School News
Cooking, dot art sessions, projects and much more have kept the students busy this term. We held our Open Day back in May which was very well attended, resulting in new enrolments for term 3 and 2016.

Next term commences on Monday, July 13. The big highlight will be our excursion to see the musical “The Lion King” at the Regent Theatre.

Earn and learn
Starting on Wednesday 15th July, finishing Tuesday 8th September. When shopping at Woolworths stickers can be collected, one for every $10 spent. They are to be attached to sticker sheets and can then be placed in a collection box at school (in the front foyer) or at the Wallan Woolies. We have in the past been lucky to have a great deal of community support for our school, hopefully it will be the same this year.

Community Film Night
Friday 31st July
6pm—Kids film
8pm—one or perhaps two for the grown ups

Party food supplied for the kids session
Entry—Gold Coin donation
BYO—bean bag or comfy chair
For the grown ups film please also BYO food and drinks

Our community on Facebook
Put into the Facebook search Daraweil-Guim-CFA for CFA News
DaraweilGuim The Where’s the Fox Hat site including the latest Guim Tales and other news
DaraweilGuimPS our Primary School
Bookclub

Tuesday 20th July

This month: *Sex and Thugs and Rock ‘n’ Roll* by *Billy Thorpe*. Sydney, sixties, it was a lifestyle thing. He is apparently a master story teller. I’m looking forward to it. If this seems familiar, it is held over from last month...

Next month: *Wuthering Heights* by *Emily Brontë*. A soaring classic tale of vengeful jealousy. Considered lurid and shocking in the 19th century, now a masterpiece of imaginative fiction.

Come along to the tennis clubrooms at 7:30pm. We discuss the book, and chat about this and that, and maybe you could come along just to suggest a book we may try next time?

Community Welcome pack

I am currently working on a welcome pack for new members to our community.

This was an initiative which came out of the Community Planning group.

It will include information about groups and activities available in the township.

I would be interested in your thoughts on anything else which you think may be of interest to new community members.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any thoughts on what other information might be useful to new residents.

Please contact me either by phone on 5789 1237 or by email at speddingmv@gmail.com

Looking forward to hearing from you

Viki Spedding
Celebrating young people in our shire

Do you know a young person between 12–25 years of age who lives, works or goes to school in the Macedon Ranges and deserves to be publicly acknowledged and celebrated?

Are they excelling in the arts? Are they giving their all to their education? Are they an exceptional employee or apprentice? Best on ground in a sporting endeavour? Or do they contribute to our community or fly the flag for youth mental health and wellbeing? If so, then we want to hear from you.

Nominations are now open for the Macedon Ranges Youth Awards 2015, and close on Friday 31 July at 5pm. You can nominate online at mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth, or pick up a nomination form from a Council Service Centre or your local secondary school.

Alternatively, you can request a nomination form be sent to you by contacting Annie Rowland on arowland@mrsc.vic.gov.au or 5422 0226.

Award recipients will be announced at a special ceremony on Tuesday 25 August at 7pm at the Kyneton Town Hall.

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Macedon Ranges Film Society in the Frame

The Macedon Ranges Film Society sat spellbound as the critically-acclaimed 2014 documentary Finding Vivian Maier was shown. The film tells of a woman whose passion as a photographer went unsuspected in her day job as a nanny. Maier's art is revealed through the 100,000 photographs she took for her own entertainment in her lifetime. It was only when her massive body of work came to light in a Chicago auction house in 2007 that the film was made as part of a renewed interest in the art of street photography.

In July, Philomena, a film directed by Stephen Frears in 2013, documents the story of Irish teenager Philomena Lee (played by Judi Dench) who, in 1952, has a baby out of wedlock. The baby is adopted into an American family but for the next 50 years, Philomena never forgets her first-born. In her later years, Philomena's search is aided by journalist Martin Sixsmith (played by Steve Coogan).

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the Woodend Community Centre. Film notes and an informal supper are part of the evening. MRFS is a membership-based club so initial enquiries must be made by emailing mrfilmsociety@gmail.com or by phoning Christine on 5429 5452 or Lorraine on 5427 0921.
Trivia Quiz Night—22nd August
2014
Keep those brains limber, pencil it in. More details next month.

Electric Blanket Fire

Five trucks from Geelong and Belmont brigades attended a fire late last month started by an electric blanket in a sleeping kid’s bed. The family was alerted by a smoke alarm, and full marks for having a working smoke alarm in a useful place.

Sadly the young boy received burns as a result of the fire and was taken to hospital. The fire was contained to the mattress and controlled in minutes.

This incident is a timely reminder for people to check their electric blankets now we’re in the colder months of the year and to never have them on while in bed.

CFA advises:
- Electric blankets should be checked at the start of each winter for any damage to wires, lead and hot spots
- If the electric blanket is damaged it should be replaced
- Unplug the old one then have the cord cut off so that there is no change of it being re-used. Do this for any dodgy electrical appliance.
- Never purchase and/or use a second hand electric blanket.
- Follow the manufacturer’s guidelines regarding the use, maintenance and servicing of electric blankets
- Electric blankets should be laid flat and secured tightly on the bed
- Ensure that you turn off the electric blanket at the power point before you go to bed
- Electric blankets are not recommended for use by babies or young children as “bed wetting” may occur

It is also a reminder that you cannot smell smoke when you are asleep. You may be overcome by smoke before anything else wakes you. Smoke alarms save lives!