How are you?

Tired of people asking you if life is back to normal yet?
Want to hear how someone else has ridden the rollercoaster recovery ride following a natural disaster?

Join Jemima Richards and Kate Riddell, Black Saturday survivors and founders of Firefoxes Australia as they share their story of recovery after the Black Saturday disaster.

Be prepared to feel like they are telling your story as they truly know the ups and downs of living through a natural disaster and how to be better prepared if it happens again.

Jemima and Kate want to get to know the Darraweit Guim community, so let’s get together for an evening meal, have a laugh, ask questions, reflect and be inspired. They will take you on a journey through their own disaster recovery, sharing what helped them to create a new normal and providing perspectives and insights into community resilience.

Darraweit Guim Primary School
Wednesday 16th July
6pm for the meal with a 6:30pm start for the conversation.

Children are welcome and will be supervised by suitably qualified people.

RSVP (for catering and child supervision provision) Monday July 14th
to fmcknight@redcross.org.au or on 0418549 783
If you find that you are able to attend at the last minute please don’t hesitate to do so even if you have not rsvp’d

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Red Cross News

SAVE THIS DATE 19th September
for the AGL Community Dinner, supported by the Darraweit Guim Red Cross Unit.

More information and details in following editions of the Tales.

Anybody is most welcome to come to the Red Cross meetings held on the 4th Monday of the month at 9.30 a.m. at the Memorial Hall. If you are new to the area and would like to meet some of the locals, just come along and have a cuppa and a chat with no strings attached.
School News

Term 2 has been a busy one for the students and staff.

- NAPLAN testing was completed
- Senior students went on camp to Queenscliff
- All students enjoyed a Koorie Incursion
- A successful Open Day was held
- Years 4 & 5 participated in a Taster Program at Wallan Secondary College
- Student lead assemblies took place.

Stephanie Ireland joined the teaching team and will be with us until the end of the year. David Luke was our acting Principal for the last 6 weeks of term and really enjoyed his time with us, his first experience of working in a small country school.

Mr Fryer will be back with us next term which starts Monday, 14th July. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday.

Enrolments for 2015 are open. Please call the school on 5789 1234 to make an appointment for a school tour.

Copying volunteer required

Do you have about an hour a month available to copy the Guim Tales. If so we’d love to hear from you.

If you think you can help please call Helen Callahan 5789 1305 or Viki Spedding 5789 1237.

Bookclub – 15th July

For various reasons the June meeting was cancelled, and we have all read the June book but haven’t talked about it yet. Agenda item 1 for July: **Burial Rites** by **Hannah Kent**. Item 2: **The Rosie Project** by **Graeme Simsion**. Item 3: Pick a book for August

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

Craft Group

Saturday 12th July.

At the hall at 12noon for lunch or 12:30 for craft.

Everyone welcome
Term 3 Youth Space activities

Romsey, Kyneton and Gisborne Youth Spaces return for Term 3 from 15 July, for young people aged 12-18 years.

What happens in our Youth Spaces? Programs and activities include Master Chef, stop-motion animation, scavenger hunts, games nights, movie marathons, Parkour, Mexican Fiestas and much, much more!

Youth Spaces open weekly during school term as follows:
- Gisborne: Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, at Manaaki on Aitken St
- Kyneton: Tuesdays from 4pm-6pm, behind the Town Hall on Hutton St
- Romsey: Tuesdays from 4.30pm-6.30pm, at the Community Hub on Main St.

Keep an eye out for the Youth Spaces term flier for what’s happening and when, or head to facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth. You can also contact Mim on 5422 0296 or mgrundy@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Youth Spaces are run by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. They are fully supervised and drug, alcohol and smoke-free.

Awards celebrate young people

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is calling for nominations for its annual Youth Awards, which celebrate and recognise the achievements of young people in the shire.

All young people in the Macedon Ranges, along with their families, friends, teachers, neighbours, employers or colleagues, are encouraged to put forward a nomination.

Nominations will be accepted for anyone aged 12-25 years in the Macedon Ranges who has excelled in the arts, sport, at school or in their community.

Young people are such an important part of our community, and a nomination shines a light on both the contributions they make and the individuals who make them.

Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 29 July and winners will be announced at the Youth Awards presentation night on Tuesday 26 August in the Kyneton Town Hall.

Award categories and nomination packs can be found on Council’s website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth or can be picked up from any Council service centre.

Like us on facebook to keep up to date with all Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Development news - facebook.com/MacedonRangesYouth
We really wanted to do this, but you may have noticed we didn’t. Sorry to raise expectations then dash them, but this event was being externally funded, and the funds never arrived. When we get COMPLETELY organised we will mention it again. By that time it may be a bit warmer…

These fine fellows are collectively known as the “NEIGHBOURS”, and are the current champions in our annual Trivia Quiz Night. Start chugging the Omega 3, or whatever else you do to prepare your brains for the task ahead. More details next month.

Those who have watched us trying to put away our brigade-financed Tanker 2 will understand it doesn’t fit into the current station properly, and the Slip-On does not have a place to live at all. If you wander past the station at the moment you will see works are under way to fix this, with a new shed being added to our station. SO excited.

If you are aged 18 years or older, you are invited to participate in a study on wellbeing after the recent 2014 bushfire season. Participation is voluntary and involves completing an anonymous online questionnaire which will take about 15 minutes.

We ask that individuals who have been severely affected by fire (such as loss of family, friends, homes or livelihoods) do not participate.

I am collecting this data for the research component of my Graduate Diploma of Psychology, at Federation University Australia. Please feel free to contact me, Emma Ring, if you would like more information at emmaring@students.federation.edu.au or my supervisor, Susan Crebbin at susan.crebbin@federation.edu.au.

To participate, enter this link into your internet browser:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/bushfiresvic2014