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Local Youth Excel in Sports

Emma Gunn Netball Fairest & Best

Nail biting finish secures 1st ever Junior Golf Pennant Team Flag



Young Emma Gunn from Hazelwood has been named the best and fairest player in the football champion's league Under 17 age group.

In only her third year of playing the sport Emma was also runner up in the golden boot challenge, seeing her score the second highest number of goals for the season.

The young Gunn was recognised for her achievements at the gold medal night recently held at Etihad Stadium.

"Emma has just turned 15 so considering she was playing in

the Under 17 age group and up against the best of the best in Victoria, she has really excelled" Gippsland Sports Academy CEO, Judi Buhagiar said, "we are very proud of what she has achieved and excited about her potential" Judi added.

Emma had played netball locally for 7 years before being overlooked due to being regarded as too small.

A family friend then introduced her to the sport of football and she has never looked back.

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Left to Right: Brodie Downie, Matt Smart, Daniel Beyer, Tyson Webb, Nathan Lugton, Ellis HayesHills

Churchill Monash Junior Golf Pennant Team reined victorious against a gallant Drouin team at Moe Golf Course on Sunday with a nail biting finish by young golfer Daniel Beyer 16, who took play to the 21st hole to secure the Churchill Monash team's fantastic victory.

The team consisting of Captain Matt Smart 17, Nathan Lugton 16, Brodie Downie 17, Tyson Webb 17, Ellis HayesHills 12, had secured a berth in the semi final the previous week having notched up wins against Traralgon, Yallourn, Morwell and Moe in the central division side of the competition.

The team had had a 3 nil victory against Warragul in the semi final which put them in the Grand final against the

Drouin side.

Ken Hills, Greg Beyer, Peter Smart, Junior coordinators and other supporters from the club were literally biting their nails as the final drama unfolded with the teams 2 all after 4 players had finished.

Daniel held on in the windy and rainy conditions to par the 21st hole assisting the team to its first Junior Pennant Flag.

Chris Waterman President of the club noted that "Junior players were the backbone of any club and it was important to foster the talent and enthusiasm of these young players."

"We are extremely proud of their achievements and are looking forward to putting the flag on the clubhouse wall."

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Last chance for local artists to get creative for Cancer Council

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Time is running out for local artists to enter the 2011 Cancer Council Victoria Arts Awards, with creations due on Friday 8 April.

Cancer Council Victoria Arts Awards gives Australians touched by cancer an opportunity to share their experience creatively through art, writing and film. Open to artists of all standards, entries are accepted in categories including Visual Art, Short Story, Film, Poetry, Indigenous Art, and Youth and Children's Writing and Art. Prizes are awarded to the outstanding entry in each category.

With the closing date fast approaching Cancer Council spokesperson Irene Manitta is encouraging

Victorians to start their creations so they don't miss out.

"Arts Awards is open to all Australians who have faced cancer whether directly or through a loved one. There is still time to enter if artists begin their pieces now," Ms Manitta said.

"We know that scientific evidence suggests that artistic and literary expression helps many through their cancer journey and are proud that the benefits of Arts Awards have been

recognised internationally at The Ability Media International Awards for its creative excellence and social relevance," she said.

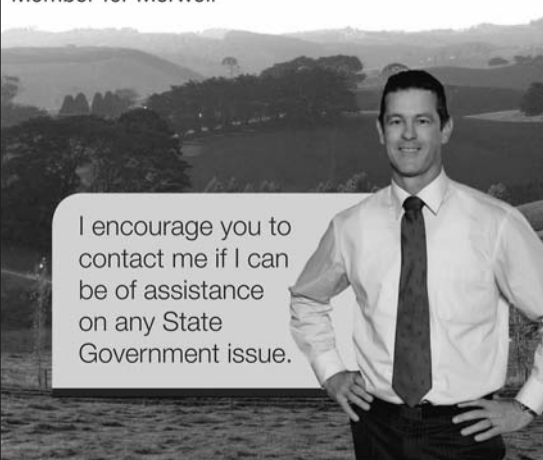
This year's theme is 'I am' and entries will be judged by high-profile experts including Tony Wilson and Arnold Zable. A diverse range of works will be displayed in a touring exhibition that begins in Melbourne on 10 July and travels throughout regional Victoria, including Frankston, Korumburra and Geelong.

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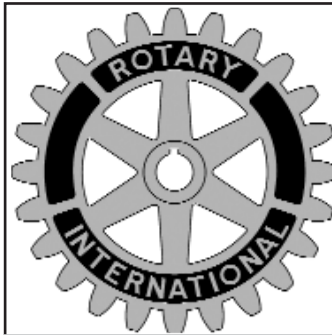
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Workplace bullying has been identified as a widespread problem in Australia which has significant consequences for individuals, organisations and society in general. Workplace bullying is complex and there is no general agreement as to the sources causes and causes of bullying behaviour. There is agreement about the consequences however. Individuals being bullied can become stressed, depressed, anxious, withdrawn, aggressive, lose their self esteem and self confidence.

If not addressed, bullying can spread across workplaces. There is no 'one

solution' to the problem.

The Gippsland Trades and Labour Council's Women's Action Coalition (WAC) is conducting an online survey to begin to understand and document the extent of workplace bullying in Victoria. The survey is open to all workers in Victoria and we would like to encourage all workers to take part. The survey can be accessed via the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council Website at www.gippslandtlc.com.au or at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DHM-R67J>

For more information please contact Val on 0351 33 7684.

THE GLOBAL STUDIO

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The Global Studio is a creative learning and work space that is aimed at integration and teaching vocational and small business skills for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Qualified facilitators are currently delivering accredited courses in Applied Fashion and Design and Cert. General Education for Adults with training partner, Try Youth and Community Services in Morwell.

This course replaces the one that was running at GippsTAFE before the Fashion Department closed.

"It is great to see some of the ladies who participated last year coming back to class, eager to improve their English language skills and in turn their chances of employment," said Robyn Long.

"One of the participants from last year, who comes from Bangladesh, is now in the process of setting up her own home

business."

The courses includes designing a range of products, using industrial sewing machines, learning how to sell products, work in the textile, clothing and footwear industry, setting up a small business in the fashion industry and improving English language skills

If anyone would like more information about The Global Studio please ring Robyn on 0351 33 6879.

Boolarra Folk Festival

A large crowd again made good use of the entertainment, stalls and sunny weather to enjoy a day out at the ninth Boolarra Folk Festival in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

This festival won the 2010 Best Community Event, voted so by the public in the Latrobe City Business Tourism Awards.

Entertainment began at 11am with the renowned drumming act, orchestrated by Steve Schultz. This year the drummers came from Boolarra Primary School only but were supplemented by adults and helped by

the teaching staff.

"It was a magnificent sound to hear. The best yet," commented Ruth who regularly visits the festival especially to hear the drumming item.

A larger than ever number of stalls filled Railway Park area with a wide range of goods on sale, including food.

The Churchill Lions were again at service helping with traffic management. The Leongatha Lions had a tent and were selling food, the proceeds of which are going to the flood appeal



A huge crowd enjoyed the good weather to listen to a variety of musical items



Steve Schultz leads the Boolarra P.S. and all in an amazing drumming item



Churchill and Leongatha Lions were present doing what they do best - serve

Healing Tent

This year the Healing Tent was busy and buzzing from early in the day. We had 16 healers participating, offering a wide range of treatment techniques. Garryelle Rose and Marie Ward were a team effort in the Tee Pee offering Auric Balancing, Meditation, Reiki, flower essences and massage.

The Team from Gippsland Massage & Wellbeing Centre; Samantha Brick, Sue Kemsley and Maddy Harberts offered Massage, Reiki, and Optimum Health Balances. Optimum Health Balance enhances our natural healing ability to help with a variety of chronic issues. It uses muscle testing and cards with special icons to identify what is causing stress. The stress is relieved and the person can move on with their life.

Dan Aveling, Steve Stainsly and Paul Jones all did massages and added some male energy to the team. Friends Rhonda Clark and Anne Smith provided Bowen Therapy. Bowen is a vibrational energy therapy which uses sequences of small gentle moves at specific sites of the body. This stimulates energy flow, which activates the body's own resources for healing.

We had 2 healers from Pearcedale. Sharmin Knol is NLP & Hypnosis Master Practitioner and Intuitive. She has been practising for the past three years helping and guiding people who are looking for the answers that lie within. She uses several tools and techniques and intuitive guidance to help remove any perceived mental or emotional blocks. At the Folk Festival she offered: Intuitive Healing and Intuitive Past Present and Future Readings. Teresa Harkin is a Registered nurse working with people living with cancer.

At the Folk Festival she offered: Child of Light Healings, that are gentle and powerful healing designed specifically for the children in this day-and-age and is equally effective on adults, addressing any inner-child hurts and traumas that we as adults carry. She also offered Pentagram Therapy, a deeply nurturing, gentle, blissful, relaxing, experience.

Using essential oils lavender and rose with aurum, giving a harmonising and balancing effect. This therapy helps to bring you back to yourself. She also offered Esoteric Healing, a balancing, revitalising and energising healing, where the energy centres, and

corresponding organs in the body are balanced. The individual releases the debris that we accumulate in our day to day lives.

Long term supporters of the Healing Tent are Maz and Dee from Newborough. They did not bring the Crystal Shop this year but they brought their lovely selves. Maz offered Reiki treatments and Dee did several Tarot Readings.

Reiki Treatments were provided by Carmel Pye (who has been involved for many years) and Mareila Cao (who is building up her business locally).

We were lucky enough to have Margie Poole and two other staff from Endota Spa with us. They provided free hand, or head and neck massages. They were busy promoting the Endota Spa which will open soon at Century Inn in Traralgon West. They used their lovely natural products as part of the massage.

Robern Lubawski was representing the Boolarra Churches and she had an area where people could come for a chat and prayer. Jeanette Teague had a display about Donate Life and Transplant Australia. She handed out a lot of literature and balloons to spread the word about the importance of Organ donation.

We had lovely helpers on the Reception Desk all day. They had the important role of letting people know what was available and booking them in for treatments. Thanks Elaine, Liz, Maddy, Garryelle, Sharmin and Sue.

Together we saw over 70 people for relaxing treatments. We raised \$475 which will be donated to a specific project in a town in Victoria which has been affected by the recent floods.

We want to thank Latrobe City Council Fire Recovery group and VBBRA for the Donations toward the running of the Healing Tent. Thanks also go to the Boolarra Community Development Group for managing the money.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again at next year's Boolarra Folk Festival Healing Tent.

If you have any questions or would like to contact any of the above practitioners then please contact Samantha Brick on 0427 824722.

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Philip Parade Works

By Cr Darrell White



Works at Philip Parade are proceeding, with the first section of the re-alignment of Georgina Place to follow the completion of Phillip Parade between McDonald Way and south of Balfour Place.

The re-aligned Georgina Place will shift the road towards the south, closer to the town hall, with a “swooping” alignment up to the northern car park.

The “swoop” helps to ensure that the slope is acceptable. Also, there will be a substantial amount of fill to be added from beside the town hall to the current car park, to smooth out the slope.

A stretch of Marina Drive will also be increased in height to match Georgina Place. A

consequence is that the entry to the top level of the town hall will be changed.

Part of the existing alignment of Georgina Place will be retained, to enable access by trucks to the loading bays at the rear of Ritchies supermarket.

Like all road works, the long-term gain will involve some short-term disruption, with access to Georgina Place and Marina Drive likely to be affected during the construction works.

PLANNING FOR THE MONASH UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND EEL HOLE CREEK

The area between Philip Parade, Eel Hole Creek, Latrobe Leisure Churchill and the Monash University campus is part of the Churchill Town Centre Plan, but, to date, has

not received the same detailed consultation, planning and design as other parts of the Plan.

Currently, Monash University is working on a Master Plan for the Churchill campus.

At the same time, the Gippsland Education Precinct is consulting on and planning an innovative art and culture trail to provide opportunities to showcase the arts and Churchill’s heritage.

Council is working closely with Monash University and the Gippsland Education Precinct to make sure that all the planning for this important but under-used area is complementary.

CDCA: Playgrounds & Recreation

By Margaret Guthrie

Latrobe City Council’s ‘Playground Improvement Implementation Plan 2011-2016’ includes the removal of playground equipment at White Parade and Walker Parade Reserves in Churchill.

CDCA has canvassed the opinions of residents living near these playgrounds and found no public support for the removal of playground equipment.

In keeping with the community feedback we have received, CDCA resolved to lodge a detailed response with Council, advising of the lack of public support for Council’s proposed actions at these public Reserves.

Currently, the White Parade playground equipment removal is proposed for 2012-13 at a cost of \$3500, whilst the Walker Parade equipment removal is listed for 2014-15, costing a further \$3000.

Council’s plan also includes expenditure at Glendonald Park, which has been identified as a ‘district park’, unlike the ‘local parks’ of White & Walker Parades.

\$12,000 is to be spent on playground shade

sail replacement & repairs in 2011-12 and a further \$62,500 on the purchase & installation of a mixed aged play unit, row of swings & seesaw in 2012-13.

A further \$21,000 is to be spent in the same year on playground equipment for Andrews Park West in Maple Crescent and \$30,000 in 2015-16 on new equipment for Watson Park in Heesom Crescent.

Council has also recently released its Draft ‘Gaskin Park Recreation Precinct’ Master Plan for public consultation. Members of CDCA attended a consultation forum held locally a few weeks ago to view the plan & provide feedback.

The draft plan & report can be viewed on Council’s website or by attending any of Council’s service centres.

The Gaskin Park Master Plan includes the establishment of an outdoor lawn bowls green as part of the ‘recreation precinct’.

CDCA supports the concept of a master plan and has written to Council reiterating our support for the establishment of a lawn bowls facility to meet the well-identified need of this community.

The Master Plan also contains provision for ‘shared use’ of facilities/clubrooms.

CDCA is not opposed in principle to the concept of ‘shared use’, where it can be demonstrated that this is a practical solution to meeting the needs of sporting clubs (such as currently happens with the Churchill Football & Netball clubs).

However, we have expressed our view to Council that we believe it is the participating sporting clubs that must identify their requirements & determine workable solutions.

At our February meeting, Peter Gray, our local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, gave a brief presentation on Internet scams, with advice on avoiding problems & financial loss.

Our meetings now include a brief ‘topic presentation’ from Neighbourhood Watch on community safety matters of interest to members & residents.

Also discussed at our February meeting was the recent spate of reported vandalism & anti-social Behaviour in Churchill. Residents are urged to report all such incidents to police to ensure they are ‘logged’ to enable police to

identify areas requiring attention & patrol.

Additional security cameras have also been installed within the Churchill town centre to assist in identifying offenders.

CDCA meets monthly and all local residents are welcome to attend as observers.

An opportunity is provided at our meetings (time permitting) for all attendees to raise local issues of concern as items of general business.

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 23 March in Studio 1 (downstairs at the Town Hall), Philip Pde, Churchill

Agenda items for our next meeting include the following - need for a footpath along Northways Rd to link Monash & Kurnai College with the Switchback Rd residential area; cleanup of the old nursery site adjacent to the service station on Monash Way; repair of Walker Parade fence; promotion of further Churchill residential development

For more information, contact the Acting President, Bruce Stephenson, on 5122 1335 or write to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill



Northe’s Natter

2011 marked the second anniversary of the Delburn and Churchill complex fires that devastated many local communities in the early part of 2009. Unfortunately this period of time will be forever etched in the memories of those who were impacted by the devastation. These fires took a terrible toll on our community with the horrific force destroying many homes and assets in our region.

As we remember those who died and those who were seriously injured during these terrible events, it is also a time to reflect on the courage, dedication and leadership that has been demonstrated over and over again by so many individuals, community groups and businesses post the bushfires. The resolve and strength that I have witnessed is simply incredible and I am sure this is reflected in other bushfire-impacted communities. I have seen neighbours band together to achieve some tremendous outcomes in the face of adversity. Community recovery committees in particular have played such an important role in the recovery process.

Members of these committees and those who have provided direct and indirect support ought to be commended for the leadership they have provided despite facing enormous personal hardship themselves.

Whilst I know there are still significant challenges ahead for many communities following the 2009 bushfires, I am absolutely filled with pride at the generosity and goodwill that has been displayed 1000 times over by so many wonderful people in the Gippsland community, to the extent that now many of those people are also extending their offer of support to those impacted by the floods in Queensland and Victoria, and by the terrible destruction in Christchurch.

In regards to the development of Churchill, I am happy to say that there is some good news in store with the rezoning of land in the town, to make way for potential future residential developments. This provides a fantastic opportunity for Churchill to expand and prosper whilst supporting a growing community.


As well as the expansion of the residential areas of



Churchill, I also make mention of the Gaskin Park redevelopment, which was the subject of a community consultation session recently to discuss the Master Plan. I hope a number of residents went along, as the project will benefit greatly from community input. Copies of the draft Master Plan are available on the Latrobe City Council website, and further information can be obtained from Karen Tsebelis on 5128 5483 or email karents@latrobe.vic.gov.au

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our elected school captains, house captains, prefects and junior school councillors at our local Primary Schools. I had the pleasure of visiting Churchill Primary School this month, and it is great to see the students taking on such an active role within their community. I’d also like to wish Monash University Gippsland students all the best with their studies, as they have just begun for another year.





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C & D News Celebrity Chef

What to do when you have too many tomatoes? Kevin Jackson, one of the first people to settle in the town of Churchill, is this month's celebrity chef. He writes about his bumper tomato crop and gives us two spicy recipes.

Growing Tomatoes

In a family of five sons, I am probably the one who inherited the palest green thumb. However there is one branch of horticulture where I have been fairly successful, and that is growing tomatoes. Last year, i.e. 2009-10, I had my poorest crop ever and thought I was losing my touch in my old age. I was a bit dependant and decided not to sow plants this season. It was only the support and insistence of my wife that encouraged me to have another go. Thanks to her motivating me I have gone from the worst of last year to a bumper crop this year.

People ask me, "What is the secret?" I can't really answer that, because in the main, I do the same each season; but the crops are variable.

Main rules are to plant them in a recycled bed each year, with plenty of compost added.

When the tomatoes begin to ripen it's a competition between me and a pair of resident blackbirds to harvest them. The birds wait until the fruit is beginning to ripen, so as soon as the tomatoes turn yellow I pick them.

I used to cover the plants with netting but gave this idea away years ago; anyhow if you have a good harvest, why not share some with our feathered friends?



1. Ripe tomatoes

Chutney:

- 2 kilograms tomatoes
 - 500gms apples
 - 500gms pears or quinces
 - 500gms brown onions
 - 500 gms brown sugar
 - 200gms sultanas
 - 200gms currants
 - 1 litre malt vinegar
 - Teaspoon of cayenne pepper
 - 2 tablespoons of salt
 - 1 tablespoon of cloves
- Pour boiling water over tomatoes, then, peel and chop up.

Peel and slice apples, pears/quinces and onions. Cover all ingredients with the vinegar and boil slowly until a nice reddish colour (probably 2 hours).

Pickles:

- 2 kilograms green tomatoes
 - 1 litre malt vinegar
 - 200 grams brown sugar
 - 250 grams brown onions
 - 1 teaspoon of cloves
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons peppercorns
 - 1 teaspoon of cayenne pepper
 - 100 grams raisins.
- Peel and slice tomatoes into an earthenware dish. Sprinkle each layer with salt and leave overnight. In the morning boil up the vinegar and spices and strain. Slice the onions and add to the vinegar. Drain liquid off the tomatoes and add to the other ingredients. Simmer until the right consistency, bottle when cold.



Churchill Gardening Group

Well here we are. Christmas over for 2010 and Hello New Year 2011, flying past ever so quickly. Such a cool summer with plenty of rain has made our gardens grow madly and so created more work than we have been used to for some time.

Instead of mulch, mulch and more mulch this Summer, it has been a more a case for cutting back for our garden!

Thank goodness for our wonderful green waste service and mulchers.

It is time to get ready for our bulb planting, by preparing our ground; nicely dug over with a good dressing of old manures or complete fertilizers.

It is also time to prepare your ground for any sweet peas plantings you are planning. They like chicken manure.

If you have an old bicycle wheel without the tyre, place it on top of a pipe or pole buried into the ground at the required height. Tie strings to the wheel rim and radiate them outwards and peg them down. Plant your sweet peas seeds at the base of each string and hey presto! You will have a lovely sweet pea tepee.

Back to bulbs for a minute- If you haven't already re-potted any bulbs in pots and they need doing, if you do it immediately, you may be just in time especially for any later flowering types.

The cool summer has helped to produce lots of extra growth on stone fruit trees, so summer pruning is a must, otherwise all extra growth just makes your trees very spindly and not easy to deal with. So cut them back to make them much stronger and easier to prune come pruning time.

The cool summer has also slowed down the maturing of vegetable crops and the ripening process of tomatoes, capsicums etc.

Have you heard of egg shells and cabbage moths? Carefully break your white egg shells when cooking into two halves then place them around your garden vegetable patch round ends up.

When Cabbage moths fly over and look down on the egg shells, being territorial, they won't land there to lay their eggs. I have been using this tip this Summer and I think it is working because I cannot see moth eggs so far, even though there seems to be plenty of white moths.

Have you noticed an increase of butterflies in your garden? We have in ours, including the largest butterfly I have ever seen this far south in our country. I don't know the name of this variety, but it was black and white and dotted on the lower part of the wings with little half moon-shaped orange and yellow dots. It was approximately four inches across the wing span.

There has also been an abundance of Monarchs, (Wanderers), all beautiful. I just love it when any form of wild life comes to our garden. It is the culmination of why we grow gardens.

What to sow now

Seeds: Flowers: Alyssum, Ageratum, Cineraria, Celosia, Cleome, Hollyhocks, Iceland Poppies, Marigolds, Pansies, Primulas, Salvias, Sweet Peas, Violas and Wallflowers.

Vegetables: Beetroot, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbages, Carrots, Cauliflowers, Leeks, Lettuce, Parsnips, Silver Beet, Swede Turnips.

Seedlings of all the above can also be planted out now.

That's all for this month folks.

Happy Gardening



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Tuesday 10.00am

Church Snippets

The New Year started quietly with many people taking a break. We welcomed Cathie Halliwell, Rev Don Crewe and George Telford to take services and thank them for giving us their time.

To begin February we welcomed Bishop John McIntrye to Churchill. He participated in the service, including delivering the sermon.

After morning tea, we were joined by the folk of Boolarra/Yinnar/Yinnar South for a 'Welcome Back' lunch. Due to the weather again being unsuitable, it was decided to have the lunch at the church instead of the picnic shelter in Mathison Park.

It was special to take the time to sit and chat with the lovely people of our two parishes.

During the service a special 'Peace Candle' was presented and blessed by the Bishop.

Joan, a member of Wyld Green United Reformed Church in England but who spends quite a bit of time here each year visiting family, gave the candle with this accompanying letter

A CANDLE FOR PEACE

In 1986, a group of American Christians went on a visit to the churches of Russia.

After a service in a Russian Orthodox church, an old woman pushed a three rouble note into the hand of an American minister, Dr Blair Mollie, gave him a hug, and asked him to use the money to buy a candle and light it at every service in his church as a symbol of PEACE.

That note represented a lot of money for the old woman. Fortunately an interpreter heard the Russian words and translated them for Dr Monie.

His church, the First Presbyterian Church, York, Pennsylvania, readily agreed to use the money to buy a candle in a glass holder, keep it on the communion table, and light it at every service of worship.

In the autumn of 1986, that church in Pennsylvania bought many candles in glass holders to send to other churches, asking that they be lit as a sign of PEACE. Two people at that church, David and Angela Jones, had previously been members of Wyld Green URC in England, and they sent a candle in a glass holder to their old church here, and we have lit this candle as a sign of PEACE at every service since Peace Sunday 1st February 1987.

Members of our congregation continue to further the work of peace by sending candles to churches far and wide, with the suggestion that the candle be put in a prominent place and lit at every service of worship as a sign of PEACE.

So shall the thought and hope of that Russian woman be spread far beyond what she ever imagined, and because of her gift, -churches in many parts of the world shall be reminded to work and pray for PEACE:

PEACE IN OUR HEARTS, and PEACE IN OUR WORLD,

The first Coffee Connections for 2011 was held on the 17 February.

The theme was celebrations.

It just so happened that Carol Roeder was celebrating a very special '0' birthday on that day, which gave everyone cause to celebrate in a splendid fashion.

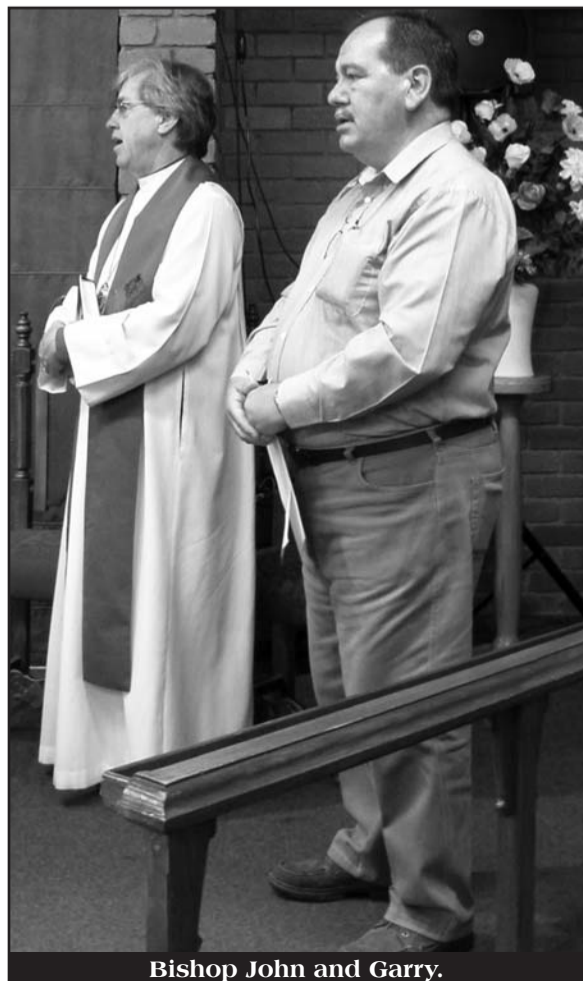
We also heard of other causes for celebrations like the birth of a baby, another '0' birthday and a wedding anniversary, a flight to and over Antarctica, and two cruises to and around New Zealand.

The Saturday Breakfast guest was Dianne Dye the new manager of Ritchies IGA in Churchill.

She spoke about how a supermarket is run, her role as manager and some of her background. A report appears elsewhere in this paper.



Pat and Joan with the Peace Candle



Bishop John and Garry.

Saturday Breakfast

The first Saturday Breakfast for this year was held on the 26 February and Dianne Dye, Manager of the Churchill Ritchies Supa IGA supermarket was the guest speaker.

Dianne gave a very interesting talk which covered her extensive work experience in private business and with a number of employers which included Safeway, Bunnings and now Ritchies.

During her talk Dianne spoke about

the different ways in which the stores operated from a quite rigid approach to a more informal way of working. Her experience not only included managing but at the store front and back room aspects of the businesses that she worked in which gives her an advantage in her managerial role by understanding what the different job functions are. Dianne also talked about her style of managing and her approach to working with her employees.

Some of the difficulties of her job were mentioned along with the more rewarding aspects as well describing some of the future developments at the Churchill store.

Next Breakfast

This will be held on Saturday 26 March commencing at 7.45 am at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill.

Rob de Souza-Daw will be the guest speaker and his talk will be a local history topic titled The Three Sisters from Hazelwood. The substance of the address is a military history topic about the lives of the three women from Hazelwood that served in World War I.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 24 March at 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au



Carols by Candlelight

Even though plans had been made to hold the Carols By Candlelight at the Gippsland Education Precinct, wet or dry weather, the extreme wind and rain that day brought us to Monash with the request for an indoor venue.

The wonderful staff there allowed us to use the Auditorium which was just perfect under the circumstances.

Despite the late change of venue, 130 people came sang, listened to the items and the readings.

A big thank you goes to all those who participated, especially the two choirs from Lumen Christi who took turns to lead the singing, our MC, the Latrobe Community Concert Band, and the readers.

Above all a especially big thank you to Monash staff for your wonderful assistance, from the churches of Churchill who annually organise this event.

Party Plan Night

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More Information in next month's Churchill News

THANK YOU



**Left to Right:
Ruth Place, Ron Gowland, Ian Combridge, Alan Scarlett**

The setting up of our new office at the Co-Operating Churches has been a big challenge for the Churchill News Committee, and couldn't have been achieved without a great deal of help.

We would like to acknowledge those who contributed so generously.

Monash University Gippsland, where we had been for the last eight years supplied furniture- desks, and filing cabinets.

We thank Alan Scarlett and Monash Staff for their assistance with this.

Silcar Loy Yang, provided us with computers and allied accessories, plus furniture- desk drawers and book cases.

We thank Ron Gowland for his instigation of this help.

For the arrangement and installation

of the internet, computers and cabling plus many other bits and pieces we thank Ian Combridge.

Members of the committee, their spouses and members of the Co-Operating Church Parish Council also helped with transport of goods, setting up the computers, installing furniture, whiteboard, installing programs etc.

Thank you all for the tremendous job you have all done.

We would also like to thank FRRR and The R.E. Ross Trust for their grants which helped with the purchase of the computers and programs.

We also acknowledge and thank Silcar Loy Yang and Ron Gowland for a grant to produce our postcards.



Ian Combridge from Parish Council signing the agreement with Editor/Treasurer Val Prokopiv

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Churchill and District Crime Report



ASSAULTS - 8 for Jan (6 Dec) - Five offenders charged with various assault offences. One offender was charged after using a vehicle in attempting to run down victims. A brawl at Freedom Fuels

also resulted in an injury to a male with police continuing to make inquiries.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 12 for Jan (4 Dec) - Most of the damages were committed on vehicles and in three incidents rocks were thrown on vehicles at New Churchill Motors. Three offenders were charged with damages to premises.

BURGLARY - 7 for Jan (1 Dec) - The Churchill Football Club was burgled with offenders smashing a window with a rock and entering the canteen area stealing drinks and alcohol. The Churchill Primary was also entered via a construction site and a laptop was stolen.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE - 5 for Jan (13 Dec) - Two of the vehicles that were entered were left unlocked. A GPS and cash were stolen from a vehicle in White Parade. Another vehicle parked in a yard in Switchback Road was entered and had a stereo stolen.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - 2 for Jan (3 Dec) - A motor bike which had the rear wheel clamped was stolen from a back yard in Churinga Drive. A mountain pushbike was stolen at the same time. A tractor was stolen from the Latrobe City yard in Churchill.

THEFT - 1 for Jan (2 Dec) - At sixteenth birthday party in Blackwood Crescent unknown offenders have entered a room where a large number of bags were left and has stolen items from the bags.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER VISITS GIPPSLAND

In his report to the Gippsland Community on the progress of the The Way Ahead 2008-2013, Victoria Police's Strategic Plan, Chief Commissioner Simon Overland informed the community Victoria Police's focus in priority order is:

1. Improved public safety, particularly on public transport;
2. Fighting serious crime and organised crime;
3. Reducing and preventing crime against the person;

4. Policing our roads;
5. Emergency management; and
6. Reducing and preventing property crime.

When informed many Latrobe Valley residents, particularly the elderly, avoid catching the 2.20 pm train from Melbourne because of the behaviour of high school students boarding the train at Trafalgar, he replied that 100 of the new 1,700 police will be sent to the Transit Police. This will result in increased visibility on public transport aimed at this type of public disorder problem.

Cheryl Wragg from Moe and District Residence Association suggested the focus came from a city centric perspective as she viewed her areas main concerns were mental health, family violence and safety, public drunkenness and police numbers. Mr Overland conceded the plan was city centric but Victoria Police was trying to develop a state-wide focus.

When quizzed about police numbers for the town of Moe, Mr Overland said with the consolidation of country communications to Ballarat, the numbers used to man Moe Communications will go directly to the police strength at Moe, as well there would be additional resources over the next four years.

When asked what he could do to combat Moe's hoon driving problem, Mr Overland said the biggest driver of fear in the community has been proven to be graffiti and hoon driving. He said police will be actively gathering intelligence and then targeting identified hoon drivers to remove them from our streets. He emphasised the public reporting of hoon driving to police will be the major driver of this strategy.

Mr Overland was asked to comment on the likelihood of Churchill Police Station becoming a 24 hour station as this was a key election platform for the Valley at the last state election. He categorically stated this was "not likely" and that it is his decision where police resources go, not the governments.

Victoria police have also implemented Operation Firesetter, which is a bushfire arson prevention strategy which will see dedicated patrols in high risk areas targeting high risk suspects.

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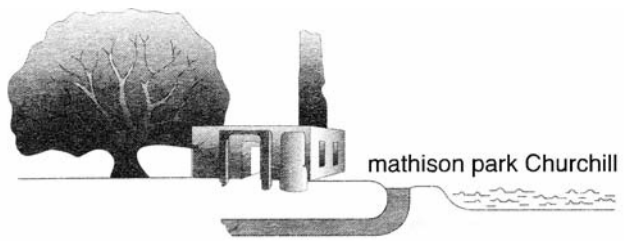


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Mathison Park: Grass Growth Concerns



The cooler summer and the increased rainfall have produced an enormous growth in the grass everywhere and to the Mathison Park Advisory Committee's concern, also within Mathison Park.

Earlier in the year one member tried to slash the grass, but its thickness ended up burning out the clutch on the slasher.

It has been a hard job to arrange firstly a person to cut the grass and secondly for them to have the time and the weather conditions suitable.

Des Farley thankfully finally found that those factors could come together and some of the grass was cut and baled.

The committee wishes to thank Des for doing that and relieving the anxiety of the committee

and the public who made comments about the situation.

The February working bee was cancelled due to the heavy rain in the early morning.

The next working bee will be 19 March from 9:30am- approximately 1pm.



Rhythm and Roses Brass Concert in Morwell Rose Garden

The Latrobe City Brass Band is hosting the 2011 Rhythm and Roses Concert on Sunday 20th March in the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden. This is a FREE concert, thanks to our sponsors. Local musicians will be providing entertainment which is sure to be enjoyed by all.

Come along and bring a blanket or chair and have a lovely afternoon relaxing in the beautiful surroundings of the Rose Garden, listening to a wide range of music and music styles, from the Latrobe City

Brass Band (Morwell) and Warragul Municipal Band. Coco the Clown to entertain the children and there will be a special appearance from the Morwell Caledonian Band playing their bagpipes as well as other musicians. Put this date in your diary now!

Sunday 20th March 2011
1.30 – 4.00pm
Programs available
Music to suit all tastes.
Contact 5166 1412 for more information.

Latrobe Valley Arthritis Self Help Group



The LV Self Help Arthritis Group recently received a Volunteers Grant from the Victorian Government to train new Leaders in water based exercise.

Warm water exercise is good for those with Arthritis to build up strength, ease stiff joints and relax sore muscles. If you suffer from Osteos or Rheumatoid Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Back Pain, Gout or any other musculoskeletal ailment then you are welcome to join us.

Classes are held on Mondays at the Churchill Leisure Centre at 12 noon and on Fridays at the Morwell Leisure Centre at 12 noon

Phone the Morwell Leisure Centre for contact details. Membership to the Latrobe Valley Self Help Group includes membership to Arthritis Victoria.



CFA Home Bushfire Advice Launch

CFA has launched a Home Bushfire Advice Service which will give those who access this service a unique individualised bushfire planning option.

A trained CFA Fire Safety Officer-Wildfire will assess the property with the resident and provide specialised advice on:

- Maintaining a property to help lower bushfire risk
- Access issues
- Defendable space
- Vegetation management
- Water Supply
- Awareness of personal capacity
- House maintenance and improvements.

The Home Bushfire Advice Service is another tool along with the Household Bushfire Self-Assessment Tool, FireReady Victoria meetings, FireReady Kit and Community Fireguard that can assist the community in being FireReady.

A mobile site assessment team is visiting high risk townships across Victoria and providing support to Regional Fire Safety Officer- Wildfire-staff with local requests.

CFA aims to conduct more than 3000 home bushfire assessments this year.

People in fire risk areas will receive a postcard inviting them to book in for an assessment.

Just fill in your name and contact phone number and return the card or book in by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667.

Steve Barling, Captain of Churchill Fire Brigade is encouraging all people in fire risk areas to take advantage of this free offer.

He also says that everyone should remain vigilant as a warm autumn is predicted, and the unusual amount of growth from a cool wet summer can easily become a fire hazard.

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Churchill Community Bank Steering Committee

Community Bank@.....

For the past two issues we have profiled members of the Community Bank@ Steering Committee to show you they are local, love this area and want the best for it.

They already contribute mightily to community capacity through the various organisation of which they are members.

These very community minded folks want you the public to know

that they believe the Community Bank@ when established in Churchill will have great benefits for the community because the philosophy of the bank is to put back into the community the profits it makes, thus contributing to the community's development significantly.

This month we profile two other members to hear what they have to say to re-enforce this message.

For further information or to make a pledge, contact one of the

- following
- Wayne Casey 51221363
 - Craig Flanigan 51222846
 - Jeff Kemp 51221293
 - Sharon Middlemiss 0412 348 964

Visit our web site www.churchillcommunitybank.org.au

At present, the steering committee has pledged of \$326,000 of the necessary \$750,000.

Pledges can be of amounts from \$500- \$10,000.

Janine Hayes

Janine was born in Leongatha, and completed her High School education in Morwell before going to the GIAE (Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education- now Monash University Gippsland) where she studied Welfare.

Then she moved to Queensland and lived there for ten years before moving back to this area where her parents still live and where she had friends with whom she had kept in touch.

Churchill community was the place where she and her husband Ken started up a business and raised their two children.

So very early in the children's lives, Janine became involved with organisations like play groups, Kindergarten, Scouts the Primary School where she was involved on committees and later in association with sporting clubs.

Janine describes the family's life here as a happy fruitful one. "It is a great community and it is not an effort to contribute under those circumstances. It is what you do when you feel connected," she said.

That connectedness also applies to Ken and the children who are also fully involved and have benefitted from school, education, facilities, and the lovely rural environment. "I couldn't think of living anywhere else," Janine stated.

Janine finished by saying, "I would like to see the philosophy of the Community Bank becoming part of Churchill. It puts back into the community. Everyone has to bank somewhere. If everyone supports it, it will benefit everyone in the long run."



Garry Goodman

Garry is the owner of the Churchill Authorised Newsagency. It is the fourth year he has been in Churchill. Primarily he has lived in Melbourne until five years ago.

He has worked in news agents for thirty-five years.

The Committee needed some new members and they approached Garry as a person who, as new to the area, would have new ideas and a fresh outlook.

Garry is happy to have the Ambassadors posters displayed in his window, and have a pledge box in the shop.

(The Ambassador posters are posters which portray local identities or groups who have given their support to the Community Bank@ initiative, and will appear shortly around town.)

"The Community Bank would have benefits for the shoppers and trading businesses, and give an alternative to the Commonwealth Bank or having to go to a bank in another town," said Garry.

"They have been very successful in Melbourne and other country areas. It can be here," concluded Garry.



Students help local business move into the online world

Businesses across Gippsland, looking to develop their online presence are invited to take advantage of GippsWebs for Business, an innovative program that provides valuable IT experience for students and benefits for local business owners.

A joint partnership between Telstra Country Wide, Monash University Gippsland and Gippsland Local Learning & Employment Networks, GippsWebs for Business links IT students from local secondary schools with small businesses across Gippsland. Students learn about the business and its operating environment before developing a fully functional website – all at no cost to the business owner.

Telstra Country Wide Area General Manager for South East Victoria, Ms Jeanette Vannaprasedh, said GippsWebs for Business was an excellent opportunity for local business to support students in developing their IT and web development skills, and to highlight career opportunities which may help retain young people in the

local region. "In 2010, more than 135 students developed websites for over 35 Gippsland businesses, who now have a strong online presence and are enjoying increased promotion and efficiency as a result," Ms Vannaprasedh said.

"GippsWebs for Business provides small businesses in Gippsland with the opportunity of having a website and reaping the economic benefits of a strong online presence, without the cost or risk typically associated with this."

It will also provide the expertise needed to remain competitive in an increasingly online world.

This initiative provides students with practical experience, and encourages business to embrace the internet, in a valuable and very worthwhile way.

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A Doll Lovers Paradise.....

A magnificent display of 1,000 dolls, soft toys and doll furniture and accessories fills the rooms of the Airlee Bank Homestead.

The Airlee Bank Gallery is an old homestead located at 31-33 The Boulevard Morwell.

It was built by the Ogilvy family in 1879, but purchased by the Bridle family in 1897. In 1999 after having the property passed to local government in 1959, Latrobe City Council leased the homestead to Advance Morwell for development as a gallery, and to preserve this example of rural architecture for future generations to enjoy.

Bev Loraine is the owner of the doll display and curator of the homestead.

She is extremely passionate about her dolls and also about the wonderfully restored homestead, which she opens from 10am-3pm Tuesday to Friday or by appointment by calling Bev on 0433 901 593

Tour groups are welcome by arrangement and refreshments can be served. The surrounds of the homestead which Bev tends, provide a lovely picnic spot.

There is plenty of off street parking. Children and adults will love this experience as it will delight the youngsters and bring back fond memories of childhood for the older visitors.

Children must be accompanied by an adult so that you can share this memory together. Entry fee is \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for children.

Bev has been collecting dolls for forty years. The collection at Airlee Bank is not all the dolls she owns, but does include dolls from ethnic cultures, popular dolls from the 40s, 50s, 60s, and onwards, with several over 100 years old.

Doll collecting is the second most popular hobby Bev informs.

"I wish they could talk," Bev muses, "so they could tell me their past."

Dolls originated in Egypt. Even Stone-age people had dolls which were rocks with cloth around. Bev believes it stems from a maternal instinct for little girls.

In the 20s, Kathy Kruse a famous German doll maker decided to make dolls using sand and sawdust, as they were more cuddly and soft to feel. Some of Kathy's designed dolls are still being handmade, but they

are very expensive, and would be classed as hand down dolls, from one generation to the next.

Up to the time Kathy began, dolls were made of porcelain and composition. Composition was sawdust and glue and an additive. Porcelain was not cuddly and was more for older children.

In the 20s and 30s papier mache was also popular. From 1920-1940 beautiful dolls were produced in France, England and Australia which are the most collected now and which were extremely well made.

"It could take up to eight people to make a doll, as each person did pone task such as the eye lashes, eyes, painting of the face, wigs hands and eyebrows. Hair was sometimes made of mohair the oil in the wool allowing it to be fashioned into ringlets or sausage curls. Whole families were involved but received only small remittances for their work," said Bev.

There were also dolls made of celluloid which were very fragile. Their arm and legs were attached with elastic which broke.

Their dresses were made of gun cotton which was very flammable but lasted the test of time. A child would have one doll which they took care of and treasured.

Rag and cloth dolls were popular for a time. Some lasted others did not as moths ate holes in them.

The 50s saw the use of hard plastic. The clothes were made of cheap taffeta lining as that was all that was available after the war.

Manufacture began in England and then Australia. These dolls are very collectable as

they are well made.

Their hair was sculptured in the moulding of the head.

The 60s doll makers used heavy vinyl, and added artificial nylon hair in a bubble, cut style-short and curly on top with long tresses.

By the 80s dolls were starting to be factory made and lost some of their quality.

However handmade dolls are still available. Bev says you get what you pay for.

In Germany you can pay as much as \$90+ for a German doll.

There are also lines such a Barbie dolls which the girls could dress for each occasion; Cindy dolls, Crissy Dolls, and Cabbage Patch dolls.

Since the 90's, bemoans Bev, there has been a great lack of little girl dolls.

'Soft' toys when first made in the 40's and 50's were always hard, but could still be cuddled.

In the 80's they were very good quality with excellent expressions.

Golliwogs have been around for a long time, and Bev has a good collection which she says are very popular with those who see them.

All sorts of knick knacks can be bought for dolls and there is an array of old prams, cots and other accessories.

Care of Dolls

1. The worst thing you can do is leave dolls in front of windows or elsewhere in the sun or under fluorescent lights as they fade the dolls.

2. Keep them clean. Wash like a porcelain cup but be careful around the eyes. Use a soft toothbrush but gently.

3. Dry with a soft cloth. Even though old they can be cleaned but make sure you dry them properly

4. Composition dolls should never be washed as water makes them swell.

5. Use toothpaste and rub off with a soft cloth.



My name is Lily. I was sculpted by Steve and Angela Clarke of Adelaide. They were School Teachers and modeled their dolls after children in their classes as well as their own children and sort of made them immortal. They are famous now as the dolls are so life-like. They are called Still Life

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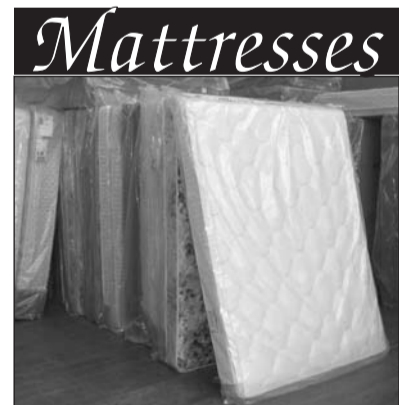
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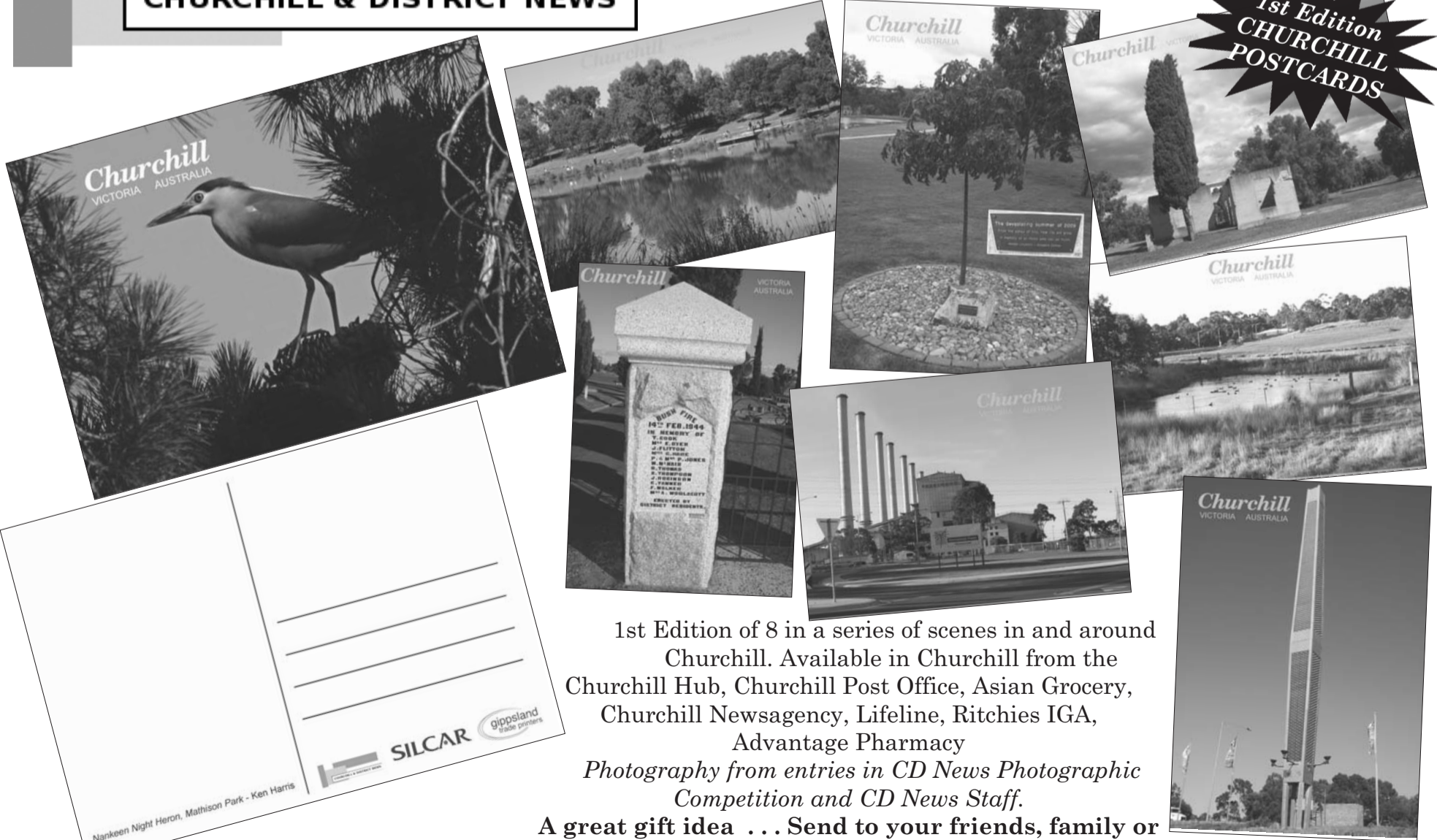
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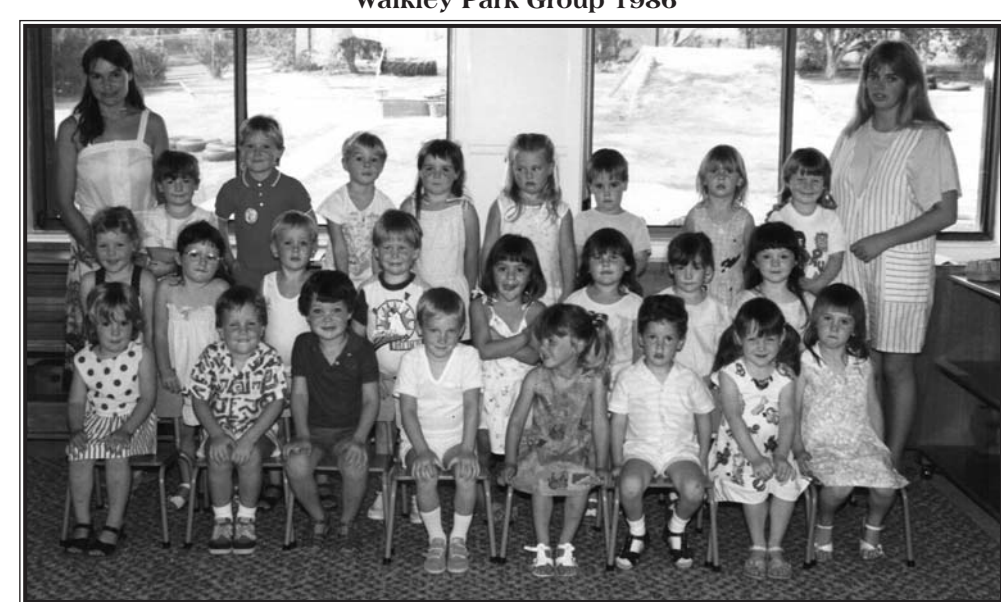
Walkley Park Kinder - A History



Walkley Park Christmas Party 1985



Walkley Park Group 1986



Walkley Park Group 1987



Pat Williams with the kinder mums and children 1981

Continued from February Edition

By Ruth Place

MARGARET VAN ROSSUM

When I asked Margaret to share her memories of her time and involvement with Walkley Park Kindergarten this is what she wrote;

“Walkley Park Pre-School- now that was long time ago!

I first became involved with the pre-school when my two eldest children attended in the middle 1970's. Walkley Park was very new, and Pat Williams, the Director, initiated a less structured, more individual program for the children attending. The children were encouraged to call Pat and Kathy, the Assistant, by their first names- quite a talking point in those days.

During 1976-1977, I worked with Pat as her Assistant. Staff were easily recognised because of their ‘Neat and Trim’ dresses. No jeans back then!

I remember Jan Stephenson and Corol Nicholson (two Mums) who were fantastic helpers and always available if an extra pair of hands was needed- both tireless workers.

The paint pots were probably the bane of my life. They seemed to need continual cleaning. It was always a rush during the lunch break to get things ready for the afternoon group. Sessions only went for two and a half hours and with two sessions a day, there wasn't much time for putting your feet up.

I remember an activity that the children loved- ‘painting’ the bricks of the building with a brush and a bucket of water. My grand children still enjoy it today.

Towards the end of 1977, I resigned (baby due) and Carmen Cook was appointed Pre-School Assistant. In the early 1980's, I was able to enjoy ‘kinder’ life again as a parent with my youngest daughter.

Pat and Carmen were still there providing the children with a variety of enriching experiences.

Walkley Park Pre-School holds a special place in my children's early development.

They still say that ‘kinder’ was the best part of their school life. “It was fun Mum!”

CARMEN COOK

During a happy phone call to Carmen, she enthused about her time at Walkley Park Pre-School, as a time which was most enjoyable, which still has for her lovely memories of kids.

She has enjoyed seeing the kids growing up, meeting them at Mid Valley, having them come up to her and say “You had me at kindergarten. Do you remember me?” Seeing the kids now is fantastic.

And now she says they have children of their own!

Carmen's son Matthew used to come to the pre-school after school at Lumen Christi, and they would walk home together. She says that was a special time. Matthew also was a great help at the pre-school doing little jobs to help her.

Through being at the pre-school, many friendships were made, which have lasted.

Carmen says there were not the regulations then as now. You could pick up a child, hold them on your knee, and give them a cuddle when they fell.

She remembers one child who climbed over the fence and headed home. When he

was retrieved he said he had had enough for the day and was going home.

A funny incident occurred on a trip to Dunolton Park. There were animals to see at the park including a camel. Carmen was wearing a beret. The camel took a fancy to the beret and lifted it off her head to the amusement of those who were watching. Carmen says there were lots of trip and they were special, memory making experiences..

For her she says she was humbled that the parents trusted her as they placed their child in her care for the time. She says she still see the parents and they talk to her about their children, (and grandchildren).

Easter Bunny hunts were a special time. Bunny paw marks were stencilled on the road outside the kindergarten.

Carmen believes that she and Pat were able to compliment each other, and share the work effectively, by being able to spend time with any children who were having a difficulty.

Kindergarten age is an adorable age, states Carmen. She urges all parents and grand parents to make the most of those few early years as they fly past so quickly.

The town was young then, and Carmen says she had the sense of everyone growing up together, learning and helping each other in a real community spirit.

Carmen concluded saying, “Life is what you want to make of it, and how much you contribute to the community is how much you will enrich life for yourself as well as others.”

ANN HIBBERT- A MUM AND A NEIGHBOUR OF THE KINDERGARTEN

A phone call to Ann produced a quick succession of memories which Ann kindly put to paper in point form. The points form the basis of these recorded memories.

Special events were the visits to Pat William's farm with a BBQ.

Carmen Cook Assistant was remembered as having a love for children. She was very affectionate.

If the kinder was short of Vegemite or an egg, they would go to Ann's.

The Hibbert's were on the roster for mowing the grounds. Committed parents ensured the grounds were kept beautiful.

Ann had a key to the kinder during holidays and would go over the road to feed the fish and water the plants.

Mary Rennie is remembered as the cleaner.

Trevor Misson built the extension to the kindergarten.

Ann vividly remembers some older kids rolling the wooden cable drum used for the children to play in the yard, down the ramp and into the building, destroying a door.

The kindergarten was broken into a couple of times so the Shire instigated security checks.

The building was heated by ‘warm crete’, so it was always warm and cosy in winter.

A wonderful variety of play equipment was provided. Lots of activities were set up from which the children were able to choose.

During the Children's Centre years, the building and grounds were hired out for birthday parties.

Evening committee meetings were well attended.



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



The parking area was instigated because with cars parked both sides of the narrow road, traffic was hampered.

Annually for the Christmas Break up, the fire engine brought Santa along. Visiting performers and puppet plays were a feature of the programs provided.

Kindergarten days saw the beginning of friendships which lasted through primary, secondary and sporting days.

Pat Williams prepared the kindergarten kids well for their transition to primary school.

JAN STEPHENSON AND SHIRLEY KENNEDY

These two ladies were part of the early committees and helped to do the fund raising for the equipment and other needs of the kindergarten. Jan specifically remembers being part of the team who sewed the art smocks and the water-proof wet play clothing.

Both these ladies took their turn at doing 'milk and fruit' duty.

They have remained friends from that day to this.

Herb Kennedy and Ron Line were on the mowing roster. Herb also remembers doing concreting and any other jobs that Shirley volunteered him for.

JENNY NEEDHAM (NOW WHITE) 1979

Jenny Needham was a third group teacher at Walkley Park. She was there during the time that Pat Williams was the full time teacher. Jenny's group met on Friday, Saturday and Monday mornings.

LORRAINE PEAKE

Lorraine began her kinder teaching career during Term 2 of 1980. She relieved for Pat Williams while she was recovering from an operation.

BRENDA BURNEY 1981-1985

Brenda started part-time at Walkley Park in February 1981 as an assistant with the third group. She then took over as the teacher in second term when the teacher she worked with, Rosie Cabbai, got a full time job in Morwell. In January 1983 she became the full time teacher when Pat Williams went to Andrews Park.

Brenda continued fulltime until second term 1985.

Brenda says she inherited a well run centre from Pat Williams who was a very good teacher. She also inherited very good parental support and a well maintained centre both inside and outside.

She says this gave her a very good base from which to work.

At first Brenda did the third group which ran on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Monday morning. Kindergartens in those days were overflowing and required these extra groups. Then Glendonald and Andrews Park kindergartens opened and relieved the situation, but the quotas were always filled.

When Brenda became fulltime, she was still a fairly new teacher, and had not been in full time work previously. However she says that everything was so well run, equipment was top class and the parents were great at fund raising, so that it was a joy.

Brenda remembers one incident associated with fund raising which caused her some anxiety. They decided to do a wine bottling. The bulk wine was put into the kid's water play trough on the Saturday morning. It was then siphoned into the bottles. Not all bottles ordered, were picked up that day, so the remaining ones were stored in the new kinder shed. The shed had only just been completed,

and needed to be inspected by the building inspector. The cause of Brenda's anxiety was that no alcohol should be on kinder premises! He arrived on the Monday. Red-faced, and petrified, Brenda showed him the shed and explained about the wine bottles. Much to Brenda's relief, all was well.

Brenda also lived, until recently, in Churchill. She says it has been great to be part of the community in which you have worked as you see the kids grow up and develop. Some of them serve you in the shops. Their parents are seen in the street, and close tabs are kept on the kid's activities. Brenda has even played netball with and against some of her 'little charges'.

She says there were so many good moments with the kids. It was such a great kinder, Brenda sent her own children there. In that time she served as Treasurer, and later as President in 1993.

Latrobe City Council wanted to re-structure the kindergarten of Churchill, and close Watson Park kindergarten. One of the hardest things Brenda was called upon to do was to preside over a public meeting, which opted for closing Walkley Park as opposed to Watson Park, because it was close to a school.

So in the Summer of 1994, Helen Sutton, Heather Notting and Brenda Burney worked hard to form the Walkley Park Children's Centre. Helen handled all the practical things like equipment and organization. Heather addressed all the legal and financial requirements, while Brenda advised on the kinder procedures and needs.

The Centre opened with Koala Kinder, Churchill Playgroup, and Owl and Pussy Cat Playgroup.

Due to a lack of children after being full to overflowing from the early '80s, Walkley Park has now closed altogether.

ROBYN LISTER 1985-1991

During a long phone conversation with Robyn, she shared her memories of her time at Walkley Park

Robyn began her kindergarten teaching as the third group person at Watson Park in 1984. This task was challenging as taking the third group meant very limited uninterrupted time in the room to plan and set up your own activities. Robyn enjoyed the experience as a first means of her passion to engage in a different and forward thinking approach. Margaret Klose was her Assistant.

As Robyn had 2 young children, she did not want to work full time but she wanted to keep teaching and did relief teaching at Walkley Park for Brenda Burney.

In 1985 Brenda became pregnant so the position at Walkley Park became vacant. Robyn approached Libby Robertson with the proposal to share the position at Walkley Park as Libby also had young children and did not want to work fulltime. They discovered that they shared similar philosophies and work ethic so it seemed perfect for them to share the job. An application was submitted for job sharing- the first to be considered in this area.

The Morwell Shire was very open to the idea of job sharing, however they wanted to be sure it would work for all involved and put a three month trial on it as a requirement. After the three months, the consensus was that it was a very positive arrangement. Thus they were appointed permanently.

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Walkley Park Group 1988



Walkley Park Group 1989



Carmen Cook, Tristan Stewart and Brendan Hibbert November 1978



Churchill & District News

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Kurnai College Junior Campus

School Captains Michael Lock and Kaitlyn Turner and Vice Captains Nathan Noblet and Genevieve Blakeley have been elected by their peers and have happily accepted the responsibility and challenge.

They aim to make their time in these positions a positive one.

Kaitlyn would like to see the girls winter pants changed so they are more comfortable.

The other three agreed with Nathan that the drinking taps could use some attention. The provision of a tap where water bottles could be filled easily, would be most appreciated.

Genevieve was in favour of having day school excursions, to which the others nodded agreement, suggesting that a trip to the National Park, or a visit to a theatre to see a Shakespearian play, or other things which would fit in with their studies would be interesting.

The Arts Are Alive at Kurnai Churchill

The curriculum for the first semester (terms 1 and 2) is in full swing.

The students have chosen the plays they wish to do, and pretty much chose the roles they wished to play as well as writing the adapted scripts. The plays or films are favourites of the students.

Rehearsals for an adaptation of the classic Australian film The Castle are under way.

Emma Telford who plays the wife in the play says, "It is pretty fun. It's good to do an Australian play. It will be good when we are finished rehearsing."

The term 2 plays will include an original adaptation called the Wizard of Australia, and Alice in Wonderland.



Luke Harrison, Teacher in charge of 'The Edge' program for Year 9s

Lyndhurst Secondary College in Cranbourne with English and Psychology as his subjects. During that time he also was Welfare Officer and was heavily involved in VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning).

A decision to make a tree change brought Luke to Churchill Campus in Term 4 2010.

Luke says he is enjoying the change of pace and the new responsibilities of this work at Kurnai.

German Exchange Students Arrive

Four young travellers from the distant lands of Deutschland (German for Germany) arrived in Australia via aeroplane on the 19th February. The names of these four travellers are Max, Fiona, Rebekka and Melissa. The four travellers decided to reside with four very special Kurnai College Churchill students and their families. For the next ten weeks the German travellers will live in harmony with their new families and friends in Australia and hope to improve their already exceptional English skills. The travellers will be able to experience Australia and all it has to offer at their leisure, they will travel further to even more exotic places like the zoo, Adelaide, Darwin, Philip Island and Tathra where they will learn the skills of surfing and swimming with dolphins. At the end of the ten weeks the travellers will return back to their home land. At the end of the year their Australian host students, Mitchell, Gen, Jemma and Keisha, will visit the travellers in Germany for the Christmas holidays.

By Mitchell



Principal Nello Carbone and Teacher Amy Khil-Larsen with school captains and Vice Captains L-R Genevieve Blakeley(VC), Kaitlyn Turner (SC), Michael Lock (SC) and Nathan Noblet (VC)..JPG



German Exchange Students Arrive

Yinnar South



The children at Yinnar South Primary are very excited this term to be starting their new vegetable and sensory garden. The school received a grant from "Go For Your Life" with which we purchased raised garden beds, soil and mulch. Dalhsens have kindly donated \$100 for tools and plants. We have put the garden bed into place and soon will be filling them with lots of autumn vegetables. The school has a focus on healthy living and our garden will be one part of that program.

The school runs a healthy lunch program once a month where the children prepare their own lunch and learn about healthy eating. We are hoping to use the produce from our garden in our menus so it helps them to learn about seasonal foods. We had a representative from Bunnings, who came with advice and a donation of plants for our garden. We thank both Bunnings and Dalhsens for their support.

Year 9 Program "The Edge"

The Edge is a Year 9 Kurnai Campus initiative to cater for those students who may be finding engagement with regular school programs difficult. Those engaged in this program will be out of school one day a week working out of The Hub. They will be involved with community interaction within the Churchill area. The networking connections made with the Hub are allowing the students to engage with other opportunities available there.

There will also be projects in which they will engage which will give them the skills in literacy and numeracy to help with a subject called Business Enterprise where the students will design and run their own business. This too includes communication skills such as writing letters to businesses, using a phone and email, and face to face interaction.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Certificate will form part of the course, and will also equip these students with skills.

The program is designed to re-engage the students with their education as well as giving them life and work skills.

It is an alternative pathway, which will not hold students back but will allow them to proceed in a parallel course with mainstream students.

Teacher Luke Harrison thinks this is a very exciting opportunity for the students and he is pleased to be involved with it.

Luke Harrison

Luke grew up in Upwey Victoria. He gained his degree at Bundoora RMIT. Then he taught for almost ten years at



Boolarra Primary Primary School

Great Start to the 2011 School Year

All our students settled in to the school routine brilliantly and learning programs very speedily. Our new preps made a very smooth transition and demonstrated that they were well equipped to tackle this next stage of their education. The Grade 6 buddies have been doing a sensational job assisting and supporting their young charges.

WELCOME BBQ / PICNIC

Lots of families attended a "Get To Know One Another" gathering staged in Railway Park on the first Tuesday of the school year. This provided a great opportunity for everyone to meet new families and teachers at our school. Our 2011 Junior School Councillors, House Captains and School Captains received their badges of office from the School Council President, Mandi Peter. A game of cricket was also organised by our new student leaders. It was great to see past students in attendance and children of all age groups happily playing together - this reflects what we see at school every day.

NEW BUILDING

There is still a lot of work to be undertaken finishing off and fitting out our new building. At this time it's unclear when we will get to move in but hopefully it will be later this term. We're thinking the new building will most likely house the Grade 3/4s and 5/6s and the Computer Lab and Library, allowing the P/1/2s to have a big double room each in the main building.

BOOLARRA FOLK FESTIVAL

As is traditionally the case, our students opened the musical program with a rousing drumming performance. This was led by the ever enthusiastic Steve Shultz. Our students' creative talents were again showcased in an Art Display that was set up in the Boolarra Lawn Bowls Club. We are very grateful to the small band of people who undertake the mammoth task of staging this wonderful festival.

COLES SPORTS VOUCHERS

We are grateful to everyone who collected Coles Vouchers for us. Through this program we will receive a set of pool noodles, kickboards, some flash balls, cricket wickets and juggling balls, amongst other bits and pieces.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 Student Leaders as follows:

School Captains: Lauren Alexander & Erin Hoghton

House Captains: Irving (Blue) Bella Papa and Mia Cornell, Vice Captain: Siobhan Hall. Morrow (Red) Lauren Alexander & Kayla Napier, Vice Captains: Mitchell Schelling and Daina Howard. Penaluna (Green) Erin Hoghton & Ella O'Kane, Vice Captains: Eden Hassett and Lydia Reiske. Strzelecki (Yellow) Darius Mehran & Alannah Green, Vice Captain: N/A

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

P/1/2S Darius Mehran & Rhianna Cameron, P/1/2H Daina Howard & Mia Cornell, 3/4 Lydia Reiske and Rivan Aveling, 5/6 Lauren Alexander & Samuel Birkbeck. These students are already showing that they are worthy of their special roles. Included in this Newsletter is the well thought out speech Lauren gave at assembly last Monday to become one of our School Captains.

LUNCH-TIME PROGRAMS

Ms Roz Carstairs has kindly offered to open the Library on Monday during

lunch times so all children will be able to exchange books if they wish and spend some time reading. Ms Karen Twomey will open the Art room on Tuesdays for anyone wishing to work on creating masterpieces. One of our parents, Tanya Herbert is running a very popular Craft program during lunch-time on Thursdays.

FENCE MURALS

Melissa Pavey, the artist who worked with our students to create the Book Murals on the Budgerie building, has commenced work with our first family - the Hassetts. Their efforts were displayed at our Folk Festival Art Show. By the end of the year we hope to have lots of murals beautifying our front fence..

FOOTY CLINIC

Our grade 1s really enjoyed the Collingwood Football Club clinic they recently participated in.

TURTLES AND FISH

We are very grateful to the Cupples / Mills family for providing us with some school pets. Everyone loves them!

ICY-POLE MEETING:

Once a term the principal, Leanne Emond meets with the Grade 5/6s to gather their ideas on ways we can improve our school. To help lubricate their tonsils and add to the occasion they all receive an icy-pole during the warmer months and a Milo when it is cooler. Term 1's meeting has been held. Many of the Grade 5/6 students obviously think the school is perfect as they had no suggestions on how we could do better. However some safety concerns were identified which was very helpful (Eden and Mitch advised of dangerous holes, Bridie alerted us to some glass and Jason to a jumping jack nest), some issues with taps were also raised by Daina and Erin. Rhianna suggested that we put ice-cream containers under the taps to collect water for our gardens. All in all they earned their icy-poles!

SWIMMING SPORTS:

We had thirteen students represent us in the Yinnar and District swimming sports and they all did a fabulous job! We especially liked the way all our students supported and encouraged one another.

This was evident when our youngest swimmer, James patted everyone on the back after their events and our School Captain, Lauren supplied everyone with lollies for an energy boost.

It didn't matter if our students came first or last, they all clearly gave 100% and did us proud!

It was also very impressive that, despite being the smallest school in attendance, we provided many fabulous parent helpers. Kerry Alexander and Sean Peter did lane time keeping whilst Cherry Prior wrote names on certificates. Go Boolarra Primary School!

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Experienced Physical Education teacher, Mr. John Duck has been employed to help our students build their techniques and skills in preparation for our forthcoming House Athletic Sports.

This will be followed by the Yinnar and District schools Athletic Sports which are always a great day. Our school will again be responsible for running the Discus and accuracy throw events at this competition.



Churchill North Primary School

The return to school for staff and students at Churchill North Primary School has been most exciting. We have welcomed 24 new prep students into our wonderful school. We currently have six composite grades with a variety of student numbers, although in the majority of classes we have smaller numbers of students, allowing for staff to cater for the individual needs of all students. Specialist programs offered at Churchill North include art, ICT, Blue Earth and German, with a special focus on Asian studies to be integrated this year within the art program. We are extremely fortunate to have such highly skilled and dedicated integration staff. Programs delivered include additional support to students, language expression and articulation programs for students with speech difficulties. Our integration staff coordinate kinesiology classes to enable optimal learning with the switching on of the brain prior to learning. Our play group continues to grow and develop catering for families requiring additional stimulation and support, and for working parents, an after school care program is available for all school aged students.

Churchill North boasts a great Press Club Team. This was established in 2009 and continues to offer students real life opportunities for their writing development. This year's team members include: Shaylah, Kaylah, Jessica, Ebonie, Cameron, Guy and Jordan. We look forward to seeing all their contributions in later additions.

New Beginnings – Grade Prep Students

On Friday the 4th of February all students returned to school and on this day 24 new preps commenced the first of many years of education, all have settled in well and are enjoying their experiences.

When asked about their first few weeks in Prep, the following comments were made by our new students:

"I like school because it is fun and I am making new friends."

"I like playing on the equipment and in the sand pit."

"I like my buddy she is nice and she helps me."

"I liked the teddy bears picnic"

Leadership Program

This was a two day event organised by Miss O'Brien and Miss Smith, with Miss Cane filling in for Miss O'Brien who unfortunately was unwell. Students participated within a

number of activities to enhance their leadership skills and team work. At the same time lots of fun was had with swimming, cricket and trust activities.

Our school values and supports students in developing the following qualities:

Respect, responsibility, courage, team work, patience, trust, cooperation and the ability to listen.

Our New Building

Everyone at school was all a buzz about the new building which has recently appeared next to the main reception block. Students watched eagerly at recess and lunch time as the earthmoving equipment came in to dig and lay foundational stumps before the huge building was craned into the school at the end of last week. Most students waited with baited breath as the huge flat pack building was flown through the air and then safely rested on the newly laid stumps. Staff members were blown away at the sheer speed of the whole process, with a local electrician commenting that he was only at the school two weeks previous and now there was a whole building, where the old prep playground used to be.

The Building Education Revolution funds from the government have supplied the school with a much needed building to facilitate some of the extracurricular activities which the school runs.

It is a fantastic open planned area which will primarily be used for our ever increasing playgroup, out of hours care program and parents and friends association, as well being an excellent space for parent's 'craft, cuppa and chat' sessions.

Below are two articles by our budding Press Club members, detailing their experience of the new building.

The New building

We are having a new building at Churchill North Primary School. The building is going to be so big. So far it all looks great. The building is going to be for lots of different things like; after school care, playgroup and lots, lots more. If you are not sure what playgroup is or after



school care, I will explain them. After school care is when parents are busy and they can't pick their kids up at home time, they can organise to send them to after school care. The kids will be doing games or making things. It is fun at after school care. Playgroup is for little kids, for kids aged from five down to zero, they play with toys, games and have fun. Playgroup runs on a Wednesday.

By Jessica

Our New Building Gets Built

For the past couple of days a new building has been constructed by Grove builders at Churchill North Primary School. Children have been entertained by cranes, diggers, trucks and things like that. We are getting a new building to help our school. It is great. We are very excited.

By Kayla

Grades 3 – 6 Clubs

Students in Grade 3 - 6 have the opportunity to participate in clubs, this is a fun activity coordinated by teachers. There is a two week rotation system so that all students get to participate in each activity throughout the term.

Ms Backhausen is taking a group for

'cultural studies' where student explore a variety of aspects from another culture.

Mrs Edwards and Miss Lugton run a 'gardening club' where students walked around the school and looked at the gardens and see where improvements need to be made; students plant some new plants, they do some weeding and improve the overall look of the school, whilst learning a great life skill.

Mrs Johnson is taking a 'craft group' teaching students how to use different tools and techniques which can be used for crafty activities, card making and scrapbooking.

Miss O'Brien runs a 'fun and games' sports club, where students do a warm up activities before playing a game.

Miss Smith is teaching students how to tie-dye plain white t-shirts, using a number of methods and techniques.

Students look forward each week to participating in clubs.



Churchill Primary School

Welcome back to school.

The school holidays flew by and we have begun our new year in a positive manner with our students and teachers well rested.

Well done to the new members of our school community who have settled into school very quickly. We welcome all the new families and trust they will enjoy their time at our school.

The teachers came back before the children.

The professional development days were spent in learning more about our School Wide Positive Behaviour, use of the Ultraset which will revolutionize our program delivery and school improvement.

The teachers also used some time planning together for a smooth start to the year.

School Captains

Our school leaders have been elected. We know these students will be wonderful ambassadors for Churchill Primary School

Our school captains are: Cameron Ipsen and Bonnie Kearns.

The vice captains are: Brodie Murdoch and Shannon Clarke.

House Captains have been elected also and we know they will very positive role models.

Green House: Hayley Huizer and David Perkins.

Yellow House: Brentan Clissold and Jamie Iorangi.

Blue House: Kelsey Mayer and Josh Lehrner.

Red House: Tyler Wilk Clark and Carly Baptie.

Swimming Sports

The Yinnar and District swimming sports were held on Thursday 17th February and our students represented Churchill Primary School very well. Bailey Flanigan will be going forward to regional level in 2 events, freestyle and breaststroke.

He also came 2nd in backstroke. Well done to Cameron Ipsen (who may well go forward as well). We thank Mr. Craig Flanigan for his help on the day.

Individual Athletics Awards

Bailey Flanigan had an outstanding weekend at the regional championship in Moe for Little Athletics.

He achieved 3rd place in the 80 metre hurdles, 2nd in 100 metre sprint, 1st in the 70 metre sprint and 1st in 200 metre race.

We look forward to Bailey participating in the upcoming house and Yinnar and District sports.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Our beehive has some new beekeepers.

Meika Omerod and Patrick Ludgate will join Sam Pincott as our student representative on the PBS team. They will represent the students at our meetings and will be in charge of the operation of the Beehive. Our values are being revisited with the students at the start of the year.

Most of our students do not need reminding that at Churchill Primary School we are Responsible, Respectful, Understanding and we Do Our Best.

New Building

Our new building is looking great and will be ready for occupation in the very near future.

The grade 3 – 6 classes will move in and be amazed by the amount of room there is.

Play Group

Time 9:00 – 11:00

Day: Friday

Cost: Free

Bring: Child's drink and snack (Tea and coffee available)

Playgroup has begun again and a good number of mums and children are coming along.

It is held in the General Purpose room but if you come to office, you will be pointed in the right direction.

It is great to see the children playing together, learning to share and take turns.

The mums are getting to know each other and the atmosphere is very congenial.

ALL WELCOME.

Fundraising BBQ

By holding a fundraising BBQ, the school was lucky enough to raise funds to purchase a new gazebo to provide shade at sports events.

Thank you to our parents, grandparents and volunteers for such a successful day.

This enthusiasm demonstrates what a great start to 2011 it has been, as we strive to work together in partnership.



Above: Bailey Flanigan
Below: "School Swimming Team"



Left to Right: School Captains Cameron Ipsen and Bonnie Kearns and Vice Captains Brodie Murdoch and Shannon Clarke.



Meika and Sam 2 of the beehive keepers.



Hazelwood North Primary



Preps 2011

This year we have 24 new Preps. Their teachers are Mrs Symons and Mrs Vesty. Both of the Prep grades are composites with the Grade 1's. For all of February the Preps had Wednesdays off so that the teachers could test

them, one Prep per hour. The Preps have settled in very well and have enjoyed their time at school so far.

By Damon.



Swimming Sports

Two weeks ago Hazelwood North Primary entered the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports at the Churchill Leisure Centre. The events were freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and relay. Five schools from Yinnar and District went to the sports. People who came first or

second in their event go on to Division which will be at the Morwell pool. Four people- Lauren, Alice, Ben L and Blake will compete at Divisions. Thank you to Mr Quirk and Mrs Foster for taking us, and Mr Butler and Mrs Kearns for helping on the day.

By Tess

Our School

Our school has had some changes because of all the new buildings. Half of the basketball court has been taken up by the new hall, but hopefully the new one will be bigger and better than the old one.

Footy Clinic

Yesterday we had three people come to our school from the Churchill Football Club to do a footy clinic. They were Mr. Hawkins, Cameron and Jayden. Four grades from our school (3-6) had the footy clinic. They taught us some footy games. One of the games was where there was heaps of footies in the middle and five people had to kick the balls away, and all the others had to run and get the ball, and kick them back in the circle. If all the balls ran out in the middle, the people in the middle won. We also had a go at the bumping bags. Jayden taught us how to do a blind turn and Cameron taught us how to

There are also some new class rooms coming, which required the sandpit to be moved. Hopefully by the end of the year everything will be built.

By Hayden Row 5/6B

do speckies. At the end we had a photo and got newsletters asking if we wanted to play. I had heaps of fun. By Josh

The Footy Clinic

On Thursday 24th of February the Footy Clinic came to Hazelwood North Primary School. We all did skills and also footy games with Noel, Cameron and Jayden. Each class had a different time. The footballs were different sizes and different colours. After half an hour it was time to go back to class but we had a good time!!! By Erin & Tammy 3/4



I interviewed one of our new teachers, **Miss Naomi Symons** who is teaching Prep/1.

1. What is your favourite colour? - Purple
2. What are you looking forward to this year?

Seeing my class learn throughout the year and having

lots of fun with them

3. Have you always wanted to be a teacher? - Yes, since I was a child

4. What was your job before a teacher? - I had a few jobs. I worked as a florist and a waitress while I was at uni.

How long did you train at uni to become a teacher? - 4 years

What is the best thing about being a teacher? - Getting to know the kids and teaching them new things

What is the hardest part of being a teacher?

There is never enough time in the day, and teaching them new skills is hard.

By Lauren



I have interviewed Miss Kylie Barker. She is one of the new teachers and has grade 5/6 and these are some things you might not know about her.

What is your favourite colour? - Purple What are you looking forward to this year? - Getting to know my grade, learning new

skills and teaching my students to learn new skills and gain new knowledge. Have you always wanted to be a teacher? - When I was younger I thought I would like to be a teacher, then I thought I would be a chef. After spending some time working in hospitality when I was in high school, I decided being a chef wasn't for me. Then I decided teaching was the career I wanted to pursue.

What was your job before a teacher? - I worked in child care for a couple of years and most recently I worked at Wight's Motor World doing administration.

How long did you train to be a teacher? - I went to La Trobe University for four years.

What is the best thing about being a teacher? - Seeing your students learn something new and feel as though they have achieved something.

What is the hardest thing about being a teacher?

The preparation time that goes into planning lessons for each day, and finding the time to get everything done.

By Alice D 5/6B

Lumen Christi

Lumen Christi school has had a wonderful start to the year. Our 29 preps have all settled in well as have our new staff - Mrs Josephine Wade, Miss Jessica Zaghet and Mr Ben Kimpton as classroom teachers, Mellisa Gunn, our new trainee, our new aides Heather Hammond and Lorraine Collis and our new Active After School Coordinator, Nicole Osborne. There is certainly a buzz around the place.

The classes have started very well and all seem very eager to learn. Congratulations to our new Captains; Teresa Simpson and Cameron Stewart are our School Captains and Shae Justice and Dayna Foster the Vice Captains. We are looking forward to working with them during the first semester of 2011. We know that the other students made an excellent choice as each of these students exhibit many special skill and talents and already have proven themselves as reliable, responsible, upstanding young citizens.



Friends in High places

It can be quite a daunting and intimidating when you start at a new school.

Everyone else seems to belong to a specific group, they know their way around, where the toilets and tuckshop are - very important places.

If you happen to come across a familiar face from your previous school then it is not so bad at least you can get lost with someone else.

Of course it is not only students who move schools, staff do too. Such is the case of Ben Kimpton and Josephine Wade.

Ben and Josephine are both new staff members at Lumen Christi Primary School, but first worked together last year round the corner at Churchill Primary School. Working next to each other at CPS Josephine would often call on Ben, known as Big Ben at the soccer club, to move furniture and put up and take down displays that were out of her reach - as most things are. "They don't make diamonds as big as bricks" is how Josephine refers to her height.

So of course Josephine was very pleased to be working next door to Ben, who this year divides his working week between the two schools. Ben was immediately put to work moving this, stapling that.

No two schools are exactly the same as Ben and Josephine will attest the two schools mentioned have a lot in common. Both schools are about teachers teaching and learners learning.

Both schools equally care about the students well being. Both schools rely on parents to run the canteen and volunteer for other tasks both school are proud to wear their respective uniforms and take pride in keeping the school environment clean and tidy.

One major difference - CPS keeps lizards, Lumen Christi chooks.

Grade 1/2 Collingwood Footy Clinic

We went to the Collingwood football clinic in Morwell yesterday. We kicked goals with the players and met the captain Nick Maxwell. Then we got their autographs and went home on the bus. By Ryan M, Julachai, Ryan T and Shannae

At lunch time we got on the bus and went to the football clinic. We kicked the ball in the goal. We had fun doing the football games. We got to play tag ball and



some of us got autographs. We got on the bus and came back to school. By Reece, Mya, Hayden and Luke



New Preps:

At Lumen Christi we are very lucky to have 30 wonderful new preps! They have been very busy settling in

and learning all about their new school. This term they will be learning about the sea and will be going on an excursion to Cape Patterson.

Prep Tomatoes: Look at all the tomatoes we picked. We planted them on our Orientation Day last year. They certainly tasted yummy.



Get Fit - Play Tennis!

Churchill Tennis Club

ROUND ROBIN and TOURNAMENT

*****School Holiday Fun*****

Monday 11th April 2011

Churchill Tennis Club, Manning Drive, Churchill

Heaps of Trophies to be Won

Lucky Door Prizes

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Never Played Before?

**Come along and have a go in a relaxed and friendly environment
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9am - 11am

Non Competition Players

(have never played competition before or played Section 8 and 9 in Latrobe Valley Tennis Association or C Grade and B2 in Loy Yang Tennis Association)

11.30am - 3pm

Competition Players

**To Register: Fill in the Entry Form and Mail to
PO Box 270, Churchill by Monday 4th April 2011**

Entry Forms also available online at cdnews.com.au

More Information: Contact

Carol Scott: 0409 326 769

**Churchill Tennis Club Get Fit
Play Tennis/Round Robin
Monday 11th April 2011: 9am - 11am
Beginners Entry Form**

Players Name:
Phone Number:.....
Date Of Birth:.....

(Tick the event that you would like to enter. Age as of 11th April 2011)

Under 8	Under 10	Under 13	Under 15

Conditions of Entry

* Players enter at their own risk
* The referees decision will be final (Referee: Sally Kirstine)
I understand the conditions of entry:
Signature of Parent or Guardian:
For further information contact: Carol Scott 040 932 6769
Entries close: Wednesday 22 March 2010
Post Entries to: Churchill Tennis Club, PO Box 270, Churchill 3842



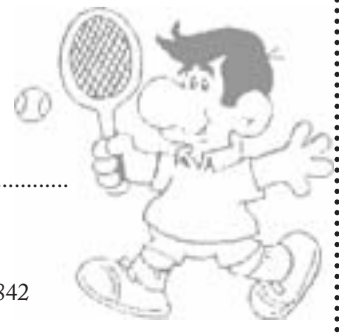
**Churchill Tennis Club Get Fit
Play Tennis/Tournament
Monday 11th April 2011: 11.30am - 3pm
Competition Entry Form**

Players Name:
Phone Number:.....
Date Of Birth:.....

Section Played		
Latrobe Valley	Loy Lang	Other

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Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

13/2/2011: Stableford Mens

Winner: D. Taylor (22) 45 pts; DTL: G. Blizzard (26) 43 pts; NTP: 3rd N. Hutchinson; Stableford Ladies Winner: K. Moroney (20) 34 pts; DTL A. Hibbert (38) 33 pts; NTP: 14th A. Hibbert.

15/2/2011: Ladies Par

Winner: L. Peake (43) +5, DTL: M. McConville (24) +4, V. Rowley (45) +3; A. Chapman (42) +2; NTP: 3rd J. Leslie; 5th (2 shots) M. Dear, 14th (2 shots) V. Rowley.

26/2/2011: Stroke Monthly Medal

Winners: A Grade: R. Scurlock (10) 67; B Grade: M. Smart (17) 64; C Grade: P. Broadbent (23) 62; c/b Monthly Medal Winner: D Grade: A. Percy (29) 62; DTL: A. Sharrock 64; V. Sejdak 65; W. Peter 65; P. Ludlow 66; H. Martin 67; M. Bererton 68; B. Kilday 69; c/b; NTP: 3rd P. Smart; 5th W. Peter; 12th T. Sterrick, 14th J. Robinson. Birdies: S. Wotton 3rd; V. Sejdak; 3rd, R. Chapman; 3 P. Smart; 3rd, C. Thomas 12.

1/3/2011: Stroke Monthly Medal

Scratch Winner: J. Beck 101 c/b. Winner Monthly Medal: J. Beck (32) 69 c/b; Div 1 Winner: J. Beck (32) 69; Div 2: M. Munckton (39) 69; DTL: M. Dear 71, J. Blizzard 73; J. Leslie 74; S. Turner 75; NTP: 5th (2 shots) C. Barnes; 14th J. Blizzard 14 (2 shots); T. Buxton. Count Putts: 29 c/b;

12/2/2011: Mens Par A. Grade

T. Webb (9) +6; B. Grade M. Smart (18) +5 c/b; C. Grade G. Fraser (24) +5; DTL: H. Martin +5; J. Thornby +4; T. Collins +4; V.

Monument +4; B. Peter +3; K. Garlick +2; J. Robinson +2; NTP: 3rd P. Shields; 5th P. Williams; 14th M. Smart.

5/3/2011: Foursomes Championships

Winners: R Jenkins & B Baldock (20 1/2) 67 1/2; R/UP: P Smart & M Smart (15) 68; DTL: K Vanvliet & A Auld 69; C Thomas & G Walsh 69; J Thornby & G Down 70 1/2; P Sheridan & P Coad 72 c/b; NTP: 3rd P Coad; 12th H Martin.

6/3/2011: Stableford

Winner: M Smart (16) 43pts. DTL: J Ambrosini 41pts, P Smart 40pts, B Downie 40pts. NTP: 3rd M Smart. 5th B Downie. 12th J Thornby. 14th T Webb. Birdie: 3rd M Smart.

6/3/2011: Stableford

Winner: M McConville (24) 34pts. 8/3/2011: Stableford Aggregate Winner: D Thomas (30) & M Munckton (38) 86pts; DTL: J Blizzard & A Chapman 84pts; NTP: 3rd M McConville. 5th (2nd Shot) L Peake. 14th (2nd Shot) M Dear. BIRDIE: 3rd M McConville.



Churchill Cricket Club – 21 days and Ten Thousand Reasons to Turn Pink



Cricketers and family and friends turned out in pink regalia to support Churchill Cricket Club in their efforts to raise money for the McGrath Foundation's Pink Stumps Day.

The day is an opportunity for cricket clubs to play in pink and use pink stumps to raise money and awareness of the McGrath Foundation who fund Breast Care Nurses across Australia.

With a successful day's cricket against Traralgon West Churchill Cricket Club a small club by comparison with other clubs in the area have ten thousand reasons to smile and ten thousand reasons to be proud.

A cheque for over \$10,000 will now be heading to the McGrath Foundation.

It costs approximately \$350,000 to fund a McGrath Breast Care nurse full time over a 3 year period.

Graham Harvey President of the Club thanked the players, their families and friends and the many local

businesses in the Valley who came on board with the club over the last 21 days with generous offers of goods and the selling of raffle tickets.

"Graham said we printed 800 tickets and were able to sell all 800 very quickly.

We just ran out of time to print more."

The Club also sold McGrath Foundation pink cricket shirts.

Graham said "many people within the club had contributed to the success of the day's match and night time event and noted that everyone in the club would be touched at some time by breast cancer and it was important to support such a worthy cause."

The club is keen to support the event next year.

If you wish to purchase a McGrath Foundation Shirt please contact Graham Harvey on 0412 866 811 or Secretary Wayne Reynolds on 0438 571 862

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Emma Gunn Best and Fairest

A family friend then introduced her to the sport of football and she has never looked back.

The modest young player says she had no idea that she would be in with a chance for the title of best and fairest and was happy to be there purely for the experience.

Emma trained hard with the team twice a week and did additional training at home to ensure her fitness levels were the best they could be.

Emma also attributes her accurate shooting style to the Gippsland Sports Academy football programme which

she was a member of in 2010.

Her sporting hero is Tim Cahill who Emma admires for his ability to score so often from his head even though he is not the tallest player out there.

After being voted best first year player in 2009 and winning a number of awards over the past 3 years, Emma intends to continue on as far as she can with the sport of football and hopes from her hard work she will eventually represent Victoria and then look to playing in England and for the Matildas.

Churchill & District Junior Indoor Netball Association

AGM MEETING & GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 30 March 2011

Time : 7pm

Venue: At the Churchill Leisure Centre

All interested teams, coaches, players, umpires are invited to attend.

Teams are to be submitted by 30th of March.

Please contact Kay Hill (Secretary)

for team entry sheets and information

Ph: 04199 118 510

Email: dkhill@aanet.com.au



T&DJFL LIGHTENING PREMIERSHIP

Lightening Premiership will be held on Sunday April 10, 2011.

SEASON 20 11 COMMENCES

Home and away season commences on April 30, 2011

REGISTRATION DAY

Registration was held on Saturday, March 5, 2011

If you were unable to make this day, please come along to our training sessions where you will be able to register.

Registration is \$75. If you have more than one child register all extra children will cost \$50.

2011 COACHES

U10: Danny Kearns

U12: Rob Turpin

U14: Noel Hawkins

U16: Steve Mayer

TRAINING SESSIONS

U10s will be training on Thursdays only. Training commences for U10s on Thursday 10th March, 2011.

All other age groups will commence training on Tuesday 8th March, 2011.

Times: 10s & U12s: 4.30-5.30pm. U14s & U16s: 5-6pm

COUGAR CUBS

CJFC will be running Cougar cubs for 5 to 7yr olds. Cougar Cubs teaches children the football basics. If your child/children are interested in playing football but are too young to play U10s bring them along to Cougar Cubs.

Cougar Cubs training sessions run on a Thursday evening and will commence 12th May, 2011.

Come along and join in another fun season of football.



COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

THURSDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

Churchill Bowls Club

Gaskin Park, Churchill

Start 7.30pm

Cost \$4.00

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No experience needed

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Churchill North Primary School

After School Care & Playgroup

After School Care
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 Jillian Keenan & Jess Chamings

Fees & Charges
 Each hour block is \$5.00 per child.
 Families may claim Child Care Benefit with respect to this program.

Hours of Operation
 Monday—Friday during the school term.
 Hours of operation are between 3:15—5:15.
 Sessions may be booked for an hour at a time.

Playgroup
 Your child can have fun playing with others while you meet other parents and share the joys and challenges of parenting.
 Playgroup allows children to:

- Learn through play, listen to stories, sing & play musical instruments
- Have fun inside & outside, making friends and developing new skills
- Interact with other adults, learn simple rules & routines

Activities include:
 Painting & pasting
 Sandpit play
 Climbing equipment
 Play dough
 Home corner
 Construction
 Music & movement
 Stories & much more

Where: Churchill North Primary School
 Coolabah Drive, Churchill.
When: Wednesdays (during school terms)
Time: 9.00—11.00 am
Bring: A healthy snack & drink
Cost: Gold coin