When he relayed the news to the people of Australia, he called the people to pray to God for relief of this.

I have spoken before of the need to pray for the end to this drought and it is a need that is more so evident in this area as well as others on the land in the state of Victoria. In world and biblical history this is not a new problem. Look at these words from the Old Testament Book of Haggai.

"You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops." The house that is referred to here is our own relationship with God, the God who creates the materials and resources that we have today. Implied in what is written in these words from the Book of Haggai is that whilst our own relationship is strong, then blessings will be abundant. A sign of strong church relationships is full church buildings regardless of denominations of people who want to worship the Lord Jesus. What's the solution to the drought? ALL of us need to constantly pray to God for relief to our current water shortage and no one in this town is exempt from this. We do this at our church and the restoration of water supplies is permanently in our church newsletter.

Let me encourage us to be people who seek God through prayer so that we can have the water supply that we used to have.

That's the View from the Vicarage this month. Rev. Leroy Coote Vicar Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

Advertisements:

1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey and 10:30am (with Sunday School) at Lancefield).

2. Our Mothers' Day Morning Tea on Saturday 12th May in The Grange at Cleveland Winery – Shannon's Road Lancefield. Cost \$10.00 - For Further Information and tickets, please contact 5429-1680.

3. On the 23rd September 2007, we are having **A Confirmation Service**. Preparation will start at the beginning of term 3 on Sunday afternoons for those in grade 7 up. Adults will meet with at a mutually convenient time with the minister. If interested, please contact the Rev. Leroy Coote on 5429-1680.

4. Come and join the fun of our end financial year celebration in the grounds of St. Paul's Anglican Church Romsey on the 30th June 2007 from 10:00am – 1:00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting and trading table as well as a chance to browse through our Spectacular Op Shop. For further Details please ring 5429-1680.





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Romsey Lancefield Girl Guides.

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The Girl Guides are already back into the swing of things with badge work on the way and a camp being planned.

We have recently celebrated, with all the Black Forest Region Guides, World Thinking Day. This is the day that Girl Guides around the world think about each other.(there are more than 10 million of us around the world), and we think of all the symbols that we all share as part of this huge international organisation. The day is celebrated on the 22nd of February each year because this was the birthday of both Lord Baden Powell, who began the Scouting movement, and also his wife, Lady Baden Powell, who was the World Chief Guide for many years.

Guides Australia has declared this year to be the Year of the Outdoors. They have a special cloth badge available for Guides and their Leaders to earn, and a big list of challenges and activities for the girls to choose from. The girls must complete a water activity, an environment activity, take part in a camp, complete another Outdoor badge, and tackle an Adventurous activity that is suitable for their age. They will earn a brightly coloured badge with a footprint on it.

The girls have begun to plan a Unit camp, to be held in May. They have chosen the theme of Happy Feet!. Activities will be organised around this theme, including a camp fire and lots of singing, and probably some dancing!

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Turning the page on new library plans

Everything is starting to fall in to place for the building of our new Romsey Hub, and it's an exciting time for the Romsey community as a result. The plans are on display at the Library, and also in the foyer of the primary school, so I urge everyone who's interested to go along and acquaint themselves with exactly what is planned. It will also be a major boost to Neighbourhood House facilities in Romsey.

The tenders for the works should be out now, and the Council anticipates that it will be in a position to decide the winning tender by the end of June. I would expect that work would then start almost immediately - probably within a month Romsey will see the beginnings of its new Community Hub. Romsey will still have access to a public library while the works are under way, as a relocatable building will be positioned in the car park to ensure that books and materials are still readily available to us. We'll have a far better facility for a library when the Hub is finished.

The total works are expected to cost around \$1.3 to \$1.5 million, and will provide the Romsey community with around 1000 square metres of space and 33 off-street car parking spaces. I've been talking to Romsey Primary School principal Barney Healy, who is also chair of the Community House. It will have a permanent home in the Hub, which is a far better arrangement than at present, with activities spread all across the town. The expectation is that with a permanent base. the Community House will be able to run more programs and expand to bigger and better things. That's a bonus for all of us.

The schedule suggests that we'll be in a position to officially open our new Romsey Community Hub around May or June next year. I'm looking forward to it!

Tender for roadworks

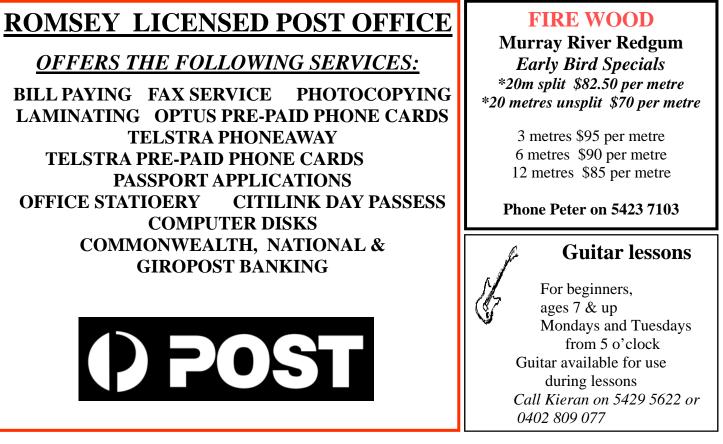
Macedon Ranges Shire Council has recently invited tenders for a contract for the reconstruction of 930 metres of the Bolinda-Darraweit Rd. The contract involves earthworks, drainage, road pavement and sealing.

The reconstruction starts about 7km east of the Melbourne-Lancefield Rd. It is expected to be undertaken during May and June, and is estimated to cost around \$200,000.

Henry Bleeck.

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Romsey Primary School News Buildings Works

Over the school holidays the first phase of the relocatable classroom atrium upgrade was commenced. The re-roofing of this area is now completed with some further work to be undertaken once the electrical work is completed. Over the coming weeks we hope to finish the project off with floor preparation and the laying of carpet. Already this area is lighter and more inviting for

the students in these classrooms. This project has been made possible through the school suc- TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW cessfully applying for funds through the Investing in Our Schools program.

School Readiness Talk and Discussion

Will your child be ready for school in 2008? A talk will be presented to the parents of kindergarten age children on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.00PM at the Romsey kindergarten. This talk has proven to be very popular in past years as very useful strategies have been covered in helping parents manage the home side of the transition of these young students to school. This talk will be presented by Romsey Primary School staff.

Colourful Parade for Fredrick

Students celebrated the last day of term one with a successful fund raiser for Fredrick our sponsored child in Kenva. The Student Council organised the event and during the parade gave Bad Hair Awards to a girl and boy from each class. Altogether we raised \$370.95 for Fredrick's sponsorship. Coloured hair was very popular with an array of decorations including ribbons, pegs and clips. Many parents had put in a great effort in helping their children with their creative hair styles.



Education Week at Romsey Primary School

Education week will take place from 7th—11th of May. During this week we have a number of exciting opportunities for parents and community members to come along to our school and see some of our programs run for our students. On Wednesday May 16th we will have an open morning and school tours. There will be a Family Maths Night held on Thursday May 10th from 7.00-8.00pm. with lots of fun, learning activities for children and adults of any age. Friday morning will see our senior students solving problems creatively in our in-school Tournament of the Minds competition. Visitors are welcome for all of these activities.

Year 5/6 Musical

Auditions and rehearsals have commenced for our biennial Year 5/6 Musical. This year the students will be performing "I Love the Knight Life" - an entertaining tale from the days of King Arthur with a very modern twist. The show will be performed in term 3. As with previous productions there will be a hum of activity in the coming months in learning lines, songs and dances, as well as preparing our Performing Arts Centre with scenery, props, lights and sound equipment.

ANZAC Service

It was once again great to see so many Romsey and Lancefield residents attend the ANZAC service this year in Romsey. Our students and their families again attended in very good numbers. The ANZAC service is of great interest to these children as they work to understand the significance of this important commemorative day for all Australians.

Cross Country



We again had a very strong cross country team attend the district cross country championships at Hanging Rock on 24th April. Many students trained regularly prior to our own school cross country championships which was the basis of the selection of the school team. Of our twenty-four competitors we had ten students achieve a placing to enable them to progress on to the regional championships to be held in Bendigo later this month.

Barney Healy Principal

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Shoe-Horn Sonata - Entertainment Saturday 5th of May 2007 8.00pm Tickets: \$35/\$28

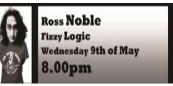
The Shoe-Horn Sonata is a powerful and poignant play about triumph, friendship and survival. Sheila and Bridie first met after their ships were sunk while fleeing from Singapore in 1942 and formed a friendship which survived three and a half years of captivity as prisoners of the Japanese. The two friends are reunited for the first time, 50 years after the end of the War, for the filming of a television documentary. The two relive the past and through it come to terms with the present and take courage to plan the future.

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Ross Noble – Fizzy Logic - Comedy

Wednesday 9th of May 2007 8.00pm Tickets; \$34.90/\$31.90 Group 10 + \$31.90 Ross Noble is without doubt one of the quickest, smartest and wildest comics in the known universe. Ross is infamous for his stream of conscience ramblings and his unpredictable banter. After a sell out show with Randomist last year, Ross is bringing his latest show *Flzzy Logic* to the Town Hall, Kyneton. Be quick to book your tickets early or risk disappointment.

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Arts Ball - Mikelangelo and the Blacksea Gentleman -Entertainment

Saturday 19th of May 2007 7.30pm All tickets: \$25

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Oklahoma - Morning Musical

Friday 25th of May 2007 11.30am Tickets: \$15 Group 10 + \$13.50 MM Package of 4 shows

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Kinder Enrolments 2008

Enrolment for both Pre-Kinder and Kinder programs for 2008 will be taken at the kinder at Main Rd Romsey on

Tuesday 5th June 2007 at 12.30pm to 2.00pm Thursday 7th June 2007 at 12.30pm - 3.00pm A copy of child's birth certificate and \$10.00 enrolment fee required Any enquiries, please contact Tracev Newnham 54296 269 or 0409511439

Kelli Weber 54291626 or 0438740755

Romsev Golf Club

Ladies report

The ladies are continuing to visit other clubs and are enjoying playing the other courses. We also ran a free clinic, which was well attended, and the people attending appreciated Beau's coaching. Thank you to Beau who gives his time so freely to promote golf to interested people. Please ring Hilda for more information on when the next clinic will be held. Now is a good time to learn before the weather changes. Results:

Wed. March 21st: Stroke 18 hole winner B.Cole 72 net. 12 hole winner H. Caly net 481/2. Thurs. 22nd march Hilda & Lorraine played at Broadford in the WGDD, 4BBB. The weather was hot but both managed to score well. Wed. march 28th Stableford (Young Australian) 18 hole winner B. Cole 43 pts. 12 Hole winner M. Fraser.

Thurs. March 29th Lorraine and Beryl played in the Kilmore Bowl and had a total of 92 pts. Wed. April 4th Stroke 18 hole winner B. Cole 69net. 12 hole winner M. Fraser.

Wed. April 11th Par 18 hole winner K. Jekabsons +2

Thurs. April 12th Lorraine, Kath and Beryl played in the Alexander Bowl and scored 94 pts. Lorraine was beaten on a count back for the C Grade with 35 pts.

Wed. April 18th Stroke Monthly Medal was not played due to a lack of players, so a 9 hole comp. was played instead. Winner was Hilda Caly.

Recipe for this month: Salmon Dip

420g can of salmon 4 shallots finely chopped 1/2 cup of cream 1/2 cup of mayonnaise 1/2cup of hot water 2 tablespoons of gelatine.

Blend gelatine with hot water, put into blender and blend for a couple of seconds. Add all other ingredients and blend well. Pour into a greased mould and set in the refrigerator.

Beryl Cole 5429 5411

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Ripper Reads for May 2007

Gentlemen & Players – Joanne Harris Up until now I have managed to exist without reading a Joanne Harris novel, but after hearing her chat on the radio recently to publicise her book Gentlemen and Players, I thought that I would correct that omission. You know from almost the very first page that one of the dual narrators of this book is a murderer, but who they are or how many they have killed or who those victims are remain a mystery until almost the very last pages. Likewise the motive only becomes clearer as you get further involved in the stories both past and present. Whilst the plot certainly intrigues, Harris has created, with unerring accuracy, the range of teachers to be found in almost any school. Think I'll go discover a few more of her books.

Conquer your computer: hot tips and shortcuts – Ms Megabyte

This is a small but incredibly informative book for all computer luddites like me! Read it in small bytes in front of a computer and play around with its suggestions to plug the holes in your basic computer knowledge. I was fairly impressed with its non-condescending style and practical approach, but when it showed me how to kill off that 'damn paper clip' in Word with one sharp click, I loved it even more.

Russell the Sheep – Rob Scotton

Poor Russell, when humans can't sleep they count sheep, but what do sheep do when they can't sleep? Well, in this delightful bedtime story, Russell the sheep tries lots of different things without success until he finally manages to fall asleep, naturally enough, just as the sun is coming up.

Although a tried and true story the illustrations set this book apart, they are soft and gentle but very humorous and will entertain both reader and child alike.

Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

The toy library committee is excited to announce it's received a grant of \$2717 from the Federal Government to help improve the library. This terrific amount of money has been given as part of the government's Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (FACSIA) program, which helps the work of volunteers within community organisations. As the toy library depends on grant money to operate and expand, this money is a tremendous windfall and will enable us to set ourselves up well for the future.

The money will be spent on portable containers and units for the library's existing toys, which will help the committee to catalogue and store them much more easily. It will also be a great help to library members to have a solid container in which to keep toys borrowed rather than the present plastic ziplock bags, which can easily break or be misplaced. A digital camera also will be able to be purchased which will help volunteers keep a visual catalogue of all the toys. It will also help the committee in promoting the library, enabling us to take photographs of library events and fundraising activities.

Also we will purchase a portable first aid kit, which will be available at the toy library for volunteers and can be taken along to any offsite fundraising events.

The 'big ticket item', though, is the purchase of a laptop computer and software. This will enable us to keep all our letters, grant applications, membership details and other paperwork all on one central computer which is available to the entire committee. In the past, committee members have used their own personal computers to generate toy library material, which means it is not stored in one place and for future reference. This is the first time the toy library has applied for the volunteers' grants and the committee is thrilled at our successes. The money is going to make a great difference to the operation of the library and make life easier for the volunteers which are the lifeblood of our organisation. As this year we are preparing for our move into the new Romsey Community Hub, anything we can do to improve our toy storage and organisation is a priority.

In other news, the new toys we have been able to purchase thanks to the shire council's generous \$800 are arriving at the toy library. The new nylon collapsible tunnel, which is part of our gross motor skills range, is available for borrowing. The children love playing in it both indoors and outdoors and, while it's a large toy, it is lightweight and folds down and stores away easily.

The new pink Leapster electronic handheld console and associated educational software titles, including Dora The Explorer, are proving popular.

The dressups have arrived and are being catalogued and prepared for borrowing. More news on them next month! The costumes will be great for parents whose children go to lots of parties. If your child has a costume birthday or has to go to one, you don't have to make or buy a costume, simply borrow one from the toy library!

As always, we need new members! Memberships are still \$15 for 6 months or \$25 for one year, regardless of the number of children in your family.

Come along one Saturday morning and check out our range! We have hundreds of puzzles, games, large and small toys, ride-ons, LeapPads, Leapsters and educational CD-ROMs for you to borrow for children aged from birth to 12 years.

Or just give Leanne Manton a call on 5429 6583 and we'll sign you up. The library opens in St Mary's Hall (behind the Catholic Church) on Saturday mornings from 10am until 11.30am. Thanks for your time and look forward to seeing you at the library! Yours sincerely

LEANNE MANTON,

President,

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Time: Morning 10-12am Afternoon 2-4pm *Dates*: *Monday and Tuesday the* 2nd and 3 rd July and Monday the 9th July Activities will include Drawing (making marks on paper) and Printmaking. *Venue*: Romsey Primary school Art Room *Costs:* \$20 per session. All materials Supplied plus light refreshment Please Contact Gillian for more information on 54295448

Weekend Art Classes

Class 1 Date: Saturday 12 May 1 Time: 9 to 4pm Venue: Romsey Primary School Art Room Sign up for à day of fun and learn how to draw This drawing class will provide absolute beginners with an introduction to drawing methods and materials. Tackle the elements of line, tone, simple composition and mark making in a supportive learning environment

Class 2 Date: Saturday the 16th June Time: 9 to 4pm Venue: Romsey Primary school Art room Sign up for a day of fun and expand your skills. Learn to create strong and dynamic drawings with rich and expressive marks. Gain confidence and expand the way you see.

Attention [] [] Local Artists and Craft

people. My is Gillian and I want to establish a local Arts and Craft market in Romsey through the Neighbourhood house. I am looking for expressions of interest from those who wish to exhibit and / or participate in the establishment of the market from the grass roots. Please don't hestitate to contact me with your ideas, philosophies and energy to get this project off the ground. All enquiries will be greatly appreciated. You can contact me on 54295448 / 0411579906 Thankyoul

Tutoring

4th Year student teacher completing a Bachelor of Education to teach Prep to Year 12 with majors in English, drama and psychology available for private tutoring in the Romsey area. Secondary tutoring in the above subjects and all primary school levels. Reasonable rates.

> Please contact Erin 5429 6445 or 0423 254 584

Probus Club <u>Romsey</u> – Lancefield

Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probus Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am.

Probus is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

Contact

Mrs Pat Shannon (President) on 5429 6194 or Mrs Jeni Clampit (Secretary) on 5429 5480



Romsey Uniting Church Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351 Mobile: 0408 380 962

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...

Marion Latham took her last service as our Supply Minister mark and, however small it is, it's our mark, and the world on Easter Sunday 8th April. Marion has accepted a call to will never be quite the same again. Corryong Uniting Church and will take up that position on God grant the mark we leave is the mark of the cross. the 1st June, 2007. Marion will assist us in worship on May 6th, 2007. We all thank Marion for the love and care she gave to us during her time here and we wish her well in her move to Corryong.

The Uniting Churches in Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Mount Macedon have linked and now have a *it's quickly whipped away, wind-blighted, seared.* And

An induction service was held for Avril on 15th April, 2007. The first service for Avril was at Romsey on the 22nd April, when she took the worship at the Harvest Thanksgiving service. This service was in the form of a breakfast beginning at 8am which is part of the fellowship and worship. It is always a very enjoyable service.

A combined service of the four churches was held on 29th April at Riddells Creek.

Avril will live in the Uniting Church Manse in Romsey and will lead the worship and work in the four churches.

"Facing the Storm".

mark on the worn wall. At first glance, I thought it was just made. a random roughness, a shadow on the stone. Then I realised it was the outline of a cross. It must have hung there for years and, when taken down, it left the mark on the wall

As individual Christians we leave a mark. Most of us lead unremarkable lives. Actually, I'm not so sure of that. 6th. 9am. Worship service and Sunday School When you get to know people you find few who are "ordinary". No-one is exactly like another. Each is remark-13th 9am Communion Service and Sunday school able in individual experience. Each of us has something of value to give. But we lead unspectacular lives, rarely producing headlines in the newspapers. Yet our presence in 20th. 9am Worship Service and Sunday school the world, our faithful performance of the little acts of daily living, makes its mark.

There are times when we feel useless. We can't stop the steamroller of world events without getting flattened. Noone listens to the thin sound of our protest. But "your living shall not be in vain", as the song puts it. We make our



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Lord, I find it hard to believe it matters, the little mark I make on the world. I'm so caught up in things I can't control. Can't even understand the problem half the time. I feel lost, swallowed up, my efforts useless.

nothing seems to change. At times, I think I hear an echo of unpleasant laughter, far away.

I get the feeling there's nothing I can do. And not much point in trying.

Yet in the guiet, I still feel that inner sense, which I can only say is you, urging me on. Telling me, however small I am, or weak, you care for what I do. Reminding me, so gently, that however small a mark I make, it's mine, and yours. And telling me to do the little thing in front of me, today.

I may not see its cosmic breadth, or deep significance but in the faithful living out and guiet affirmation of this Behind the carved oak pulpit in the old church, I noticed a day's duty, lies worth, and joy. And on some wall a mark is

A mark of love, shaped like a cross.

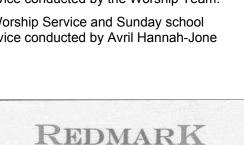
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Church Services conducted during May 2007

Conducted by Marion Latham

- Service conducted by Avril Hannah-Jones
- Service conducted by the Worship Team.
- 9am Worship Service and Sunday school 27^{th.} Service conducted by Avril Hannah-Jone

Jeni Clampit



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Lancefield–Romsey Lions Club

Once again the Lancefield Romsey Lions members (John Evans, Julie Starec and of course, Jess) took part in "Walk For An Aussie Kid" - a mobility picnic event held every year by the Melton Lions Club. The walkers completes between one and 5 circuits of a one kilometre walking track which goes around Naven Park, Melton. This event was held on Sunday April 1st.

It was a great success and very enjoyable seeing so many children with their mobility aids taking part and enjoying themselves. They held races in different age groups that they all took part in, and each child received a ribbon for participating. This was a fund-raising event, and all proceeds went to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. The program helps children with cerebral palsy by assisting in the provision of mobility aids. The most common aid is called a Hart Walker, which enables children to walk without assistance. I personally have seen two children fitted; it is a very humbling experience to see a Hart walker fitted and a child walk for the very first time. The improvement in the lives of these children in terms of their health is fantastic. Respiratory and gastric problems are often greatly relieved because of the simple fact that they are more upright and therefore there is less cramping of their internal organs. There are many different walkers available to suit the level of support needed by each individual child. Experts in the field are able to assess each child and recommend the most suitable walker.

The cost of walkers varies considerably from a few hundred dollars for a walking frame to \$11,000 for a Hart Walker. The Lancefield Romsey Lions club raised over \$2,300. I would like to thank those who helped sponsor or donated money to the "Walk For An Aussie Kid" event. If you asked for a receipt and haven't yet received one. I will get it to you shortly. The money raised will be going to a child with impaired walking ability so that they will be able to "Walk With Pride". Once again, I would like to thank you for your support. Anyone wanting to know more about the Lions Club and Lions projects can call me on 0411 643 407 or 5429 1990.

I look forward to hearing from you. Lion Julie Starec.

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Autumn is well and truly upon us - leaves changing colour, cooler evenings and, hopefully, some moisture in the air! It is a time of year at Kindergarten synonymous with varied kinder activities. The concept of change of season is an important theme at kinder, as children become aware of the nature's effects on their environment. The copious bundles of leaves we, as adults, often take for granted as they build up on footpaths, in gutters or around the house are, for children, a key to understanding at this time of year!



Mother's Day

Easter has been and gone, but Mother's Day approaches. Construction of precious gifts for mums, grandmas and other special ladies is well under way. The Kindergarten will open its doors on the 9th May for a Mother's Day morning tea. This is an opportunity for the 4-year-old classes to be visited by the special ladies in their life who will spend some special time with the children whilst indulging in the odd scone or two. A full report will follow in next month's Rag!

Readiness For School

Even though it is only early in term 2, it is not too early for parent's of pre-school children to consider the often vexed question of when children are ready to progress to the next level - school. Help is at hand, thanks to the efforts of the Romsey Primary School Prep teaching staff. They will be presenting a Readiness for School discussion at the Romsey Kindergarten on Wednesday 2nd May between 7pm and 8pm. Babysitting and will be provided. Please contact Jenny Stillman on 0412-349849 if you have any queries.



Summer Sports at Hesket Cricket

On Thursday March 22nd, the boys played cricket in the Cobaw District Summer Sports at Gilbert Gordon Reserve in Woodend. Mrs P drove the bus and Woody's mum, Janet, also drove a few players in her car.

We played four other teams. Our first game was against Lancefield. It was really close but in the end they just beat us. Next we played Our Lady of the rosary. They were pretty good and they beat us fairly easily. Third we played Tylden and we had our first victory. Our last game was against Woodend and if we had not gone out so often we might have beaten them.

The day was really hot and by the last game we were exhausted. We drank lots of water and Mrs. P bought us an icypole each after the games were over. Every one played really well and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the day. When we got back to school a few people went home straight away, Mrs Carroll took some photos but we did not get everyone.

The final scores were:

Game 1	Hesket 6.6	Lancefield 6.66
Game 2	Hesket 4	Lady of the Rosary 12
Game 3	Hesket 5	Tylden 4
Game 4	Hesket 2	Woodend 9.3

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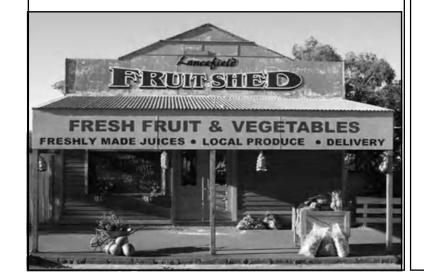
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TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL 10th ANNIVERSARY VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL AND FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

WHERE: TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL WHEN: Saturday, May 12th TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. WHAT'S ON? **10th Annual Vintage Tractor Pull** Mobile climbing rock wall **Football clinic Giant crane Springfree trampolines Raffle with excellent prizes** Jumping castle & merry-go-round Showbags, face painting, hair spraying, tattoos, plaster mould painting, fairy floss and magical fairy stall, lucky dips and jaffa smasher **Animal farm** Awesome mystery jars **Silent auction** Childrens' games and disco Craft stall and mothers' day gifts Plant stall and organic craft activity and disnlav BBQ'S, Devonshire teas, tea and coffee, wine tasting, cakes and preserves, fresh produce Sfinci sour dough doughnuts Thai chi and dance demonstrations Hand massages and body shop products Shoe Shine SES, CFA, St. Johns Ambulance. plus other static displays.....

KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN

Family and Children's Services

Although the Romsey Kindergarten is a community based kindergarten and not council-managed, it has a close relationship with the office of Family and Children's Services at the Shire of Macedon Ranges. Our point of contact over the last 18 months has been Ms. Suzie Taylor. Suzie has been of great assistance to the Romsey Kindergarten. She has visited us on several occasions and has always been accessible. She was instrumental in facilitating funding for the external painting of the building (a big ticket item!) and has been very supportive of Committee of Management initiatives. Suzie will shortly be vacating her current position as she has accepted a position in Aged and Disability Services with the Council. We wish her well in her new role, and look forward to developing our relationship with her successor.

And About The Painting Of The Building...

In the last Romsey Rag, it was reported that the Kindergarten and Maternal and Child Health building would be receiving its "makeover" during the recent term holiday break. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the painter was unable to do this big job at that time. However, the Kindergarten has been reassured it is on track to be completed this term (weather permitting!).

Open Day – Early Notice

After the success of last year's inaugural Open Day, the Kindergarten Committee of Management has decided to proceed with a second one on Saturday 8th September. This promises to be even bigger and better than last year with many and varied activities to showcase the Kindergarten and preschool education in general. Parents of preschool age children (current or future!) should mark the date in the diary now. The Rag will update the program for the day as it is finalised.

Mirror, Mirror On The Wall II

As a follow-up to a previous Rag request, Unit 1 at the Kindergarten is still in need of a full-length mirror for the home corner. Preferably, it would be free standing, but a wall mounted one would suffice. If anyone is able to donate such a mirror, please contact the Kindergarten on 54295294.

Jenny Stillman

Committee of Management

HELPING SMALL BUSINESS DO BUSINESS

Orana Family Services strengthening Families in Gisborne

Orana Family Services, a community service agency of the Uniting Church, is starting the year offering a number of services that focus on supporting and assisting families with young children.

Volunteer co-ordinator, Karen Visagie, said there are times where every family needs support and Orana's programs are set up to help families connect with the community and local services available.

Orana provides a range of services and programs for families with young children across the north-west region of Melbourne. Orana's Gisborne program begins the year with the Mothers and Grandmothers Self-care group.

"This group meets weekly to take some time out to socialise with fellow mothers and grandmothers, and to explore a range of topics relating to parenting, relaxation, nutrition and skill-sharing," Ms Visagie said. "The aim is to provide an opportunity for mothers and grandmothers who look after young children to increase their social support networks, to provide relevant information on self-care and other topics of interest and to link people into their wider community."

Ms Visagie said Orana is also offering the dynamic *Kidz* Unplugged music program which involves singing, dancing, instrument playing and puppetry for children 0-6 years. "It gives parents and children the opportunity to bond in a

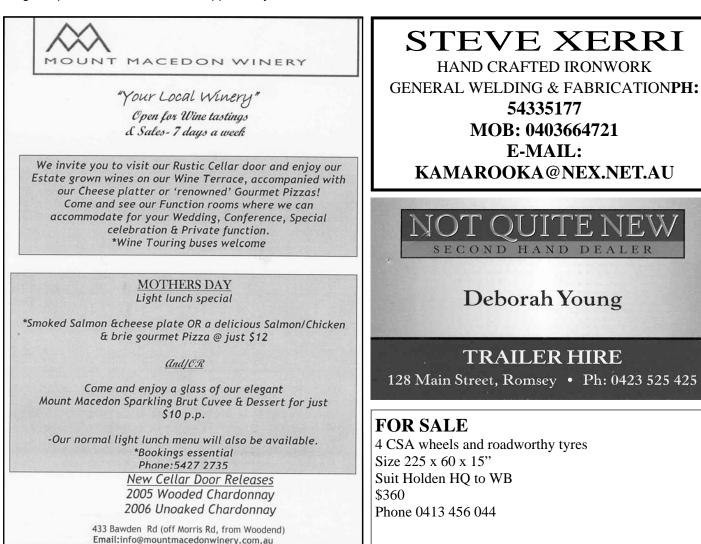
fun-filled, stimulating environment, Ms Visagie added. Kidz Unplugged is set to begin in Riddells Creek this month.

Orana Family Services also runs the volunteer homevisitors program, Neighbourhood Connections. This program aims at linking families with young children into the community. Trained volunteers provide social support and information to families who may be new to the area, who may have multiple births or several preschoolers, or who may have few family supports and would like to be more connected to their community.

And for parents who want a chance to develop their skills as parents, later in the year Orana also offers Confident Parenting, a six week course which covers issues like being a positive responsive parent, encouraging language development and learning, helping children appreciate rules, and managing tantrums and misbehaviour.

Ms Visagie said Orana is keen to extend the programs and services on offer to families in the community and as the year develops Orana will be offering accredited training for volunteers and community leaders. If you are someone who wants to make a contribution to the community and are wondering where to start this may be for you!

Orana Family Services brochures and application forms are available at our office or contact Orana directly at our Gisborne office on 5428 3138 or our head office on 93022700.



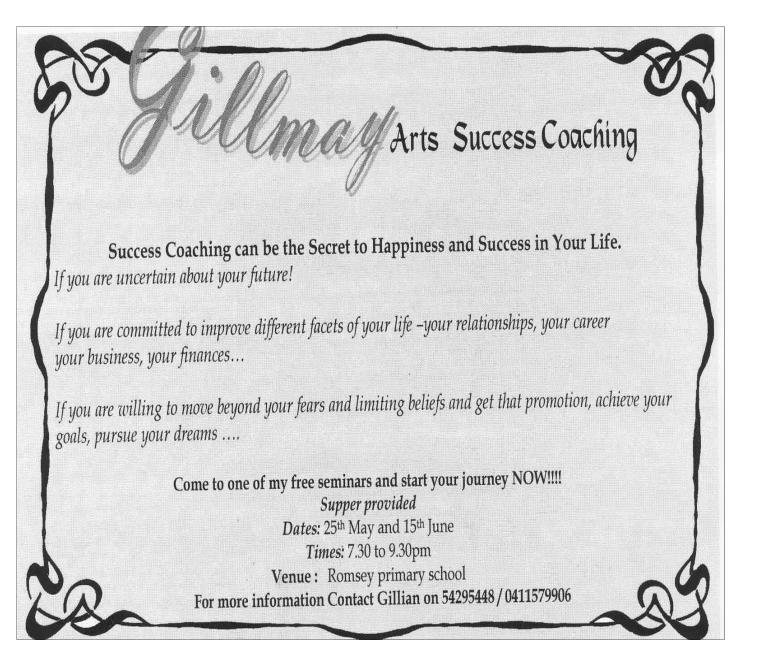
Following the success of amending the Trade Practices Act 1974 to make it easier for small businesses to join together to collectively bargain in their dealings with big business, our local Federal MP and Minister for Small Business, Fran Bailey, has launched a \$2 million education campaign for small business. Fran said this amendment is very important for all small businesses, because at long last, they can have some leverage in dealing with big business.

"All that needs to happen, is for a group of like businesses (for example, newsagents, fruit growers, car dealers) to come together and lodge a notification with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)," Fran said. "Previously, if small business wanted to collectively bargain, it was forced into a lengthy and very costly process with the ACCC. That has now changed and this week I've launched an education program to show small businesses ways to make it easier to do business with big business, through collective bargaining.

Fran said that already, the Australian Hotels Association had taken advantage of this and acted for their members and the Rubicon Hotel in our electorate of McEwen has already benefited. Australian Hotels Association Victoria CEO, Brian Kearney, said the organisation was a great advocate of collective bargaining.

"In the hospitality industry and particularly through pubs, the publicans deal with suppliers of many products and engage in extensive contractual relationships," Mr Kearney said. "Their ability to get the best out of an arrangement is significantly enhanced, if collective bargaining opportunities can be exploited. Our collective bargaining approval is in relation to wagering and gaming, but the legislation provides opportunities that go to all contractual dealings."

"I encourage our local small businesses to take advantage of collective bargaining to strike better deals with big business. To find out more, please visit www.business.gov.au, or call my office on 1300 131 186," Fran said.



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The Romsey Rag May 2007



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

The plans for the Romsey Community Hub are now finalised and on display in the Romsey library and the foyer of Romsey Primary School. Building tenders will soon be called with an anticipated finishing date for this project of mid-2008. Fran Bailey has recently announced the Federal funding component of \$400,000 has been approved.

Programs for Term 2: New for term 2:

Art Classes:

Children's and Adult Art Classes

Learn how to draw, and expand your skills.

Success Coaching—Free seminars to be held in May.

Wholistic Women—a night out for you and your friends on Friday May 4th commencing 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School, Gold coin donation—fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. Expressions of interest sought from local arts and crafts people to start a regular art and craft market in Romsey For information on any of the above phone Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0411579906 or see our feature page on page 6.

Food Safety Level 1—Food Handlers Certificate

This is a one day accredited course for all people working in the food industry and for people who volunteer at fundraising events involving the preparation and cooking of food. This course will be run under the auspice of the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre. The course is a pre-requisite for anyone wishing to undertake Food Safety Level 2 for supervisors working in the hospitality or food industry. Participants need to bring writing materials and implements. Course Facilitator: Raymond Najm Location: Romsey Primary School Date: Saturday May 19th Time: 9.00 am-4.00 pm. Cost: \$53 per person. Minimum and maximum numbers will apply to this course. If we are over-subscribed there may be an opportunity to run this course again later in the year. Please contact Robyn on 5429 5099 (school times) or 0412 275 152 for more information or enrolment. Bookings are essential for this course.

Some of our old favourites return

Drop In Craft Morning

Every Thursday 10.30 am—12.30 pm at CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey. Bring along those unfinished craft projects., enjoy some company and a cuppa, and meet new people. (Venue may change at short notice with the fire season on). Gold coin donation.

Yoga With Kym Oliver Wednesdays 7.45—9.00pm at Romsey Primary School. Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term. For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

Learn To Knit with Heather—weekly All levels of knitters meet on Monday nights Mondays 7—8 pm at Romsey Primary School. \$10 for 5 lessons. Contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

Writer's Group with Dee White-new members welcome. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining. Meets once per month on a Monday night at 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School.

Relaxation / Meditation with Karen Ruggieri—gold coin donation. Each Thursday night in term 2, commencing on April 26th. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining this group.

Crop till you drop: Each third Saturday of the month beginning April 15th. for all you Memory Makers and Scrapbookers. Starts at 5.00pm, cost is \$15 per session and includes pizza or fish'n'chips for dinner. For further information contact Belinda Williams 54291693/ 0407 203 826 or Lesley Ashley 54295259 / 0409 419 119. Venue - Romsev Primary School.

For details of these or to express interest contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

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



St. Marv's Parish - Lancefield & Romsev 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield

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Parish Priest: School Principal:

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Parish Website: www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Lancefield 1st, & 3rd Sunday of the month: 8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month: 8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

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BAPTISMS

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REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

RCIA Enguiry Night:

Have you ever wanted to be baptised? Wanted to explore your faith journey? Wanted to be a Catholic? Wondered what Catholics really believe? If so, we invite you to an enquiry evening at St. Mary's on **Tuesday**, 5th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. For further information, please contact Fr. George on 5429 2130 or Joanne Reuther on 5429 1582.

Easter Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Raffle: 1st prize Chris Parus; 2nd prize Alice Rivett, 3rd prize Pat Tweedle.

BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey **EYES DOWN Doors Open** 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 30 games ... finishing 9.30 p.m. \$3.00 per book Canteen facilities No entry fee Free tea and coffee ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are all back in full swing for Term 2 and were blessed with beautiful weather over the holidays. We are still praying for rain and enjoying the autumn leaved trees at the school.

Presbytery:

Convent:

School:

Grade 3/4 Excursion to Sovereign Hill:

At the end of last term the Grade 3 /4 students spent the day and evening at Sovereign Hill. They arrived back at school after 10.00 p.m. and slept in the library and classrooms. The children and teachers had a great time panning for gold and learning more about why some people came to Australia in the 1850s.



Confirmation:

The grade 6 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 6th May at the 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Masses. They are busy in their preparation. Sister Helen Carboon facilitated a meeting with the children and their parents in the school library and demonstrated the links between Baptism and Confirmation and explained the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This was all part of the children's preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children are also being prepared at school by Grade 6 teacher Mr Matthew Taylor. They will participate in a reflection day on Friday, 4thMay.

St. Mary's Primary School Dinner Dance Starry, Starry Night come dressed as: Rock Stars, Super Stars, Pop Stars, Movie Stars

Saturday, 2nd June 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start Lancefield Mechanics Hall \$30.00 per head - Tables of 10/individual tickets Meal and Live Band Strictly no BYO Bookings: 5429 1359 between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

HOUSE NEWS