School News

Happy New Year to all.

We would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. The fun starts early with the senior camp (3-6) to be held from Feb 12th-14th at Queenscliff. Throughout the year we will keep the community up to date with what's happening at our great school. Please check out our website where all information about our school can be found including our weekly newsletters and the Guim Tales.

Enrolments are always welcome. Please contact the school for a tour or further information if required. Phone 5789 1234.

Bookclub 18th February

This month's book is *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak.

Come along this month to the tennis clubrooms at 7:30pm.

Con from Crete got itchy feet
And so he went to Scotland
He travelled here and ventured there
To Lochs and mountains a plenty
He found a man he could understand
And indulged himself with a dram
Now he's back on his seat
Looking neat
None the worse for his itchy feet

Craft Group

At the hall at 12noon for lunch or 12:30 for craft on Saturday 8th February.

Everyone welcome

Happy Birthday

In February to

Patrick Tighe 2nd
Roma Heaney 6th
Amy Findlay 8th
Hannah Findlay 11th
Matthew Robson 11th
Alannah Smith 11th
Ethan Scott 15th
Ben Rickett 20th
Damien Ryan 20th
Sarah Rickett 27th

Closing date for the next issue: 28.2.2014
To include articles contact: Helen Callahan 5789 1305 or Viki Spedding 5789 1237
Share the Road in The Ranges

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges with RoadSafe Central Victoria is running a community road safety campaign over the next three months. You will see signs displaying a message to “Pass Cyclists with Care” on roads throughout the Macedon Ranges. The messages also appear on posters and displays in our towns, the posters inform both drivers and riders of relevant road rules and the need to give each other courtesy and respect.

Bike Safe Macedon Ranges invites local businesses to support our safety campaign by displaying safety posters on their windows or our displays in their venues. Some businesses have already kindly committed to assisting us. Please telephone our president on 0407759860 if your business would like to support us in this way. Your support will be acknowledged on our active Facebook page.

Drivers, please think about how vulnerable a cyclist is when passing them on the road and give them plenty of space when overtaking. Their lives depend upon your patience and consideration. We all want to get home to our families safely.

Margaret Douglas
President
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges

Old blankets, towels and old pillow cases wanted

If you have any old blankets, towels (even with holes) and pillow cases (without holes) that you are not using or throwing in the bin or taking to the op shop Helen Callahan is collecting them for a shelter. If you have any please ring Helen 5789 1305 and she will pick them up from you.

Jesse Laffan and Shannon Turner are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mellah Leigh on Australia Day. Baby doing well. Parents ecstatic.
Printer cartridges are made up of a complex combination of plastics, metals, foam, ink and toner. Throwing them into landfill represents a waste of resources and contributes to the growing problem of electronic waste. By recycling your cartridges you are helping to reduce this waste.

Why Recycle Printer Cartridges?
Some of the environmental benefits of recycling your cartridges include:

- **Diverting waste from landfill.** Over 16 million cartridges have been diverted from landfill through ‘Cartridges 4 Planet Ark’.
- **Recovering resources.** By collecting cartridges and sending them for reprocessing or recycling we recover plastics, metals and inks that can then be used to make new products.
- **Saving water and energy.** In most cases, making products from recycled materials uses less water and energy than making them from new materials.
- **Reducing greenhouse gases.** An assessment in 2010 by Close the Loop showed that up to that date the Cartridges 4 Planet Ark’ program had prevented over 16,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases from being released into the atmosphere.

Where Can I Recycle My Cartridges?
Planet Ark has joined with our retail collection partners to make recycling the cartridges you use at home as easy as possible. They can be taken to all Officeworks and JB Hi-Fi stores and participating Australia Post, Dick Smith, Tandy, Harvey Norman, and The Good Guys stores.

To find your nearest drop off point, visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au/Cartridges or call the Cartridges Hotline on 1800 24 24 73. If your workplace uses more than 3 cartridges per month (or 36 in the year), you may be eligible to have a workplace collection box. To find out, call the Cartridges Hotline on 1800 24 24 73.

Cartridges cannot be recycled in your household recycling bin. As cartridges are made from many different materials, they have to be manually separated into their different components and they are not suited to the collection systems and sorting facilities used by councils.

What Happens To The Printer Cartridges?
Products made from recycled Cartridges All of the cartridges put in to one of our boxes, whether in a workplace or a retail collection point, are sent back to Close the Loop® in Melbourne.

Once there, they are hand sorted and their brand and type recorded. Many of the laser cartridges are sent back to the original equipment manufacturers for their re-manufacturing or component recovery programs. What happens in the Close the Loop® recycling process?

The inkjet cartridges, toner bottles and drum units are processed through the patented, Australian-made Green Machine, which reduces the cartridges to smaller particles that can be more easily separated.

Inkjet cartridges are processed through another machine, which also uses patented world-first technology.

Magnets are used to remove ferrous (iron-based) metals, while eddy currents are used to remove aluminium.

This waste stream is a complex mix of potentially valuable and/or hazardous raw materials needing state of the art equipment for safe processing and handling.

The end result of this process is the recovery of ‘raw’ materials. These ‘secondary raw materials’ are further filtered, upgraded and then used instead of virgin materials in normal manufacturing to make new products. The ultimate aim is to return the raw materials back to the original equipment manufacturer for reuse in new cartridges.

All of this is achieved with zero waste going to landfill.
Neighbouring brigade Springfield has a member organising the 7th of the above event, called "Ruby and Nathan Little Gems Run" on the 23rd of February 2014. All monies raised will be donated directly to Ruby and Nathan's families. If you are a two-wheeled transport person please consider! Just to be there for the departure is a bit of spectacle.

More information at www.lancefieldmotorcyclerrun.com

Pets and bushfires

Your pets are probably important to you, are they part of your Bushfire Survival Plan??? Things to consider on a bad day.

- If you choose to keep your pets with you, confine them early. Pets are safest inside a secure room, on a lead or in carriers.
- Make sure you have wet towels and woollen blankets available to cover and protect your pets.
- Make sure they have plenty of water to drink.
- Make sure your pets are microchipped or wearing a collar identification tag at all times. Ensure all contact information is current. Include an emergency contact outside your area that is linked to your pets’ records. The National Pet Register provides free identification for cats and dogs.
- Make a list of where you could house your pets if you decide to leave early. This may include boarding kennels, a relative/friend’s place or you may be able to keep them with you.
- Discuss with neighbours about protecting your pets if you are not at home during a bushfire. Keep in regular contact with your neighbours during the fire danger period to let them know your plans.
- Keep your Bushfire Relocation Kit for pets within easy reach so you are ready to leave early.
- Practise how you will move your pets if you leave. It takes longer than you think.


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