

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB**Ladies Report**Results for this month

Wed 26 Sept	Stableford B Cole
Wed 3 Oct	Monthly Medal Stroke B Cole 73 net
Wed 10 Oct	Stroke L Robb 72 net
Wed 17 Oct	Stableford H Caly 29 pts

Monday 15th October was the Doris Chambers Cup final. There are 2 finals with the cup being shared by the two winning clubs. It is a foursomes Stableford competition and Lorraine Robb and I had a morning hit off at Sunshine and finished with 38 pts. This was the leading morning score, so off we went shopping and back to Sunshine Golf Club to find one other team with the same score. We were beaten on a count back by Clifton Springs. Thank you to Bruce Robb who was our driver and caddie.

Thursday 27th September we traveled to Euroa for their bowl and K. Jekabsons was runner-up in C Grade and Beryl Cole runner up in A grade

Thursday 11th October saw me at Woodend for their tournament and I can tell you I didn't cope with the shaping of the fairways and the thick rough. Scores were generally high.

Thursday 18th October Lorraine and I traveled to Yea for their tournament, where I won the B grade Scratch with 91-21-70. CCR was 72.

Our AGM was held after golf Wed 17th October. Thank you to our 2 Life Members Helene Newnham and Leila Beasley for attending and Helene for chairing the elections;

President	Hilda Caly
Secretary	Jan Harver
Captain	Beryl Cole
Handicapper	Lorraine Robb

Recipe for this month**Chocolate Fudge**

1 cup SR flour
 ¾ cup sugar
 ½ cup milk
 2 dessertspoons melted butter
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 2 dessertspoons cocoa
 ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour, sugar, cocoa and baking powder.
 Combine milk, butter and vanilla and add to dry ingredients.
 Place in an 8 inch oven proof dish
 Mix together ¼ cup cocoa and 1 cup brown sugar. Sprinkle over batter and pour on 3 cups hot water,
 Bake 45 mins in a moderate oven
 Serve with cream or ice-cream.

Beryl Cole
 54295411

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB INC.

Results of the 'Paddock to Plate' Raffle drawn at the Romsey Golf Club on Sunday 21st October.

1 st Prize	Ticket 0585	S Morris
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Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Romsey Kindergarten Inc. will be held on Monday 19th November at 7.30pm At Romsey Kindergarten.

An election of office bearers and committee members for the next 12 months will take place at this meeting.

Guest speaker will be Rene Silberman (Kathy Walker and Associates Early Childhood Consultancy) speaking on "Effective Parenting".

All interested members of the Romsey community are invited to attend.

Romsey Community House Inc.

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House Inc. will be held on Tuesday October 20th in the library at Romsey Primary School commencing at 7.00pm. An election of a new committee and office bearers will take place. All members of the Romsey community are invited and urged to attend, to support the future development of the Community House in Romsey. We would also encourage people to consider nominating for the committee, so that it is representative of a cross section of the Romsey community.

We are at a crucial stage in the evolution of the Community House, with the development of the Hub in Main Street nearing, and on target for, its completion date in early 2008. This is an exciting time for the town, and an exciting opportunity to be involved in a vital new organisation for Romsey.

Thank you

The collating team of the Romsey Rag would like to say a huge thank you to Julia and Emma DeRossi and their friend Melanie, and Jessica Westbury and her friend, Jessica B., who came in to help with the collating of the Rag during the last school holidays. Without your help, girls, the job would not have been completed!

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The girls have had another golf day at the Romsey Golf Course. They had a day in term 3 and this term they were able to practice some more of the skills they learned.

During this month the girls are beginning to do some Christmas activities. They will be making Christmas cards to give to the residences of Karinya, and they are also making Christmas tree decorations for our Christmas break-up. And there is another outdoor activity - an evening on wheels. The girls are going to bring their bicycles, scooters, etc, and going for a ride around some streets. It is a chance for them to learn the road rules and put them into practice as they ride along the roads. Would you like to join us? We meet at the Lancefield park on Mondays at 5.00pm and are always pleased to see visiting girls. For more information call Rita on 5429 1996.



Ripper Reads for November

On, off – Colleen McCullough

Fairly gruesome, but one of McCullough's better novels. The 'Hug' is a prestigious research centre for neurosciences in Holloman, Connecticut populated by an assortment of highly intelligent but socially retarded researchers – one of whom is a cold, calculating and sadistic killer of teenage girls. Set in 1965 when DNA and other tricks of the forensic trade were unthought of the police investigation, led by Lieutenant Carmine Delmonico, continues to find itself two steps behind the Connecticut Monster. A compulsive read that leaves the future open to speculation.

Around the world in 80 dates – Jennifer Cox

This is an entertaining book that encircles the world in an attempt to find a soul mate. Jennifer Cox is a seasoned writer and broadcaster who has worked for Lonely Planet for many years, but in all her travels hasn't managed to find 'Mr Right'. In order to rectify this she alerts all her contacts world wide and maps out a route that will cover the globe and 80 potential soul mates. It's a tight schedule and her experiences are many and varied. Will she find someone she can truly relate to and what happens if he is one of the earlier dates, when she is fully committed to following through on all 80? It's a hard life, seeking romance and commitment in some of the world's most beautiful places, but Jen does it. Read and discover if she actually does ride off into the sunset with the man of her dreams.

4F for Freaks – Leigh Hobbs

Leigh Hobbs' artwork just lends itself to drawing 'freaks' and boy is 4F full of them! Such strange students as Nearly-normal Nancy, Scary Mary, Louisa the Teaser and Feral Beryl are all introduced to the new teacher – Miss Corker. Miss Corker seems totally out of her depth in this class and appears to be destined to go the same way as all the other teachers of 4F. However, nothing is as it seems in this delightfully, subversive romp. Hobbs was an art teacher for 25 years and emphasizes that, 'some of the characters and incidents...are fictitious'. A great little chapter book, in the same vein as that Ronald Searle classic, 'Down with Skool'.

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What can be done? There are some simple measures that can be taken to help minimise the risk to both motorist and animals. They also can reduce costly repairs to your motor vehicle - not to mention the devastating effect on our native wildlife.

- Identify Roadkill Hotspots
- Take note of wildlife warning signs. They are provided to advise us of known "black spots".
- Slow down when driving in these areas.
- Drive slower at night!
- Reduce your speed by at least 10km, and scan both sides of the road for wildlife. Animals such as wombats are very hard to see against a black bitumen road, particularly when it is wet.
- Each year all sorts of wildlife species, from kangaroos, wallabies and wombats, parrots and birds of prey are orphaned on our roads.
- Marsupials may be carrying young in their pouch - which can survive the collision only to die a lingering death.
- When it is absolutely safe to do so, move dead animals off the road and check pouches for young. This removes the hazard to other vehicles and reduces the risk to animals or birds that may scavenge.
- Do not under any circumstances approach an adult injured marsupial, as they can be extremely dangerous when in pain and cannot escape!!!
- If safe to do so, place injured animal in a box with sufficient air in a quiet dark warm place. Turn off car radio and keep noise down to a minimum (most injured native animals find it difficult to deal with stress).
- Do not give food or water.
- As soon as you have secured the animal, call your local wildlife rescue and care organisation for advice.

- Kangaroos, wombats etc – Again, do not attempt to approach a large live animal!!!! Contact your local wildlife rescue and care organisation for advise. If however the animal is dead, check the pouch and carefully remove any baby (joey) and place in a cotton bag or similar. Keep animal warm and quiet. Contact your local wildlife rescue and care organisation or your local vet.

- Birds – Place towel over the bird to stop it thrashing around. Pick up with a slow steady movement. A baby bird dislodged from a nest can be placed in an ice cream type container with small holes in the bottom for drainage, and lined with leaves and may be tied to a tree branch close to the nest. Watch to see whether parent birds feed the chick, otherwise call your local wildlife rescue and care organisation.



Nemo, an orphaned kangaroo in care

- Possums and Bandicoots – Use gardening gloves and a thick towel when picking up injured adult possums, cover and place in a secure box. If the possum is dead, check the pouch for any live joeys. If possum has pouch joey attached to teat, do not remove, but keep warm and contact your local wildlife rescue and care organisation or your local vet.

- Lizards: Make sure when holding in a towel that the entire body is supported.

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Romsey Art and Craft Market

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2008
February the 10th
March the 30th
May the 4th
July 27th
September 28th
November the 16th

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Gillian Gorrie



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ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
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The Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society will be held on Tuesday , 27th November, from 7.30pm at historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. Visitors are always welcome. Plans for a Christmas Break-up will be finalised, and suggestions for next year's programme will be warmly welcomed. Enquiries to Secretary Jean Clement on 5429 6522



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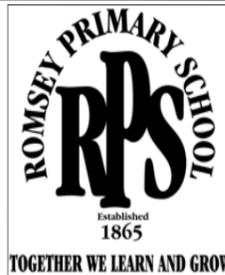
Romsey Primary School News

Term four has commenced with our 3/4 camp and 5/6 camp held in the first few weeks. In addition we have held a film night in support of our Aerobics team, and held an Indonesian Cultural Day and Family Fun night in the last week of October.



3/4 Camp

In the second week of term our students in years 3 & 4 took part in our middle school camp to Anglesea. The students visited the Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff on the way down to camp and learnt about sea creatures and marine ecosystems. At camp the students had the opportunity to undertake an environmental program in the rock pools as well as take part in a number of adventure activities back at camp. This was a wonderful experience for these lucky students who gained so much; not only from the environmental and adventure activities; but also in independence through the camp program and in helping and playing together. Teachers and parent helpers are to be congratulated for their untiring dedication and enthusiasm that enabled this camp to be such an outstanding success.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Aerobics Team Success

The time finally arrived during the school holidays for our Junior Trio Aerobics team to head off to Sydney and compete in the National Championships at the State Sports Centre in Homebush – Olympic Park. The team left Melbourne on Wednesday 3rd October, competed on Thursday 4th October and returned to Melbourne on Friday 5th October – 3 busy and fun-filled days!

Our team consisted of three very talented and dedicated girls – Katy Quinn, Lauren Connell and Elke Smith. The girls were very excited and ready for an eventful competition. Accompanying them were their enthusiastic coaches – Karren Baker and Leanne Stewart. The girls competed against teams from each state and we are extremely proud to announce that our Junior Trio won a bronze medal! Romsey Primary School now has the third best aerobics team in Australia for the Junior Trio division!

We are all so very proud of the efforts these girls have put into their training throughout the year and their hard work has definitely paid off. They are to be congratulated for the excellent behaviour displayed whilst in Sydney and for making the trip very enjoyable for their wonderful coaches Mrs Baker and Mrs Stewart.

Walking School Bus News

As we have sufficient volunteers and students we have been able to commence our new bus route (Orange Route) This route will run every Tuesday (morning and afternoon) for the remainder of the term. This route will travel along Ewing Drive into Kathryn Street and then White Avenue - entering the school from White Avenue. The Walking School Bus program has gone from strength to strength with many of our students achieving impressive tallies of walks completed. Additionally we had many students (and teachers) participate in the National Walk to School Day on 24th October. We were aiming at a significant increase in the numbers of students walking to school on this day; and hopefully start a number of our students to make this a regular practice.

Zone Athletics

On Monday 15 October, 13 students from our school travelled by bus to Bendigo for the Zone Athletics Championships. All of the children competed to the best of their ability on the day and they all enjoyed the whole experience. Two of these students succeeded in finishing in qualifying for the State Finals in Melbourne. They were Lauren Connell who came first in the 10 Girls 800metres and second in the Triple Jump and Nathan Blair who came first in the 12 Boys 80metres hurdles. All of the children need to be congratulated for their super effort and exemplary behaviour representing Romsey Primary school well.

Starting school at Romsey Primary School in 2008

While It's still not too late to enrol your child to Romsey Primary School to start in 2008; parents wishing to start their child at our school next year should contact the school immediately to ensure participation in the remaining transition to school program. This program ensures that students starting school for the first time are confident and ready for the exciting learning that takes place from the first day of school.

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Letter To The Editor:**DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 24TH!
A NON-PARTY GUIDE TO A BETTER AUSTRALIA.**

November 24th will be a very important date when many Macedon people will go to vote for the very first time. Over lunch today with three friends, two year 12 high school boys and a female university student, we discussed the issues - and two issues became important.

1. That like most people, they did NOT understand what we were voting for; they are being blinded by the political SPIN from the political parties - and media.
2. The election is all about the three L's - - *Labor, Liberals and Liars.*

You might well ask who I am to discuss these issues. Well, I'm a very active octogenarian who has voted for more than 60 years in three states and lived for 20 years in the United States where I've made an intensive study of their system and politicians. (I had to vote in the Australian elections while there).

In California for example, they elect the Governor, judges, politicians, school boards, district attorney et al, then a referendum is conducted on how specific laws should be treated. It seems to me that every part of the US system is corrupt. Unfortunately almost everything that happens in the USA is soon reflected in Australia.

My definition of **COURAGE is the power to release the familiar.** Australia has political parties for almost every taste but about 90% of the unthinking electors chose one of the two major parties - WITHOUT THOUGHT - we are creatures of habit. There is also the Greens and Family First, two parties which should be of vital interest to voters living in the McEwen electorate.

Who am I going to vote for? I have never had a political party affiliation and have always voted for the best qualified candidate - a bad choice - because as soon as that person gets to Canberra all their good intentions for their

electorate are swamped by party loyalty - and to hell with those who elected them; there are very rare exceptions and I can only think of one. **Why do we NOT have a performance contract with those we voted for?**

Let's take a look at the person we elected as the member for McEwen, now a Minister of two Federal Departments which come first and second in her priorities. This gives her a much healthier pay packet plus interstate and overseas travel demands while leaving our representation absolutely naked by the person we elected to do our job. She has failed me on many occasions with most times NOT even an acknowledgement of my correspondence.

In the USA those jobs are awarded to **non-politician outsiders** who are specialists in those fields - leaving the elected people to do what they were elected to do. Any private MHR will tell you that they are overworked just looking after an electorate without two ministerial portfolios to look after.

If you are like most other Australians, you do NOT want our troops in IRAQ but our MHR doesn't vote that way because of the adopted Presidential rather than parliamentary style of government the PM prefers. Is this the type of democracy we voted for; one man alone selected the date of the election because he didn't trust the others? **Incidentally, we have troops and federal police in nine other countries.**

Again, who am I going to vote for? Unless the two major parties sign a contract to do as they say, for me #1 vote will go to the Greens or Family First - #2 to the other - #3 will probably go to another minor party of choice and the remainder to probably, Labor. I prefer the Greens because of their power in the Senate so that it can be the House of Review it is supposed to be rather than the rubber it has become.

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Mrs Wiltshire said the Board of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Limited - the community company of local business and resident shareholders which runs our banks - has announced its intention to pay a maiden dividend of 4 cents per share, combined with a return of 25% of its capital. In addition, the Board has agreed to the commencement of some important projects to invest back into the local community.

"The company recognises the patience and support that shareholders and customers have shown over the six years since the Lancefield Community Bank opened, followed by the Romsey branch in 2005," Mrs Wiltshire said. "Our Company required strong capital backing while we established the branches and built up the banking business on our books. As our trading position has continually strengthened and as a result of operational efficiencies, we no longer need to hold the same level of share capital in reserve. These two financial decisions demonstrate our financial strength, and will have absolutely no impact on our banking operations or services to our valued customers."

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Gallery News

During the remaining weeks of October the Gallery is featuring a local Romsey artist Keri Adcock's work in oil. The exhibition will close on the 4th of November.

Our November exhibition will feature Landscapes and figurative works by Jamie Del-pappa and watercolours by Margret Morgan.

During the months of December and January the Gallery will show a mixed exhibition of different local Artists and Crafts peoples works in glass, pottery, photography.

December stock take sale will commence on January 2nd 2008

My 2008 exhibition program starts off in February, featuring Sheena McKinnon, photographic artist and Melina Villain and friend with works in glass.



Gillmay Arts Art Classes

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Art Classes are held on Tuesday Thursday and Friday nights during school terms at the Gallery
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Adult Drawing classes

Tuesday nights.

Time : 7 to 9-30pm.

Term dates

Tuesday Night

Dates : 9th October to the 11th December

Cost : \$150 for 10 classes

The Gallery is now also selling a limited range of Art Materials
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For more information you can contact Gillian on 54293996
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Children s Art Classes.

Thursday nights Secondary

Time:5pm to 6.30 pm and

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In December you can have your Christmas photos with Santa.

WEP Needs Your Help!

WEP - World Education Program Australia is looking for assistance to help with accommodating their February 2008 intake of overseas exchange students. They are looking for families who may be able to accommodate a student for up to 6 months. The students will be about 16-18 years old, and come mainly from Germany, Italy and Belgium.

WEP Australia was formed in 2001 in co-operation with WEP International. WEP International (which now has offices in Belgium, Italy and Argentina) was the result of a conversation between two former exchange students who decided that they wanted to enable other young people to experience the adventure of student exchange. Nineteen years on, WEP International has opened the door for thousands of students, providing them with a rewarding and successful future through education abroad.

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Contact

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

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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...

Advent Activity Day – Friday December 7th.

This one day will commence at 3.45pm and will include stories and activities for primary school children and then will finish with a BBQ at 5.30pm for everyone. Cost \$1.00 Contact Jay Brooks 5429 6163 or Sandra Strack 5427 0472 for further information.

Psalm 23:

- The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*
- He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;*
- he restores my soul.*
- He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*
- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.*
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version.

Psalm 23 is reassuring.

The image of the shepherd guiding, guarding and feeding his flock is comforting. Reading it for the umpteenth time the other day, though, something struck me that I'd never noticed before.

The psalmist writes confidently that God guides him in the paths of righteousness, but follows this immediately with "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..."

Leading me in paths of righteousness sounds great, particularly after the green pastures and still waters bit. But then comes the valley of the shadow....

The writer, I assume, saw no contradiction between the two. He's saying that paths of righteousness don't always lead to still waters, and having the right religious passport doesn't guarantee trouble-free travel.

It's echoed in verse five. "You prepare a table for me..." but I'm warned that it may be in the presence of my enemies. That "table" isn't a quiet picnic by the lake, when the only discordant note is the ants on the cake. God provides my needs, but it may well be in preparation for the next part of the struggle. My enemies, says the psalmist, are nearby.

But so is the shepherd; not to make life easy, but to surround me with love, and to give me the strength for the next step forward.

Lord, there's always a catch.

*I get hooked on the green pastures and still waters.
I could spend my time very nicely lying in summer grass.*

*Content.
And if I felt really energetic
I'd open my eyes and watch the clouds sail by, safely far overhead.*

That's where clouds should be.

But when those clouds draw thick chill curtains over the sun, their shadow racing over the ground, I shiver.

*And when they come down to ground level, my level, shrouding me in mist, I walk a panic path of fear.
The still surface of my peace shattered.*

Rough rippled by the first breath of wind over the water.

*Are these the paths of righteousness?
I pick my way through, hesitating at every step.
Worried that when I move my foot may slip, my ankle twist.
And, sometimes, putting out my hand, there's nothing there.*

Or so it seems.

*And yet, somehow a strength is there.
Supporting me.*

The shepherd takes me high to pasture, over rocky paths.

*Calling me to effort.
I climb, struggling through thorn thickets,
the way marked by scraps of wool torn from the fleece of my self-satisfaction.
It makes me breathless.*

But you are there.

*Counting the sheep.
Knowing when I stray.
Giving your life to rescue me.
Taking me, each day, nearer the fold.*

Used with permission – Eddie Askew 'Facing the Storm'.
The Leprosy Mission International

Church Services conducted during November 2007		
4 th .	9am.	Worship service and Sunday School conducted by Andrew Cheevers
11 th .	9am	Communion Service and Sunday School conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
18 th .	9am	Worship service and Sunday School conducted by the Worship Team.
25 th .	9am.	Worship Service and Sunday school conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones



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BUTTLEJORK ARTISTS EXHIBITION

At Dromkeen, 1012 Kilmore Road, Riddles Creek.
Opening Night Friday 23rd November 7.30 pm
Sat 24th & Sun. 25th from 10 am to 5 pm
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To be held over the weekend of 23rd, 24th, 25th, of November in The beautiful setting of the historic "Dromkeen" The Buttlejork Artists will once again exhibit an extraordinary and diverse range of art works. The exhibition will include a variety of paintings & drawings both modern and traditional, also contemporary works in ceramics, sculpture, textiles, & wood. Buttlejork Artists are a Macedon Ranges based group that began in 1976. They are a specially select group & each artist has been chosen for their own highly individualistic style & professional excellence

Come & enjoy, browse purchase that special something. Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend & visitors will have the opportunity to view the historic gardens, and **Dromkeen Collection Art Gallery**

The exhibition will be officially opened on Friday 23rd Nov: at 7.30pm by Arts Educator, Chris Sage. The public is welcome to attend. Entrance is free & refreshment will be provided. Throughout the remainder of the weekend, admission is \$2 (children free) Open Sat & Sun 10am -5pm. Dromkeen is located on 1012 Kilmore Rd, Riddells Creek. For further information, Please contact John Beasley 9919 3330 or Margaret Miles 9744 6471 mb: 0419 507 485.

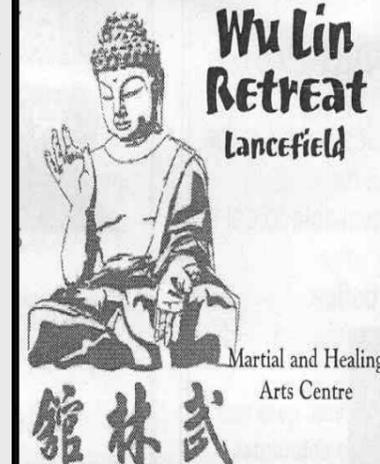
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KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

As the final kindergarten term for the year ticks along, it becomes apparent that this is a period of transition on several levels. The obvious *seasonal transition* from Spring to Summer is almost complete – one could argue that we were “short-changed” on Spring because it has been so dry!

For the 4-year-old children, the *transition from kindergarten to school* is almost finished with both kinder and school teachers busy with programs to ensure an enjoyable beginning to school life. This is also the “Annual General Meeting season” where *transitions of administration* occur. This is particularly significant at Romsey Kindergarten where, as in independent Kindergarten, the Committee of Management is responsible for the business of a 100 family facility. Transition is very important. Of course the other change beginning soon, as we hurtle towards Christmas, is the *transition in our mindset* as we wind down from our busy lives toward holiday mode. Yes, 4th term is truly “transitional”!

Universal Children's Week

On the evening of Wednesday 24th October, Universal Children's Week was celebrated at Romsey Kindergarten when Heather Gilbertson, Paediatric Dietician, spoke on “Healthy eating and lifestyle for young children.” This Shire Council-funded, free entry event was open to the general public. With childhood obesity being a critical issue in our modern society, Heather's presentation was most informative. Members of the Kindergarten Committee of Management prepared a supper showcasing healthy eating recipes. The Kindergarten is committed to “extension activities” such as these to inform and educate the community on issues relating to our children. Many thanks are extended to the Romsey Primary School for its loan of data projector, lectern and seating.

Meeting With Family and Children's Services

Recently, Kindergarten Committee of Management met with Mary O'Brien and Linda Gadsby from the Shire's Family and Children's Services department. A Memorandum Of Understanding between the Shire and the Kindergarten was finalised, formally cementing the close liaison between the two institutions. Mary informed us that our Paediatric Dietician guest speaker event was one of three feature events promoted by the Shire for Universal Children's Week. Other subjects on the agenda included routine renewal of our lease agreement, a possible front fence for the kindergarten/MCH main entrance and issues pertaining to kindergarten administration.

It's AGM Time

As eluded to earlier, this is the season of the Annual General Meeting. This is a very important time for administrations such as ours, where a new Committee of Management is elected to “hit the ground running” in 2008. The Committee is not limited to current kindergarten parents as the kindergarten Constitution allows for any member of the community to become a member of the association.

This is not a “tea-and-scones” committee where a group of women sit around comparing notes on recipes and gossip. This Committee is responsible for administering the business of Romsey Kindergarten Incorporated that includes fulfilling licensee obligations, staff management, policy development, enrolments, liaison with key stakeholders (e.g. Shire Council, schools, local businesses, Kindergarten Parents Victoria) and fundraising. The AGM will be held on Monday 19th November 2007 at 7.30pm at the Kindergarten. A guest speaker, Rene Silberman (Kathy Walker and Associates Early Childhood Consultancy) will discuss “Effective Parenting”. A sumptuous supper will be provided. All interested members of the community are invited to attend this important evening on the Kindergarten calendar. For any enquiries regarding Committee of Management position descriptions, please phone Jenny Stillman 0412-349849.

Election Day Sizzle

We are all off to vote in the Federal Election on Saturday 24th November. If you are voting at the Romsey Primary School polling booth, please consider patronising the Kindergarten Sausage Sizzle before or after you cast your precious vote. Cool drinks will also be on offer!

The Flying Bookworm Is Coming To Kinder!!!!

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Ask The Right Questions

Dear Editors,

I recently attended a conference where Rob Gell spoke about global warming and sustainability, and I came away quite worried about the future of our planet. It wasn't intended to scare people, but Rob's presentation used hard data to demonstrate the alarmingly precarious situation our fragile planet is now in.

With a federal election looming, his advice was to think very carefully about your vote in this election. He suggests that we should put aside promises about tax cuts and quick-fix solutions for our hospitals, education, transport system and other popular political carrots. Dare to ask the candidates nominating for election the hard questions about what their policies are on environmental issues—water, carbon emissions, clean power and so on. Listen to them very carefully, and make the message to them very clear that you are concerned about the future of the planet. After all, what good are thriving economies and full pay packets and state of the art hospitals if there will be no liveable environment in 50 or 60 years, unless we act now!

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Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

The toy library will hold its AGM on Monday, November 26, at 7.30pm on site at St Mary's Hall in Romsey. At the meeting there will be a spill of all committee positions and a formation of a new committee of management for the 2008 year.

All current members of the library and people interested in joining are welcome to attend the meeting.

It's been an exciting year for the toy library, with new equipment and toys purchased thanks to grants totalling more than \$3000.

Committee members have also been working hard with the Romsey Community Hub planners, getting organised for the toy library's relocation to the hub when it opens next year.

Don't forget, if you have any board games, educational toys or good quality large toys (i.e. Little Tikes cars) which your children have no further use for, please think of your local toy library!

We especially need new board games, so if you have any tucked away in your cupboards which are hardly ever used or that you children have grown out of, we would love to receive them.

The toy library's board games range desperately needs replenishing but we do not currently have the funds to buy new ones.

Call Leanne Manton on 5429 6583 anytime and we'll come to you to pick up if you wish.

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

Interested in joining our toy library?

All residents of the Romsey and also the Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library.

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

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

Yours sincerely
LEANNE MANTON,
President,
Romsey Toy Library Inc. 2007

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD Inc.
District 9790 of Rotary International
P.O. Box 195 Romsey Vic. 3434 Australia.

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ROTARY CALCUTTA NIGHT

Dear Supporter of Community Events

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. is holding a **Calcutta Evening** on Monday 5th November 2007.

We cordially invite members of your organisation to this event.

Come and enjoy an evening of fun and support the **Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.** in its fundraising for local projects.

Buy a horse or two, take part in special awards, and enjoy two major phantom calls of the **Emirates Melbourne Cup**. Finger food provided throughout the night.

Please note that there are only **60 places** available so book early.

Venue:	Soltan Pepper Restaurant
Address:	118 Main Street ROMSEY
Date:	Monday 5th November
Time:	7 pm for 7.30 pm start
Cost:	\$25 per head (pre-paid) \$30 per head (pay on night).

Please contact one of the following Rotary members for bookings:
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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.

Term 4 is in full swing and it started on a high with the Grade 5 and 6 children attending school camp at Phillip Island. The children and their teachers spent October 8-10 at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Their activities included canoeing, a single flying fox, a giant swing, a twin flying fox and a visit to the penguins. The children also played mini golf and explored a maze and optical illusions at A Maze 'n Things. Our students were an absolute credit to their families and our school. The teachers and parents who attended had a great time too!



BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening St. Mary's Church Hall
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ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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HOUSE NEWS

Programs for Term 4:

Art Classes: For Children and Adults:
Contact Gillian on 5429 3996 Wednesdays-Sundays

Art & Craft Market for Romsey

Expressions of interest are sought from local arts and crafts people to start a regular art and craft market in Romsey. It is anticipated that the first market will be held on November 18th. For information phone Gillian on 5429 3996

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

Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term.
For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

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

Crop till you drop: Each third Saturday of the month 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

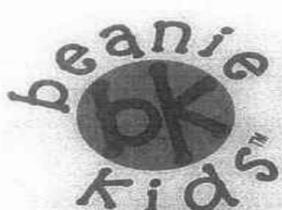
Drop In Craft Morning is back every Thursday from 10.30 at CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey. Gold coin donation. Bring along an unfinished craft item, or a skill to share and enjoy the relaxed friendly atmosphere with a group of like-minded people. Or just come for a cuppa and a chat!

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

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

What's happening at the Hub?

Building works remain well on target for completion in early 2008. A lot of "behind the scenes" activity is going on with several committees meeting regularly to monitor building progress, and to develop a management model for the facility once it is up and running. All the proposed user groups, including the community House, have representation on this committee. The Romsey Community House committee recently put in two submissions to the state government for funding for co-ordinator hours, and for a grant for training volunteers to help with the operation of the House. We had mixed success with these submissions. We did receive a grant of over \$3000 for volunteer training, and plans will be developed for a volunteer training program after our Annual general Meeting in late October. We were not successful in obtaining on-going funding for paid co-ordinator hours. We are in dialogue at the moment with the local MP Joanne Duncan and the Department of Victorian Communities to find out why we were unsuccessful, and to explore whether there will be future opportunities to apply for funding for this purpose. We note that Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House were successful in their application for paid co-ordinator hours, so this offers us some hope that we may also be in the future. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on October 30th at Romsey Primary School. We are looking forward to welcoming new members on our committee, with many of our existing members indicating that they are willing to continue as committee members. This is a great opportunity to expand the membership of the committee, to make it more representative of the community we seek to serve. At our most recent committee meeting we discussed the specific tasks that now need to be undertaken to ensure the future growth and usefulness of the community house, and to this end we encourage people to attend our AGM and offer their talents, services and ideas.



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