Primary School news

The highlight of term 3 has been a trip to the city by train to watch a performance of "The Sound of Music". After the show we were lucky to meet 3 of the child stars and the gentleman who plays the character of Max. It was a long day, and we had some sleepy heads on the return train trip, but was a great adventure.

We have also joined with Bolinda Primary School for a visit from the Life Education Van and an Olympic Day of sports activities at Bolinda.

A reminder to those who may be interested in participating in our Playgroup for 0-4 year children. It is held every Wednesday at 9am to 10.30am in the bluestone building. All welcome

Transition days for 2017 Foundation students have already started. If anyone would like information about the school, or a tour, please call the school on 5789 1234 for further assistance.

DIY Christmas Carols
Saturday 3rd December

Our Christmas Carols need you

So far I have had 1 volunteer step forward to organise the Christmas Carols. This is not enough.

If we don't get a group together we may not be able to have the Carols.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Viki Spedding on 5789 1237.

Craft Group
There will be no craft group in September

Happy Birthday in September to

Arliyah Wright, 1st
Jessica McIntyre 2nd
Sarah Robson 5th
Alana Maybus 5th
Hayley Bird 12th
Andrew Ferguson 12th
Billy West 12th
Alexander McDonald 13th

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Closing date for the next issue: 30.9.2016
To include articles contact Helen Callahan 5789 1305 or Viki Spedding 5789 1237
Consternation at the Trivia Quiz Night

Nostalgic smiles from last year's winners, (The mighty Neighbours), perhaps faded a bit as they approached the Captain's Titter trophy, and noticed there was no plaque on it from their 2015 victory. Oops! It will be attended too. Their picture was still on it from the year before anyhow...

From this start the night went amazingly well, a thronging turnout of regulars and new faces filled 12 tables and raised an amazing $2330 for the Brigade. Thank you to all who supported this event, and those who helped the organisation and provided and hunted down prizes. Thanks also to the Bolinda/Monegeetta and Romsey Brigades for their appearance and stalwart support!

It was a close competition, with 8 tables within 5 points of the leaders at the end, and a tie between the 1996 champions The Pyros and The Wedgies, who took out the tiebreaker to win!

Darawett Diary

REGULARS

Bookclub
2nd Monday of the month
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

CFA Committee Meeting
4th Monday 8:00pm
at the Fire Station

CFA Brigade Training
2nd and 4th Sunday mornings
9am at the Station

Craft Group
2nd Saturday
12:30pm —3pm at the hall

Hall Committee
3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar, May, July

Landcare Group
Committee Meeting
3rd Monday
8:00pm at the school

Playgroup
Wednesdays 8:00—10:30am
At the Primary School

Red Cross Unit
4th Monday at 9:30pm
at the hall

And fire safety? We'll get back to that next month!

Creating Safer Communities
100% VOLUNTEER

Bookclub
Monday 12th September
7:30 pm

I hope you are keeping up. For one reason or another we have kept changing the day, but this month with be at the scheduled time above, and the book is the classic All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot.

Since they were first published, James Herriot's memoirs have sold millions of copies and entranced generations of animal lovers. Charming, funny and touching, the book is a heart-warming story of determination, love and companionship from one of Britain's best-loved authors.
Council introduces new green waste voucher scheme

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has introduced a new waste voucher scheme for the disposal of green waste at its three transfer stations in Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey.

Ratepayers will receive two free waste vouchers in the post with their annual rates notices distributed in August. Each voucher can be used to dispose of one trailer load of green waste per year at any transfer station in the shire.

Mayor, Cr Graham Hackett said the introduction of the new green waste vouchers couldn’t have come at a better time. “Spring is just around the corner, and it’s the perfect time to get out and prepare our properties for the warmer weather to come”, he said.

“The new voucher system replaces the former ‘Free Green Drop’ service. It’s been introduced as a safe, effective and affordable way to help residents keep their properties clean and tidy.

“We’re encouraging all residents to make the most of the free waste vouchers, and I’m looking forward to receiving mine in the mail.”

Vouchers are valid from 1 September 2016 until 31 August 2017, and entitle each user to dispose of green waste loads up to 0.5m³ (this is equivalent to a standard 6x4 trailer without a cage).

Renters are encouraged to contact their property manager or owner to receive their voucher.

Charges for the disposal of green waste will apply for larger loads, commercial customers and people who live outside of the shire.

For more information, visit mrs.c.vic.gov.au/waste

Kids ride free

Dust off the bike, pump up the tyres, winter is retreating and the days are warmer and longer. Now is a great time of year to get out with the kids on bikes and remind them of the pleasure of the slow pace of the bicycle.

As a kid, I remember how connected you felt on a bicycle, aware of the road surface, the wind direction, the smells and sounds and that subtle rise in the road that would be imperceptible in the car. The invigorating days of Spring are a great opportunity to teach the kids the importance of safety on their bikes before the heat of summer fuddles the brain.

Riding a bike should be a pleasure open to everyone and being safe out there in an environment that is designed around the car requires a baked in sense of awareness that you want to instil from an early age. As a parent, I want my kids to have the freedom to go and see their friends without dad’s taxi and for me to feel that they are sufficiently aware of their responsibility that I can let them do it!

Let’s see more kids out there on bikes and help them to be safe in doing so.

Jem Richards
Bike Safe Macedon Ranges
Making items from recycled aluminium uses 95% less energy than using raw material. That helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.

Pie trays, disposable baking trays, and in some areas, aluminium foil can be recycled in your kerbside collection. Rinse off food scraps.

For more information visit RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org or call the Recycling Hotline 1300 733 712.