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Tullie Welbourne, winner of the 8 - 10 Short Story Category, and Neil Lawson from IPH

Shyanne Post, winner in the Under 7 category receives her prize from Cr Ed Vermeulen

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Winning Stories on Pages 13 -16



Winner, Vicky Daddo and Sponsor, Peter Gray



Winner of the Adult Short Story Category, Robert Waller and Leo Billington



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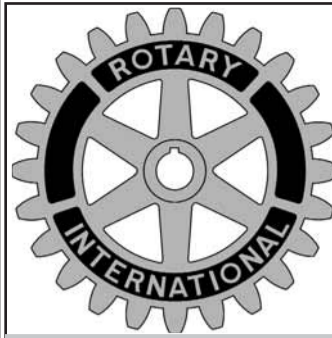
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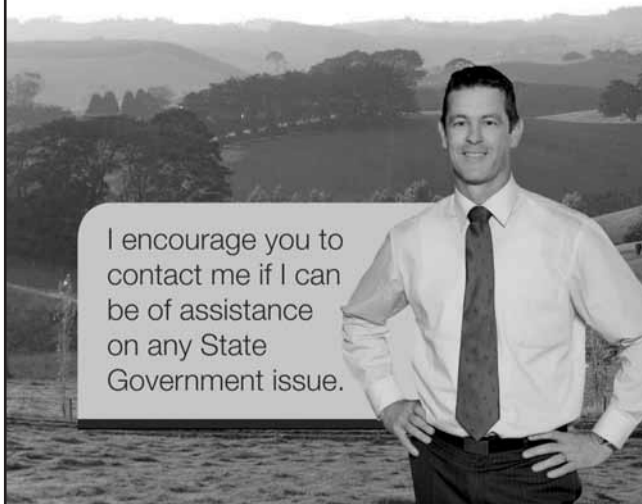
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Hazelwood Rotary President, Leo Billington with Scout of the Year Angus Sauppe, and District Leader, Jeff Kemp.

Scout of the Year Addresses Rotary

Mike Answerth Hazelwood Rotary Angus Sauppe of Yinnar Scouts, who was awarded Scout of the Year, spoke to Hazelwood Rotarians during September. He was accompanied by his mother Sylvia and District Leader, Jeff Kemp. Hazelwood Rotary has sponsored the Scout of the Year award for a number of years and it has become traditional for the successful recipient to address the Club each year to outline their achievements in Scouts and to express appreciation for Rotary, ongoing support.

District Governor Visits Club
District Governor of District 9820, David Piper, made his annual visit to Hazelwood early in September and expressed his admiration for the club's range of activities and projects and for the way it engages with the local community. David also urged members to look at recruiting more members, promoting the ideals of Rotary and to attend the District Conference to be held in Shepparton in February 2011. The DG also reminded the Club Board to ensure that the Club meets the requirements of District Policy in relation to insurance and risk

minimization.
Hazelwood mourns passing of Foundation Member

Members of Hazelwood mourn the passing of foundation member and Past President Cedric Johnston who passed away in Warragul last week. Cedric was President of the Club in 1978/79 and was Manager of the Commonwealth Bank in Morwell. He moved to live in Warragul and was a member of the Rotary Club of Drouin for a number of years.

He remained a close friend of several members of the club after his departure from the area.

Flying the Flag 1910-2010

In an age when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran, the idea of girls being involved in camping, hiking and similar outdoor activities received a mixed response. However when Robert Baden-Powell was approached by several groups of girls asking to join the Scouts at their first rally in Crystal Palace in London in 1909, he showed them that he had a scheme for girls in mind. He created a separate identity for the girls so that they could work for self development, independently and not in imitation of their brothers. In 1910 he formed the Girl Guides, asking his sister Agnes to look after the new organization. In 1918 his wife Olave became Chief Guide.

Guiding soon spread, the first unit in Victoria being formed at Hawthorn in 1911, and today there are ten million women and girls involved in Guiding worldwide.

Baw Baw Region, extends from Drouin to Traralgon, including Neerim South and Churchill. In the 16 units which make up Baw Baw Region, girls are encouraged to reach their full potential, under the guidance of trained volunteer adult Leaders.

Guiding is for girls of all ages, cultures and abilities and offers a safe and secure environment. The Guide program offers activities in the areas of personal, physical, practical and self development. Leaders are given training in all aspects of Guiding and enquiries from women wanting to be leaders are always welcome.

On Sunday October 10 at 10:00 am Girl Guides nationally will take part in flag raising and promise renewal ceremonies to celebrate the Centenary of Guiding.

In Baw Baw Region celebrations will be held at Gippsland Heritage Park Moe. All Guides past and present are invited to attend. The formal proceedings will be followed by an activity day for the girls and will conclude at 3:15 pm.

For further enquiries about Flying the Flag, becoming a Girl Guide or Guide Leader email bawbaw@guidesvic.org.au phone 8606 3500 or 56251860 or contact your local Girl Guide Unit.

Guiding soon spread, the first

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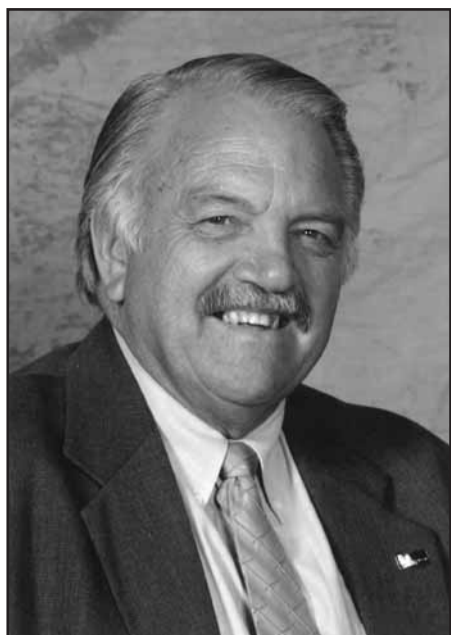
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contribution to the community. Any individual or organisation can make a nomination and all eligible nominees are acknowledged.

Latrobe City Council administers the Australia Day Awards on behalf of the National Australia Day Council of Victoria. The awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held at Kernot Hall, Morwell on Wednesday 26 January, 2011.

To be eligible to be recognized in the Australia Day awards:

- All individuals must be Australian citizens;

- Nominees for Latrobe City Council's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year must be a resident of Latrobe City;

- Events nominated for Community Event of the Year must have been held within the Latrobe City municipality;

- No self nominations will be accepted;
- Only one person may be nominated per nomination form; and

- Organizations/groups must reside in the Latrobe City

- Nominations must be on the official form (one nomination per form).

- All nominations must be received by 5.00

pm on Friday 22 October 2010.

- The name of at least one referee must be supplied, this person may be contacted if the nominee is short listed.

- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of Latrobe City Council.

- The decision of the Latrobe City Council in relation to the awards is final

- No correspondence will be entered into in respect of the decision.

- Additional information which supports the nominations can be attached to the form.

Electronic versions of the nomination form can be downloaded from Latrobe City Council website on www.latrobe.vic.gov.au and completed nominations can be sent directly to wendyhr@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Entries should be addressed to:

Latrobe City Australia Day Awards

Latrobe City Council

PO Box 264

MORWELL 3840

For further information please contact Wendy Hrynyszyn, Senior Events Officer on 5128 5618.

Latrobe City "Sporting Hall Of Fame" Nominations

After a successful induction in 2006 and 2008, Latrobe City Council is again calling for nominations for the Latrobe City Sporting Hall of Fame, to recognize the sporting achievements of elite athletes, administrators, coaches, umpires and officials from the Latrobe Valley.

Nominations can be made under two categories:

Sporting Hall of Fame Legend

Nominees need to have achieved sporting excellence whilst competing at the highest level.

Sporting Hall of Fame Members

Nominees can be all other sports people; including administrators, coaches, scientists, and sports medicine. Nominees need to have been part of a sporting team, either as a coach, manager, mentor, official or umpire, at the highest possible level. Nominees can also be involved in sports media.

Nominations Close 22 October 2010 at 5.00 pm.

For further information in regards to the Hall of Fame please email HallOfFame@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Nominations are now open to the 2011 Australia Day Awards for the following Categories

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Service of the Year

The Latrobe City Council Australia Day Awards pay tribute to local individuals and groups who have made an outstanding



As always September was a busy month with much happening in the Churchill area. I'd like to firstly congratulate Churchill and District News team for hosting their recent Writing Competition. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, due to

Parliament commitments but would like to extend my sincere congratulations to those who nominated their work along with those who received awards.

It is always heartening to see competitions such as these running in Churchill, it's a great way to encourage community participation and involvement, and I commend all those who were involved in coordinating the competition as well as all those who entered for being active community members.

Another activity that might be of interest to the Churchill community is the Premier's "Active Families Challenge" which runs from

Northe's Natter

October 2 until November 13. The aim of the challenge is to encourage greater participation in physical activities and have some fun along the way.

Participants are asked to undertake 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days during the challenge period and schools, businesses, sporting clubs and families can participate. Every family who registers has the opportunity to win prizes along with the chance to win \$5,000 worth of sports gear for their school. For further information please contact the Challenge team on 1300 739 899 or contact my office on (03) 5133

9088.

Still on physical activity the revamped Churchill Leisure Centre will be of significant benefit to the local community once current works are complete. Whilst it has been an inconvenience for some during recent upgrades the long term benefits will be there for all to enjoy and the Centre will be a tremendous asset for Churchill and District.

I had the pleasure of recently attending the formal handover of two new light tanker CFA vehicles at the Churchill Fire Station. The vehicles will serve the Gippsland community extremely well with one

vehicle presented to Hazelwood North CFA whilst the second vehicle will be housed at Boolarra CFA. It is imperative our local brigades and their volunteers are equipped appropriately to protect our communities and it was pleasing to see the Minister for Police and Emergency Services attend this important event.

If you would like to stay up to date with my activities on a daily basis, you can find me on Facebook (www.facebook.com/russell.northe) and on Twitter (twitter.com/RussellNorthe)

Neighbourhood Watch Returns To Churchill and District

It is with pleasure that Latrobe's Safer Communities Unit in conjunction with the Churchill District Community Association (CDCA) announces that Churchill Neighbourhood Watch has reformed and come out of recession.

Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden was guest speaker at CDCA's August meeting and he outlined the new NHW and the direction it was taking. The association's membership voted unanimously to welcome NHW on board as a like-minded community organisation. NHW's inclusion with CDCA will compliment that organisation's focus of serving the wider Churchill community by promoting NHW's crime prevention message.

Brett will now be attending CDCA meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Churchill Town Hall at 6.45 pm. Churchill residents with issues of a social or criminal nature may now attend the meetings to have them addressed by a police representative.

Churchill and District Meeting and Crime Report

ASSAULTS - 5 for August (3 July) - All five reports came to notice as a result of domestic disputes.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 4 for August (4 July) - One offence was graffiti on a BBQ at Monash Uni. Two vehicles were targeted in Coora Place and Churinga Drive with tyres being slashed on both vehicles.

BURGLARY - 7 for August (5 July) Future Flicks in the Churchill Shopping Centre had its front window smashed with a large rock and DVD's and Play Stations were stolen. The offender is described as male, blue hoodie and jeans. Unlocked houses and units were targeted with computers and entertainment equipment stolen. Four were charged with a burglary on the High School.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE - 2 for August (1 July) - Driving lights were stolen from one vehicle and another was unlocked with the offenders

stealing a GPS unit. Both offences were committed in residential areas.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE - 1 for August (1 July) - One offender charged with TOMV. It was recovered and returned.

THEFT - A trailer and horse float were stolen from the Monash Way area. If anyone has information in relation to suspect vehicles or persons on or about the 21st August and 13th August could they contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. One offender was charged with theft from Adina Court.

What's On

Sunday 24th October - Hazelwood All Makes Car & Bike Show - Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Ground: Safer Communities Group/NHW Display - 10 am to close - Entry fee gold coin donation.

Wednesday 27th October - Churchill Town Meeting/CDCA Meeting, Churchill Town Hall - 7 pm.



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Ruth 51221961*

Letter to the Editor: Neglect Of Public Places

I am so glad that Lynn E brought up the subject of our developing town, with its new facilities and eye catching hub. And I am glad that I am not the only one stunned by the neglect of public places and parks. If one should drive through Moe or Traralgon, the neatness and care of lawns is striking. Gaskin 2 and 3, what is called the English reserve on the map and also Walkley park, are everything but neat and cared for.

That also goes for the banks alongside McDonald Way. We have recently renovated our house, and it is just incredible how rewarding the result was in terms of self respect and self worth. Since then, I notice every other

home where the same process is taking place. I guess there is something special about making something out of nothing, making a pet out of a stray cat or pound dog instead of buying the pedigree one. If everybody was prepared to mow lawns regularly and fix up a fence when necessary, Churchill could be a different place. Small improvements make such a big difference and are uplifting. All the young trees that have been planted in town are something to be grateful for. We can have even better parks without spending much money. I, for one, have many beautiful but hardy plants that I could share for such a project.

Bea S.



Gum Leaf Quilt and Craft Exhibition

CNC: The Heart of Our Community

Term 4 has started and many different and varied classes are on offer at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre with places in some classes still available. We have computer basics, MS Word / Excel, computers unplugged, social media classes and, AcDsee Photo Editor, creative writing, yoga, lead lighting, patchwork for the beginner and for those who are well advanced. We also have on line career development learning, knitting sewing and crocheting.

On the 4th Friday of every month the Churchill Bookworms meet and discuss/review the latest book they have read. Decorative painting is also available as is the opportunity to join our community workshop – incorporating our Men’s Shed program.

All classes are run by first class tutors, who will help you to learn, share and enhance your knowledge with others in a supportive and friendly atmosphere and it’s all done with fun and enjoyment – Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

is the place to be – the heart of our community

Something Different & Something New

Men’s yoga class is to begin this term – so if you are interested, give the centre a ring and ask for details.

Financial Literacy course: the essentials of money management that will enable participants to achieve their financial goals is to be held on Tuesday 19 & 26 October, 9/16 November at 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Call in at the Centre and have a look at what’s on offer, or just stop for a cuppa and a chat.

Our 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th October at 11.15 am at the Hub. Please let us know if you will be in attendance.

Winners of the Gum Leaf Quilters Quilt and Craft Exhibition held on 28 – 29 August 2010

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Pieced Any Other: Lara Gibbons
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Small Quilt Winners:
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Wall Quilt: Anne Boothman
Lap Quilt: Helene Hunt
Hand Embroidery Winners:
White Work:Hane Saccomani
Lace Work: Gwen Brien
Dimensional:Joan Twaddle
Any Other Embroidery: Ebony McLure
Decorative Painting Winner: Tish Symes
Beading Winner: Nancy Melchior
Dolls Winner: Jean Baudendistel
Bears Winner: Marg Dixon
Papercraft Winners:
Scrapbooking: Yvonne Byrne
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Maple Crescent, Churchill.
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Ladies Meeting:
Tuesday 10.00am

Saturday Breakfast



By Neil Terrill

The Breakfast was held on the 25 September.

The Guest Speaker this month was Stephanie Cohen, at Latrobe Community Health Services (LCHS).

Stephanie spoke about problem and responsible gambling.

Stephanie reminded us of the wide range of gambling opportunities easily available today from raffles and "scratchie" cards to 'online' gambling on all kinds of sporting events.

Stephanie gave us some statistics on money spent on 'pokies' - Electronic Gaming Machines's in Gippsland for 2009-10:

*Latrobe City \$46 million.

*Greater Gippsland \$129 million

Problem gambling can be devastating when large debts are incurred on credit cards and families and friends become involved. Money is not available for necessities - food, clothing, and mortgages etc. This becomes a sensitive issue and victims are often too ashamed to seek help. Stephanie showed us a simple quiz card that can be offered to people unobtrusively and will help individuals to recognize a problem and seek help free on 1800 242 696.

Stephanie pointed out that responsible gambling is widespread and often associated with venues where older people find a safe social environment.

For example, Bingo gatherings are still popular with older people who may be single and lonely. Generally speaking these people spend at a level with which they are comfortable.

Stephanie said that drugs, alcohol and mental health problems are sometimes linked to problem gambling.

The LCHS can provide help in such cases. Counselors are available to help minimise financial stress and protect assets.

Support is now available for venue employees to help build and maintain responsible gambling environments.

In conclusion, Stephanie invited us to spread the word that help is available. Free Call 1800 242 696 or Facebook-search Gamblers Help Gippsland.

Those present expressed their appreciation with acclamation.

The next Breakfast will be held on the 23 October at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue. The Rev Dr Bob Brown will talk about his recent study tour to Israel conducted by the Council of Christians & Jews of Australia. 34 Christians and Jews participated in the tour.

People wishing to attend should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 21 October on:

5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au

Lionesses Support World Sight Day in October

The Lioness Club of Churchill and District are supporting the Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc. during the month of October.

We are currently asking for everyone to get involved and clean out their dresser drawers!

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries

where they will have the greatest impact.

How can you help

If you have used eye glasses you no longer need you can donate them now. Collection boxes are currently located at the Churchill Community Health Centre and Hazelwood Health Centre. Prescription, reading glasses and sunglasses with plastic and metal frames are all accepted.

Children's glasses are especial-

ly needed.

Thank you for your help in contributing to this wonderful campaign. The Sight First Program which works on every continent is many times larger than the Hollows Foundation. Most Australians have heard of the Hollows Foundation but very few of Sight First.



Prep Transition days for Churchill and District Schools

The local Primary Schools invite children who will begin Prep in 2011 to attend their schools during term 4. The students will take part in activities which will help them feel comfortable with the huge step that starting school can be.

The children will spend a number of hours at the school at which they are enrolled and get to know their new class mates and some of the older students at the school. If you would like more information, please contact the respective schools.

Churchill North Primary School

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Friday Nov. 12th 2.15 - 3.15pm

Friday Nov. 26th 8.45 - 10.45am

Tues. Dec. 7th 8.45 - 10.45am

Churchill Primary School

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Friday Oct. 29th 9am - 11.00am

Thurs. Nov. 11th 9am - 11.00am

Wed. Nov. 24th 9am - 11.00am

Tues. Dec. 7th 9am - 11.00am

Hazelwood North Primary School

Ph. 51 66 1267

Wed. Oct. 13th 9.00 - 11.00am

Friday Nov. 5th 11.00 - 2.30pm

Tues Dec. 7th 9.00 - 11.30am

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Local Field Naturalists at the Photographic Exhibition: L-R Rob De Souza -Daw, Ian Place, Mary Austin, Ken Harris, Andy Gillham and David Stickney

Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Celebrate 50 Years of Operation

This year the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists celebrate 50 years of operation.

The Club decided they would celebrate with four events

- *A cake at their meeting
- *A first ever photographic competition
- *Publish a history of the club
- *Host the SEANA (South Eastern Australian Naturalists Association) Camp.

SEANA usually has two camps per year where all the Field Naturalists from South Australia, Southern NSW and Victoria attend. This camp will be held at Camp Rumbug near Foster. The L.V. Club will host and organize (including outings with chosen leaders) the event.

The Traralgon and District Arts Society building was the venue for the Photographic Exhibition and awarding of prizes on Sunday 12 September.

The club thanks the Arts Society for their generous hire fee for the use of their venue for a week.

Ten categories of natural photographs were exhibited- Trees, Flowering shrubs, Wildflowers, Orchids, Ferns and Mosses etc, Fungi etc, Birds, Mammals and Reptiles etc, Insects and spiders etc and Landscapes.

Three of the independent judges gave a favourable

report at the beginning of the event, saying how difficult a job it had been to choose the award winners, and congratulating the photographers on their excellent work.

A Winner and two Highly Commended awards were given in each category.

The overall winner was David Stickney with his Wildflower entry, and was presented with a medallion by member Ken Harris.

David is also President of the club. He, along with Andy Gillham, from Parks Victoria Traralgon, presented the awards.

David then invited Andy to say a few words on the occasion. Andy congratulated the club on fifty years of operation and pro-active involvement with the environment. He said the club had made many positive contributions to the local area, including publishing "The Nature of Latrobe". Many of those involved held very long-standing membership.

Several entrants did extremely well.

David Stickney won two Firsts, and three Highly Commended

Jenny Porter had ten of her photos selected; eight as Highly Commended and one Winner. Ken Smith had the most First places. Estelle Adams won twenty-one Highly Commended. Ken Harris won two categories.

Change to Victoria's Total Fire Ban Districts



Victoria will have nine Total Fire Ban (TFB) districts this fire season - up from five - to align with the nine Victorian Bureau of Meteorology weather districts.

The change will see TFB districts and the national Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) - introduced following a 2009 interim Royal Commission recommendation - apply to the same districts.

Significantly, all local government areas will also be within one of the nine TFB districts avoiding any overlap as was previously the case in some parts of the State.

CFA Chief Executive Officer, Mick Bourke, said the change will officially come into effect in early November.

"This change will mean that when the CFA declares a Total Fire Ban in a district, it will cover the exact same area as the Victorian Bureau of Meteorology weather districts, Fire Danger Ratings and local government boundaries," Mr Bourke said.

"Aligning the boundaries will reduce confusion and increase public awareness in these nine

districts.

"It will make it easier for media and the CFA website to better inform the public and will also more accurately match the TFB districts to the weather that is likely to be experienced in that area."

CFA acting Chief Officer Steve Warrington said people need to know TFB districts.

"Total Fire Bans are declared by district and it is important that people know which district they are in," Mr Warrington said.

"To stay safe this fire season, you need to know if there is a TFB in your district."

The introduction of the new TFB districts follows extensive review and consultation with volunteers, the Bureau of Meteorology, local government, emergency service agencies, water authorities, energy companies and others.

The changes will include:

Aligning all TFB and weather districts with local government boundaries (with the exception of Yarriambiack Shire which is divided along the east-west rabbit fence).

Dividing the existing North Western TFB district forming two

new districts in line with the 'Wimmera' and 'Mallee' weather districts.

Forming two new districts in the north in line with the 'North Central' and 'Northern Country' weather districts. These districts take in part of the

former North Western and North Eastern TFB district and provides four TFB districts north of the Great Divide.

Dividing the Eastern TFB district to form two new districts 'West & South Gippsland' and 'East Gippsland'.

Leaving the South West and Central TFB districts unchanged but aligning their boundaries to associated weather districts and local government boundaries.

A community education campaign will be conducted over the coming months.

Total Fire Bans are declared by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and be difficult to



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control. They can be declared either state-wide or in certain districts on days when the Fire Danger Rating is Very High, Severe, Extreme or Code Red.

People will be alerted to TFB by their local media and on the CFA website. Community signage will be

gradually altered to reflect the changes to TFB districts.

For details on the new TFB districts and information on what you can and cannot do on TFB days visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Local Teams Prepare for the 24 Hour Relay for Life



Gaskin Park will host the Cancer Council of Victoria annual 24hour Relay For Life on Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 November.

Relay For Life is an overnight, community event where teams of between 10 and 15 people participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for the Cancer Council Victoria. Organised by a local volunteer organizing committee on behalf of the Cancer Council Victoria, teams are now busily preparing for the big event.

According to committee Chairperson, Leo Billington, the event brings the whole community together for a day and night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance.

"Relay For Life began in the USA in 1985 and has since amassed a large following across that country as well as many other countries including Australia. Relay for Life is now held in over 23 countries and is the world's largest fundraising event", Leo said.

"Teams are still eligible to enter. Ten to fifteen people is generally a good number so you can roster people to keep the baton going through the 24 hours. More is even better. A team can enter at any time, however, earlier is preferable so the committee can allocate you a camp site and know how many people to cater for.

"There is no age restriction, however, children under 18 must have adult supervision at all times. Teams bring their own camping gear, water and whatever else is considered necessary. It is best to bring light snacks to eat throughout the event.

"There will be food vendors selling coffee, drinks, BBQ and potentially a hot potato van. Breakfast will also be provided on Sunday morning for all team members. There will also be free tea, coffee and water provided throughout the event".

The local committee includes students from Monash University who are completing their degree course in event management through the School of Business and Economics.

They are preparing a comprehensive program which will be given to every team highlighting activities and ceremonies going throughout the day and night. This will include a number of fun activities for everyone to get involved in. Live entertainment throughout the event is being provided.

"When a participant registers, they will receive a Relay For Life polo shirt. Teams are encouraged to dress up, decorate their tents and even a decorated signature baton to pass on to your team. The more festive the event, the better", Leo added.

Anyone interested in more details about entering a team for Relay For Life can contact Sue Heron at Cancer Council Victoria on either 9635 5302 or 0408 459 237.

Room For More

There are many teams entered, but there is room for more and, as in the Valley Angels, team below, some would like more members.

Cost-\$15 per team member

The web site will give you lots of information www.relayforlife.org.au

Persons can register either as a Team Captain, team member or volunteer

Once registered, team captains will receive a team kit which includes – team member handbooks, Relay for Life shirts (one for each registered team member), a fundraising booklet and receipt and banking deposit books.

Participants under the age of 18 Years must have adult supervision at all times.

Team Profiles

Valley Angels

Number of team members: 7 registered and more people welcome to join

Fundraising activities: Using the workplace to sell chocolates and drinks. Shopping Tour arranged for 23 October 2010 - we need more people to register for this.

Reasons for participating: Cancer Council does great work

to research and fight against cancer. Cancer is an illness everyone is vulnerable to, and every person has either had cancer or knows of someone who has, so it touches everyone's life. Relay for Life is a fun and social opportunity to raise funds for this beneficial cause.

Benefits for all team members from participating: An opportunity to catch up and have fun, as well as increase fitness through exercise in a fun environment. Will also give people an opportunity to commemorate people they have lost to cancer and for some to celebrate their survival.

Contact : Helen Spicer: 0414 963 296

The Bad Hair Day Girls

The Bad Hair Day Girls are all members of the Moe and District Cancer Council Volunteer Unit. We are a very small team of volunteers, there are about 8 to 10 people on our team. We do have the odd man join our team, and they don't mind being "girls" for the day.

We have a few family members walk with us and welcome anyone to walk with our team, who do not have a team, and wish to participate on the day. Our Unit is fundraising all year round for the Cancer Council, but we have had a few fundraisers for our Relay for Life Event. We have held raffles, a soup day, and we have a luncheon next week at Tristrom's in Westbury. Our reasons for participating in this Event is akin to our involvement with the Cancer Council.

We have all been affected by Cancer in some way, and our Volunteer Unit is working to raise funds for research, for building a Cancer free future. We have made many friends along the way, and enjoy meeting others, lending an ear to their stories of achievement, of overcoming Cancer and also their loss of loved ones. This is our 9th Relay For Life we have participated in, and we all look forward to the comradeship, of joining in and making a difference, with friends and family, and especially lighting candles as tributes to our loved ones.

Cynthia Rawlings

Campbell Page

Number of team members -9

Fundraising activities -Trivia night

Reasons for participating - Put back into the community

Benefits for all team members from participating -the ability to contribute to a good cause.

Lap Dawgz

We have 15 members, though 3 still haven't gotten around to registering properly; they've just been participating in our fund-raising activities so far.

Our activities have included a sausage sizzle, a PS3 LAN party and a trivia night, which is to be held this Saturday night at the Morwell Top Pub.

Our main reason for participating in the Relay For Life is that it's for a good cause (most of us know someone who has been affected by cancer) and it's also a fun way to get together and be social and do something different.

The main benefit our team gets from participating is the chance to hang out with friends and family and feel good about doing something positive for a good cause.

The Boolarra Stompers (we figure that that is what we'd be doing)

Number of Team Members - We have 40 paid up members with a possibility of 3more. The number of people wanting to take part in this worthwhile event has blown me away. (But not far enough away that I can't be around to be part of it all)

Fundraising activities includes Christmas Hamper draws, guessing the number of lollies in a jar, a lucky draw for a mans and a ladies



bike, car boot sale, Father's Day hamper raffle. Lucky draw for a painting by local artist-Hanny deBruyn, a Trivia Night and we have also had some donations along the way.

Reasons for participating - Well, some of us are survivors of cancer. Others because they have lost a family member or friend through cancer. Then there are the ones that just want to support a cause by having some fun to do it. Only a very few have had their arms twisted to talk them into doing this.

Our members are from all parts of our small community, some well known and some not so well known, but we all have the same outcome in our minds

Benefits to the Team Members from Participating - It's the pleasure of being part of a team, which along with other teams from the region showing a force against this dreaded illness. It's also meeting new people from our community which we haven't met before, putting names to the faces, or for my part, putting faces to the names.

In one way or another we are all Celebrating, Remembering and Fighting Back.

Go The Relay

Kaamanaa (Good Wish)

Kaamanaa is a wish to someone that we love, care and worry about for his/her wellbeing according to Nepalese language.

Number of team members: Currently registered about 14 members (including kids). Although we are not sure how many will turn up on the event day, because some of the team members are coming down from Melbourne.

Fundraising activities: Being first time participants, we haven't done any activities apart from small gathering & talks. We forward emails, talk on Face book & Telephone friends/workmates & families informing about our participation in the Relay for Life. Basically, we will be learning from other participants, who have done this previously.

Reasons for participating: Firstly, I am a cancer survivor. Secondly, Relay for Life is happening in local town and also my friends and families are helping and encouraging me to participate in the event.

Benefits for all team members from participating: Certainly we will be learning a lot from participating in the event such as, friendship with other participants, integration and association with wider communities and at the end satisfaction through success.

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Dr. Melanie Birks

Monash University School of Nursing and Midwifery

Dr. Melanie Birks is the Acting Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

During a visit to her office, she reported on the following aspects of the school's activities.

Visit of Nursing Students from Japan

Ten student nurses from Japan's Hiroshima International University visited the Monash School of Nursing and Midwifery. These students found it interesting to compare their own course content with what happens here at Gippsland, as well as discuss the issues and concerns of professional nursing. One notable difference is that they are not required to do night shifts while training.

These students were accompanied by their professor and two Registered Nurses who are studying post graduate work.

Visits of Nurses From Malaysia

This month three Registered Nurses from Malaysia are visiting. They are Nurse Educators and are sponsored by the Malaysian Government to come and study Monash School of Nursing and Midwifery practices. This will help with their teaching and assessment in Malaysia. Their three week stay will help them gain experience of nursing and clinical education.

Research Candidate Conference

This conference is run by the Victorian Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery. It is hosted by Monash and is to be held in

Melbourne.

It is a gathering of higher degree students, PhDs, and Masters Students that will include representatives from three campuses of Monash - Clayton, Peninsula and Gippsland

Higher degree students at Gippsland are required to come together twice a year and present a progress report on their research work and study. Currently there are 12 PhD students enrolled in the School at Gippsland.

This reporting process enables the students obtain feedback from the audience which is very beneficial.

Three keynote speakers will also address the conference.

Mid Year Intake of Students

Thirty people mostly enrolled or Division 2 Nurses have been accepted in this intake.

They begin the course on a part time load for 18 months. It is proposed that many of them will then will continue their studies at the Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, as an outreach model, so that students from the Bairnsdale area can continue their studies while staying in their home area.

Next year this load can increase to greater than 1 day a week depending on classes and subjects studied.

This model allows the students to continue to work and support themselves and more easily balance their work and family commitments, while easing themselves into life as a tertiary

study.

Mohammad Al-Motlaq: PhD Candidate

Mohammad has been in Australia for four years now, researching and studying the "effectiveness of the Asthma Friendly Schools Program in primary schools".

At least one primary in each shire of Gippsland has been included in the study.

Mohammed is close to finishing his research.

Since coming to Australia, Mohammad, who is from Jordan, has married a lady from Jordan-Majd. Mohammad says she is a wonderful support to him in his work.

Mohammad has also been able to help the School of Nursing and Midwifery while here, with many other research projects. Dr Birks says his work has been invaluable, having written fifteen papers. Seven of them have been accepted for publication.

Mohammad has also attended and presented at conferences in Australia and overseas. He will be one of the presenters at the Research Candidates Conference.

Asked how he has found life here in Australia, he says it has been a time of great learning, not only academic, but also cultural, and how to interact with others.

When his time here is finished, Mohammad will return to Jordan and take up a position at the Hashemite University as an Assistant Professor.



Mohammad Al-Motlaq



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To help get your views, I have commenced letterboxing Churchill with a questionnaire which I would greatly appreciate being completed and returned to the address listed.

For example, many people have expressed concerns to me that the Morwell – Churchill section of Monash Way needs upgrading to increase safety. Do you think additional passing lanes would work as a short term measure? Is a divided road for the full distance the ultimate answer? I have also received complaints that the current Churchill bus services could be improved. What additional services do you feel are needed?

At a broader level, I am sure we are all concerned about pressures from the environment movement and the Greens that appear to threaten the future of the Valley's brown coal and timber based industries. Certainly there is no denying that the Valley faces a challenging future.

However, discussions I have had with key State Labor Government Ministers give me confidence that there are positive opportunities for us immediately and in the future. I will expand on that theme in the next edition of this paper. But let me point out that I believe we would be in a much stronger position in the next term of government if our local member had a seat at the government table rather than sitting in opposition as is currently the situation.

Through my activities as a local councillor, my former role with Gippsland Trades and Labour Council and as an official of CFMEU, I have always had a strong involvement in the economic development of our community. I believe this experience would serve the Valley well in the challenging years ahead.

For those of you who haven't yet met me, I am a 'born and bred' Valley local, a family man, a blue collar power industry worker and local councillor. I have always been totally committed to advancing the prosperity and liveability of our community.

Graeme Middlemiss
ALP candidate for the State seat of Morwell.

*Authorised by Keith Hamilton 26 Canterbury Way
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The students were able to dress up in the CFA uniforms
CFA: Brigades In Schools

Churchill North Primary School has participated in the Brigades in Schools program over the last three weeks of term three.

Three trained brigade members delivered the program and its important messages:

- A working smoke detector is essential
- Matches are tools not toys. They are for adults to use.
- If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and roll.
- Crawl low in smoke. Get down low and go, go, go.
- Have a home fire escape plan

which the whole family works out and practices.

- Be aware of fire hazards in your home and how to eliminate them.

- Be aware of substances which give off vapours and their potential to cause fires.

The final week was a visit of the tanker and pumper to the school for the grades Prep-4, in which they learnt the reason for the fire trucks and what they carry in the way of equipment for fighting fires. The grade 5s and 6s had a visit to the fire station where

they had a tour of the station building. Then they rotated through five groups, learning about how water is taken from the fire hydrant, pumped into the pumper and the tanker. They had a squirt of the hose. They also had a try at bowling out a length of hose and dressed up in fire fighters rural uniform.

The children seemed very excited, interested and engaged. Many asked questions at the final assembly in the meeting room.



Grade 5 and 6 students learning how to bowl the hoses

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Five Scots at Morwell Rotary

Val Jones
Publicity Officer, Morwell Rotary Club

Rotarians had a very amusing and informative talk last week at the Morwell Rotary Club. Gavin Dykes talked to members about his experiences in 'Show Business' with the 'Five Scots'. Arriving in Australia in 1952, he began working for APM in Morwell. Gavin was called upon for entertaining fund raising groups in the Morwell and neighboring areas. Together with his friends from the Caledonian Pipe Band, Alex, George, Jimmy and Bob, they began to entertain locals with their own renditions of some great old favourites. They did not take themselves seriously and yet their success amazed them. The 'Five Scots', as they were lovingly titled, gave performances locally and through the attraction of television found themselves performing on popular shows, namely New Faces, IMT and other Melbourne produced shows. Gavin had everyone singing, laughing and enjoying the night enormously.

Pictured above is Gavin Dykes with Val Wilson a Rotarian and a friend from his school days. Pictured right: The Five Scots.



Churchill & District News Celebrity Chef

October's celebrity chef, Jacques Conil, steps into Churchill straight from the pages of 'The Encyclopaedia of Creative Cooking', published by George Barber, Sydney.

THE FOOD OF LATIN AMERICA

Flamboyant colour, romance and excitement are typical of the South American way of life and are reflected

in its food. Although meat is important, especially beef and pork, many dishes are made from simple and inexpensive ingredients. Unusual blends of meat, vegetables and fruits are warmly spiced and richly nourishing. Latin America has many vegetables which may seem exotic to the western cook but they are widely available, easy to use and bring a deliciously different taste to the dinner table.

GAUCHO PIE

1 aubergine (eggplant) about 350 g
225 g noodles or macaroni
2 tablespoons oil
2 onions chopped
1 red or green pepper, de-seeded, chopped
1 green chilli sliced (optional)
2 cloves garlic peeled and crushed
3 tomatoes skinned and chopped
100 g corn kernels
225 g cooked beef, diced
25 g butter
25 g flour
2 cups beef stock
2 egg yolks, beaten
¼ cup breadcrumbs

2 teaspoons chopped parsley
2 tablespoons melted butter
Salt and pepper

Slice the aubergine, salt and leave to stand for 30 minutes. Rinse and dry.

Meanwhile boil the noodles or macaroni in salted water until just tender; drain.

Fry aubergine slices in the oil until golden; set aside. Fry the onion, red or green pepper, green chilli, garlic and tomatoes for 4 mins. Mix in the corn kernels.

Preheat the oven to 180 C. In a greased, oven proof dish, arrange ingredients as follows: aubergine,

diced beef seasoned with salt and pepper, mixed fried vegetables and finally the noodles.

Make a roux with the butter and flour. Add beef stock gradually, stirring well. Pour the liquid over the egg yolks in a bowl. Return to pan and stir for 2-3 mins over gentle heat until thickened.

Pour the sauce over the noodles and bake for 20 – 30 mins. Sprinkle the dish with the breadcrumbs, chopped parsley and melted butter. Return to the oven for 5 minutes until top is crisp and golden.

Serve with a fresh, green salad.

Serves 6

Busy Fingers U3A Exhibition and Latrobe City Brass Band Music

Latrobe Valley University of the 3rd Age Inc with the Latrobe City Brass Band Inc will have an exhibition of art and craft, course information and displays, with opening night music from Latrobe City Brass Band from Friday 5 November to Sunday 7 November in Morwell Town Common Pavilion Bandroom. This is located at the corner of Chapel and Elgin Streets in Morwell, near the Community Playground. Entry is from Chapel Street and there is wheelchair access. There will be an excellent display of art in various styles, craft, calligraphy and patchwork along with examples of other skills and a variety of gifts and items available for purchase. Members of the Band and U3A will be available to meet and greet visitors to this excellent, informative and interesting event. There will be no weather worries as everything is under cover.

Latrobe Valley U3A has over 200 participating members, with classes and groups covering many topics including arts, crafts, languages, music, writing, a book group, sociology, communication and lots more. Membership is open to all 'mature' people. Courses are run by volunteers and according to member requests with the teachers mainly drawn from within the group. Being a member of the U3A network is a great way to meet people, increase knowledge and share experience and expertise with others at a low cost.

Musicians from the Band will also be on hand to share information about the Brass Band. Learning and playing music is great fun and those of any age or experiences are welcome to join in. The health benefits of having busy fingers and active minds is well known.

Busy Fingers Spring Exhibition Arts & Craft – Latrobe Valley U3A Inc

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LV U3A: 5127 7061

2010 Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza

The "Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza" was a great success in 2009 when some 352 garden-lovers descended on the picturesque township to visit the gardens opened for the day. On Sunday 7 November this year, between 10.00am and 4.30pm, it's on again, with 8 diversely different gardens being opened, most for the first time. Several of the gardens were badly burnt in the fires, the owners have been working very hard trying to restore the gardens to their former glory.

Located in a secluded valley bordering the forested foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the small township of Boolarra is blessed with a host of private gardens just waiting to be appreciated ... and at mid-Spring, they will all be at their blooming best.

\$10 will provide access to all of the gardens, a program and a button badge which is your entry into the gardens. Children under

15 will be admitted free, however dogs cannot be permitted. Tickets may be purchased on the day in Boolarra from in Railway Park or from the 'Boolarra Plants' Nursery, and will be issued with an accompanying Garden Location Map. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to local community groups.

While visitors will be welcome to use the picnic table facilities in Boolarra's Railway Park for Lunch, the Pony Club will hold a 'Sausage Sizzle' in the Park and the nearby Boolarra Shop will have take-away food for sale. There will be Devonshire Teas available in the Boolarra hall, and tea & coffee at one of the gardens

The Community Plant Sale will be on again this year at the Boolarra Primary School during the day. Hosted by the Primary School, the sale will offer a wide array of plants donated by the wider Boolarra community.

Churchill & District News Writing Competition 2010

Winner: 8 – 10 Poetry Brendan Hansford War Poem

Noses are red, feet are blue,
there is no more water and the rats ate the stew.
People are fighting, people are dying,
I hate this war, it is a bore.
We are fighting against the Japanese.
I begged not to go, I even said please.
My friends are dead, they are covered in red.
This war is bad, I am sad.
I will fight into the night, and hope the snakes will not bite.
It is ten years after the war in Flanders Field,
And I no longer have a weapon I can wield.
Every week I visit Flanders Field to remember my friend, whom I wish
wasn't dead.
Now that the land is peaceful again,
I can put away my weapon in peace.
I hope that there will not be another war,
and that they won't come knocking back on my door.

Once upon a time a little baby was lying in a little blanket. It was a girl. Just then a daddy and mummy wolf took the baby girl. They wanted to take her so they took her to their house. They kept the baby girl until the baby girl was getting too big to stay with them.

The Baby Girl and the Wolves Hayley Brooker Under 7: Runner Up



Winner: 8 – 10 Short Story Tullic Welbourne Armadillo's Friend

Armadillo was always being curious. He was curious about small things and curious about big things but life wasn't so easy being curious.

The animals at school called him 'Sticky Nose' and the bullies at school called him names much worse like 'Curious Noodle'!

Bullant was one of the animals that went to Armadillo's school. Bullant was a bully, he was always pushing Armadillo around and this day Bullant pushed Armadillo too far. He made Armadillo feel very sad and lonely. Armadillo decided it was time to go on a quest of a lifetime, a quest to find a friend.

Next day after school, Armadillo asked his mother if he could go out. "Where?" asked his mother. "The forest," said Armadillo and his mother said, "Yes but be careful." Armadillo curled up into a ball and rolled himself all the way into the forest. Just then, Armadillo bumped into something. Curiously, he uncurled himself and looked up. It was a big grizzly bear but the bear didn't want to be Armadillo's friend. He wanted to eat Armadillo! Being curious was sometimes extremely dangerous, so he quickly curled himself up and rolled away from the hungry bear.

Armadillo looked everywhere for a friend but he did not find one.

Armadillo soon became tired and he rested at the bottom of a big old tree. A tear fell from his eye. The forest was silent and Armadillo felt friendless and scared because he was all alone.

Suddenly Armadillo could sense someone nearby. Someone was watching him. Just then Armadillo realised he had a friend all along. "It's you, it's you," he shouted with excitement. "It's you the one reading my story." Armadillo rolled faster than ever before all the way home to tell his mother about his wonderful quest.

Armadillo never felt alone again but he was still always curious.



How the pig got it's tail.



How the Pig got its Tail Emily McCulloch 8 - 10 Years: Presentation Award

Ghost Shyanne Post Under 7 Winner



Shyanne reads her story to an appreciative audience at the Presentation Evening



Life through a Different Set of Eyes

Samantha Elliston

Winner: 11 - 13 Short Story

From the richest wood that was left simmering with the old remains of trees through the ages, I was made. My tight metal strings were tightened against my fret board with care. There I stood. The first Martin guitar. My creator was an elderly man whose love for his work drove his life. He lifted my glossy frame up and into a big black case. The front was labeled "Made in 1898. Martin & Co." This small workshop, the face of an elderly and hard working man was the last thing I ever saw. Or so I thought.

54 Years Later: (1902)

After so long in that satin-lined case I finally hear a noise. A noise that sounds like a moving car, the wheels rolling along the stone filled road. The laughter of children echo through what seem to be thick walls. As the sounds fade into the distance a man's voice rings through the air. BUMP! Whatever seemed to be carrying me suddenly lowered me to the ground with a jolt shaking all through the case. The sound of my latches opening fill my hollowed out body. Within seconds, my case is open and a midwinter breeze brushes across my polished surface. Alas, it isn't midwinter breeze, it's a gush of cold air from the pit of a basement. The young man who opened my case wears a uniform with an eight-pointed star on a patch. Below reads "Smithsonian Museum." Here I am, in the most beautiful museum in the world with a dream to be on display to be shown to the world, for all nations to see.

58 Years Later: (2010)

China, Japan, Canada, Paris – just a few countries I

have travelled through in the past 50 years. I have been to many museums, but never on display, always in the dark and cold basement. This cold black case has only ever been opened once - to be polished- but as soon as that case opened, it shut. But today everything will change. I am going to a new home and this time, hopefully for good. No more moving from this part of the world to that part of the world. The London museum is a lovely place, but not one that I fit. Just as my thoughts drift into the distance and old man's weak footsteps tap along the ground. He walks towards me slowly and soon comes to halt. He picks up my tattered old black case and carries me to a truck after my seller has been paid. He lifts me over his head puts me into the big bulky truck. The rough old engine starts after it is over its stalling. The car drives and drives along the bumpy road to Scotland.

The truck finally comes to an unexpected stop. The truck door shuts with a slam. The old man carries me out of the truck and into a fire-warmed room filled with the smell of hot tea.

I land on the ground with a thump. My latches slowly unclick. The old man's kind and friendly face reminds me of the elderly man who created me. A 'Martin & Co' sign hangs above the arch that leads out of this room. Out the window is a group of hardworking men stripping trees of their wood. And another case of Déjà vu hits me. This is no ordinary man, but a descendant of my creator. I am home. But this time, I am really home. For Good.



Samantha Elliston with Merrilyn and Reg Grissotto from the Churchill Lionesses and Lions

Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring

Michaela Telford

Winner: 11 - 13 Poetry

Summer

Summer is the time to swim and sunbake,
You can swim at the beach or just in a lake
It's the perfect time to eat cold ice-creams
Either inside
Or under the sun's hot beams.
In summer people's number 1
Is to swim at the beach
It's so much fun.

Making sandcastles or jumping in pools.
When it's summer you can forget all the rules
We must say goodbye to summer again
It will be a memory,
A memory to remain.

Autumn

Autumn is when leaves fall to the ground,
That's how you know Autumn's around
Leaves can be purple or yellow or red,
When I'm outside leaves fall on my head
Leaves go from green to yellow to gold
My birthdays in Autumn, I'll be 13 years old
My favourite colour leaf might be brown
Or even gold, the colour of a crown.

Winter

Winter is the season when snowflakes fall down,
Soon snow will cover the entire ground
Kids making snowmen with a carrot for a nose,
You need to wear socks or you'll get very cold toes
To keep us warm we have fireplaces
If we're not warm we will have very sad faces
Winter will go and Spring will come
But that doesn't matter because we had fun!

Spring

Spring is the time when babies are born
Spring is not Summer, but the weathers still warm.
Spring is the time to see all the flowers
The sun is out but we still have some showers
My favourite flower is a tulip
We have nice cool drinks, 'Can I have a sip?'
Spring is my favourite season of the year
When I hear Spring is coming I jump and I cheer.

A Twist in the Tale

Grady Just

Winner: 14 - 18 Poetry

In the land far away, of purple and pink
Down in some reeds by a pond, I think
Lived one little toad and a frog nearby,
But they never met as the frog was shy.
Whenever the toad wandered near
The timid frog would disappear;
He'd hide in the water or the reeds above,
For the poor little frog was mad in love.
Down by the water's edge walked a girl
With purple hair and a purple curl;
Clearly visible by anyone near

On the cheek of the girl rolled a very small tear.
The girl was the daughter of the King at Pink Towers
And she had to be married in less than five hours;
For such was the custom, when she reached eighteen,
She'd be given in marriage to the prince last seen.
But if the prince chosen did not consent,
Down the line of princes last seen she went;
It wasn't that there weren't princes galore,
But they were all unhandsome, not brave or a bore.
Then a sudden movement caught the princess' eye
It was the poor frog that was crawling by,
Alas he was so busy lost in thought,
That he didn't see the hand till he was caught.
Now in the land it was very rare
To see anything but pink or purple there,
(The colour pink was even the sky)
So an odd colour was valued extremely high.
The frog was the most beautiful thing she'd seen,
The skin's dark tone and the shade of the green:
She loved it so that she couldn't resist,
And on the frog's head she planted a kiss.
Immediately the frog blew up in smoke
Causing the poor princess to gasp and choke;
And when the haze had faded away,
Visible on the grass a young prince lay.
In royal green robes the prince was dressed,
But being near to the princess the man felt pressed,
To find a place to hide he strove,
And so back into the pond the scared prince dove.

The Faded Photograph

Naomi Ipsen: Winner 14 - 16 Short Story

She could only just make out the image in the faded photograph. The man's hair was barely visible underneath the layer of dust, which she carefully dusted away from the paper's surface. His sideburns were, she could see, distinctive yet slim, framing his square face quite handsomely. She could see his dulling smile, white-teethed and wide and cheerful, putting creases around his dark eyes. Those eyes. Even though the dust speckled his visage and the creases suggested contentment, the man's eyes were shadowed and reclusive. Sad.

That's right; she could remember now. He had been quiet, gentle and reclusive. Yes, she could remember him sitting by the fire quietly smoking his cigar. Not a word to his young wife, not a word to his baby girl playing by his chair. She pictured in her mind, the photograph unheeded in her hand, his occasional outbursts of flaring temper — and then those fewer times when he would finally smile, laugh, jest or play with his young daughter. The girl had loved those times, the woman remembered with a reflective look in her blue eyes and an almost sad smile.

Natalie. That had been the man's wife's name. Their daughter they had called Natalie Rose Bridget, after the wife, her mother, and his mother. Natalie had called the baby Rose to prevent confusion.

Oh, it was all coming back to her now as she gazed at the photograph. He had been so cheerful and kind, before the war. But he had come back with a wounded leg, shipped back with the other wounded, dead and dying, and he hadn't gone back into combat. The wound on his leg left him with a permanent limp. He had eventually grown used to his walking stick, but he had sometimes yelled at little Rose when she tried to play with the leather strap on the top of the stick. She would then retreat to Natalie's comforting skirts with a little whimper of worry.

It was like a dream — watching the happenings of this man's life like a recorded tape being played before her eyes. She closed her eyes, sat down slowly on the bed, fingered the photograph, and let herself up to the memories of how he had lived.

He had met Natalie at a bakery exactly a year before war had been declared. She had been the sweet girl behind the counter, taking orders. They became friends, and soon he was asking her out quite frequently, Natalie's sister Nancy, herself recently engaged to a Mr Matthew McKenzie, was delighted for Natalie. She often pushed her sister firmly out the door, taking the bakery alone, while Natalie walked through the park or went to the cinema with her dear Ralph. Their parents, poor and humble, were overjoyed that this lovely young gentleman was taking such an interest in their beautiful daughter. But it still came as a shock when they had announced they were engaged. There had been a small hullabaloo when they demanded why hadn't she asked them first, but she soon pacified them and the two were married with a small, modest

church service in her hometown, Melbourne. Just eleven months later Rose had been born. Four months later, he had left for war. Natalie had farewelled him with a babe in her arms and tears streaming down her cheeks.

He had returned when Rose was thirteen months old. He had been gone for nine months, and Natalie greeted him with a child clinging to her skirts, toddling by her side, and a newborn baby in her slightly plump arms.

The woman again looked at the photograph. Ralph Mitchell Norris was written in faded script on the back. Died 1856, aged 39.

He hadn't known Natalie was pregnant when he left; neither had she. But it was a wonderful gift for a homecoming, he had smiled, as he gently kissed his daughter Rose, stroked baby Nathaniel's cheek, and then pulled his wife into an embrace of which he seemed to never release her. She had drawn back, sobbing and laughing at the same time, and together the small family had walked back to the hotel in town.

The woman's eyes filled with tears as more and more scenes filled her mind as she remembered the young Norris family. How she had, though young at the time, been grief-stricken at the accidental death of little Nathaniel. He had drowned on his parent's farm, in the dam, which his father was planning to have filled in within a month. He had been four. His mother never really recovered. After that, the Norris house was quiet, and barely had any visitors.

The furnishings were always clean though threadbare and sparse, and the housekeeping was always finished neatly; but Natalie, after the return of her husband and the obvious change in his nature, and then the death of her young boy, seldom spoke and only when necessary; her work seemed to always be done automatically, with no further thought from the saddened young woman.

The house had previously been cheerful, light and clean, often serenaded with Natalie's strong, beautiful contralto singing hymns. But now it was quiet and cheerless. Ralph spent most of his time in the paddocks of his farm, working with the one other man, Aboriginal Thomas, or sitting by the fire, smoking his cigar, trying to drown his memories with silence and brooding. Rose had found the evenings the worst, the woman remembered. She opened her eyes and tried to force away from her memory the image of the two Norris parents sitting silently, away from each other, on separate seats each staring into the flames, occupied with their own thoughts.

She remembered that Rose had, nearly every night, put herself to bed. She preferred going to bed early, even while the sun was still up, to staying downstairs and enduring hours of silence. She had often recruited Natalie's sister, Nancy, to read her story after story in her small, dark attic bedroom that they both loved. The last ten years of Ralph's life had been miserable for him, Natalie and Rose. When he died at thirty-nine Natalie



Naomi Ipsen and Neil Lawson from International Power Hazelwood

had sobbed herself to sleep for nearly six months. At the age of twelve, Rose had been sent to boarding school; Natalie had moved back to Melbourne soon after. Living with her parents, Natalie had slowly overcome her grief. But she had never seen Rose again; she died two years later, while Rose was still at boarding school. The news came from Natalie's mother Rose with a telegram. Your mother died during the night Stop You will live with us Stop The funeral will be on Thursday Stop Please come Stop Your grandparents Rose and Earl.

The young woman wiped away the tears from her cheeks and traced the words on the back of the photograph with one slim fingertip.

Ralph Mitchell Norris Died 1856, aged 39

"Ralph," Nancy whispered to the photograph dusted in fibers and faded with age, "you lived through a lot. You tried so hard for your family, but war killed all of your soul. I haven't forgotten you. We all loved you. I will always remember you all."

Then, vainly trying to wipe away the flood of tears, Nancy McKenzie stood up and placed the photograph back in the dresser drawer.



Grady Just receives his prize from Cr Ed Vermeulen

The March

Kay Ruane

Winner: Adult Poetry

The crowd are waving flags and cheering
As they line the Melbourne street
Today is the twenty fifth of April
We can hear the march of feet.
Its Anzac day and you are marching
Your ranks are thin and few
But at your side are the young ones
The spirit of Anzac, they renew.
I see a feeble hand is waving
From the window of a car
For you are aged and weary
And the distance is too far.
Your eyes have lost their colour
With the passing of the years
As I gaze at your aging face
My eyes well up with tears.
Those eyes have witnessed horrors
That we can never know

But you don't speak about war
Or your encounter with the foe.
I see sons supporting fathers
Wearing medals won with pride
The faces tell the story
As old mates march, side by side.
The band played Waltzing Matilda
As you, marched off to wars
We were glad to see you heroes
Return from foreign shores.
Time passes all too swiftly
Time dims our memories too
Today it's time to remember
As old friendships you renew.
You are passing on a message
To generations that are to come
You deserve our admiration
And our thanks, for a job well done!

Lessons Learnt from Under the Table

Robert Waller

Winner: Adult Short Story

When I was just a young boy, in the fifties, I spent a lot of time under tables. In My mother's warm and aromatic kitchen I would sit for hours under the old wooden table looking at the pictures in the paper and making up stories to go with the images of people and places. I felt safe in my little world of make believe and fantasy. A wall of white tablecloth enclosed my space just as securely as any stone wall surrounding an ancient castle.

Big feet and small, walk, run and skip their way around my table as my parents, brother and sisters go about their daily routines oblivious to the other world under the table.

These days there is a label for little kids like myself, Aspersers syndrome or Autism, but back then people just thought I was a bit strange. Mom and Dad got used to their little boy hiding under the table and after getting their feet hit with spoons if they came too close, my siblings learnt to leave me alone too.

I didn't talk much, if at all, but this did not mean I was not listening. I followed every conversation intently and would then spend hours puzzling over the meaning of the words others had spoken. At times I was amused by things that I heard and at times I was traumatized by the words and the interpretation I put on them.

My father was a very ill man. He had gone away to war a very healthy and fit young man only to return as a shadow of his former self. Lungs scarred by shrapnel put an end to his dreams of running in the Olympics and football, for him, was now just a spectator sport. He spent a lot of time in and out of the Repatriation Hospital in Melbourne.

One day, as I sat quietly under my table, Dad shuffled his way into the kitchen. He went up to Mom and put his arms around her. He spoke quietly. "This might be my last visit to the Repat, love, and we need to start thinking about what you and the kids will do if I don't make it." Under my table, I sat very still. What did he mean? Why would he not be coming back? He always came back. I started to cry softly. I watched helplessly as the feet of my parents walked together around the table and through the door to the dining room. My father shut the door. I was alone.

A few days later Dad heads off to the hospital. He gives us all a cuddle and hug and says his goodbyes. The other children don't seem to be bothered by his leaving but they don't share my chilling secret, he may not return. Time seems to stand still as I spend countless hours huddled in my cave in the kitchen. My mother's feet approach the table a few weeks later. I reach out a trembling hand and touch her leg. She jumps in surprise. She carefully lifts up the edge of the tablecloth. She looks down at me.

"What did you do that for you little rascal?" She asked softly. I decided to speak. "Is Daddy dead?" Mom looked at me in astonishment. "No, no your father is not dead, Robert dear, he is only in hospital, he will come home soon you wait and see." There was a tear in her eye. Her hand was shaking as she

slowly lowered the tablecloth.

Dad did come home. This time.

A different table, a different house in a different town. I am still the same shy little boy, just a few years older. A small dog now shares my space under the kitchen table. A radio sits on the mantelpiece. Mom and Dad are having a cup of tea. The news comes on. The Russians have launched another rocket into space. Sputnik 2 is now circling far above the earth with a passenger, a little dog named Laika. It's November 1957 and to a little boy of seven these are very exciting times.

I pat my own little puppy, and hold him tight, as I listen to the story of Laika and his wonderful adventure into space. I imagine for a moment that I too am a space traveler with my trusty dog beside me.

The news is over. Dad turns off the radio. He sits down beside my mother. "That poor little dog, fancy circling round and round the earth only to slowly starve to death." My father quietly whispers. My Mom reaches under the table and places her hand on my little dog. He licks her fingers. I sit there in shock. Tears flow down my cheeks. Why do grownups do the things they do? Poor Laika was going to die. I pull the puppy to me and hug him to my chest. He licks the tears from my face.

The kitchen of our neighbors' house. I like Betty Jarvis. Her house is full of laughing, happy children. As well as her own three kids, Mrs Jarvis adopted four other children and so her home was always full of laughter as little children played games, ate lollies and cake, and ran amok. This was very bewildering to me, so I usually disappeared under her kitchen table.

One day I noticed that Mrs Jarvis had heavy scarring on her legs. I peeked up at her from under the table and saw that her bare arms had been scarred too.

"Mrs Jarvis?" I whispered. "Dear me, is that a little mouse speaking to me from under there?" She replied. "What happened to your arms and legs?" I asked timidly. To my surprise, she sat down on the floor beside me. "It's a long story, young Robert and, perhaps I shouldn't even tell you." Tears had appeared at the corner of her eyes. I reached out and took her hand. I had seen Mom and Dad do this when one of us kids cried. To my surprise, she gave me a hug. "I think I will tell you, but, please don't tell the other kids." The tale she told was one of horror, betrayal and hurt. During the depression, her father had burned down their house to collect the insurance money. He had been out of work like so many others and had become desperate. He collected the money and they moved to the country where, eventually, he found work. A few years later things went wrong again for her father and he was soon deep in debt. He decided to burn the house down once more but he knew the insurance company would be very suspicious of yet another fire. The plan he came up with was both desperate and despicable. He would set fire to the house with the kids still inside. When the fire brigade turned up, he would break the

kid's bedroom window and rescue them.

The fire truck was slow in arriving. Betty and her little sister banged on their bedroom door. Why had their father locked them inside? Smoke started to fill the room. Flames appeared under the door. The two girls crawled under the bed. The peeling wallpaper burst into flames. Betty screamed for her father. The flames found her and her sister. Smashing glass. Their bleeding father appeared through the flames and smoke. Picking them up in his arms he

staggered to the window. With the last of his strength, he dropped them through the flames to the waiting arms of neighbors below. The fire consumed him and his guilt.

Little Betty woke up in a hospital bed. She was covered in bandages from head to toe. A nurse leaned over her and gave her an encouraging little smile. "Please miss. Why did Daddy lock the door?" The pain was too much for her little body and she slipped into unconsciousness once more. Both her father and sister were dead. Her mother was broken hearted and never recovered. Under the table as Betty shared this tale of tragedy with me, my eyes were opened to a world I could not comprehend. I put my little arms around her. She lowered her head to my shoulder and wept openly. The two of us rocked back and forth. The sound of children laughing and playing outside came to us through the open window.

October 1962. The Cuban missile crisis plunges the world into despair. Nuclear war was imminent. In retaliation for the United States deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe capable of destroying Russia the Soviets began building missile silos in Cuba. President Kennedy of the United States issued an ultimatum to the Soviets. If they did not dismantle the missile silos, the United States would attack Russia with nuclear warheads.

I was now a bit older and had not ventured under a table for some time. Mom and Dad were discussing the crisis one night during tea. For the first time ever all of us children were silent. We followed the conversation with fear in our hearts. Grownups were doing it again. The childish and selfish behavior of adults the world over once again had the world on the brink of war. War this time would mean the end of the earth. I longed to escape under the table. How secure is a world for children when the world is managed by adults that seem to be children themselves?

An agreement was reached, in secret, between the United States and the Soviets. The Russians dismantled the missile silos and the United States de-activated their missiles in Europe.

I no longer hide under tables. I still listen to people having conversations. Sometimes I wish I was deaf. Perhaps I should just stop listening. Have you listened to a conversation lately?

I wonder how many children there are around the world right now hiding under tables. Listening. I feel for them.

Whodunit?

Anne Beschle

Winner: Whodunit!

"Who did it?"
"Whodunnit?"
"That's right. Who did it?"

Four pairs of eyes looked up at their mother, four innocent faces looked puzzled. If they weren't so grubby they would look like angels their mother thought.

"Who done what mum?"

Mother turned and pointed to the dresser where a broken plate sat on the shelf in front of its twin. The plate was in pieces and tiny shards could still be seen on the floor beneath the dresser.

"Somebody has broken grandmother's plate. She brought that to Australia from England in 1847 and gave it to me when I got married."

Mick the eldest frowned.

"You mean the ugly ones, the ones dad hates?" Mother flushed slightly.

"Well, they may not be the prettiest plates but they're an heirloom. I've been in the milking shed, your father left early to take the sheep to the sale yards which leaves only four suspects."

Eight eyes gazed at her, four heads shook. Five year old Willy was blushing, but he always blushed when confronted with situations like this so it wasn't taken as an

admission of guilt. Ten year old twins, David and Tommy, gazed at each other and then back to their mother. Mick at eleven was the leader of the gang. He put his hand on Willy's shoulder as the small boy moved closer to his hero. Mick shook his head solemnly.

"Wasn't us mum. Wasn't any of us."

Clearly mother was getting angry. Willy piped up, "Maybe I did it in my sleep, or maybe I did it without knowing?"

Mick squeezed his shoulder. "You've been with us all day stupid." Willy's blush faded and enlightenment came. "I didn't do it either," he piped up.

Mother pulled a chair out and sat on it. The four boys knew what was coming. Mother was very big on truth and lies. Mick could recite the coming lecture verbatim, David and Tommy could recite most of it. Even little Willy knew the first part off by heart.

Life was hard on the farm in those years immediately after the Great War. Times were harsh and it was important for families to stick together, to help each other and most importantly to tell each other the truth ... always. Mother again explained about outright lies and about lying by omission. If one of the boys did something wrong and refused to own up, the others had a duty to either tell their

parents or urge him to confess. Each of the four boys would die before dobbing on another but thought that their mother, being a woman, wouldn't understand this.

Lecture finished she gazed at them expectantly. She loved them all dearly but truth and lies were an important part of her creed and couldn't be ignored.

"Perhaps we had a burglar and he broke it when he tried to steal it?" David suggested.

Tommy laughed. "If I were a burglar I wouldn't try and steal no ugly plate. I'd go for the food."

Mick disagreed. "I'd go for the money in dad's office then make off with the loot."

Willy was reluctant to be left out. "Well," he said gazing up at his mother, "I'd go for mum's jewels. That big brooch we bought her last Christmas. The one with all the shiny coloured jewels on that she wears on her Sunday coat. That's what I'd pinch. Those plates are so ugly I'd stay right away from them."

"Well, they are all nice stories," mother said, "but nevertheless you boys were the only people around the house so one of you has broken a plate and is refusing to own up. So all of you must be punished. No trip into town this afternoon."

The faces confronting her suddenly wore horrified expressions.

"Mum, its Freddy Upshot's birthday party this afternoon. Everyone is going." Mick's tone was desperate.

Mother's lips firmed. "I'm sorry boys. Until one of you confesses to breaking the plate and, sadly, to lying about it, then you are all confined to your rooms."

The boys looked at each other. Willy's bottom lip moved slightly and Mick put his hand on his shoulder and led him and the twins out of the room and up the stairs to their bedrooms. Silence, an all too rare event, fell on the house.

Mother cleaned up the lunch things then spent the afternoon baking. She put the roast into the oven, prepared the vegetables and made a rhubarb pie, the boys' favourite, for dessert.

She gazed out of the window and across the paddocks to a row of trees that hid the outskirts of town. Freddy's birthday party was today and she had forgotten. Had she been too harsh she wondered then decided no, they had to learn. Life itself was harsh. It was only a couple of years ago that boys hardly older than Michael had been fighting in Gallipoli and Europe.

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Fighting and dying like her two brothers she thought and tears filled her eyes.

No, she wanted her sons to grow up to be honest, honourable, decent men and honest and honourable men didn't tell lies, especially over something as trivial as a broken plate. It was trivial she suddenly thought looking over at the plate and its twin now standing alone on the shelf. They were very ugly plates and whenever she looked at them she thought of Grandmother's rose coloured decanter and glasses which her sister Esme had claimed. Having just given birth to Willy she was housebound and by the time she got to go to Grandma's old house there was nothing left except two ugly old plates that nobody wanted. She had treasured them though because, ugly as they were, they brought back memories of grandmother who had raised her after her own mother had died giving birth to her brother William, Willy, who lay buried somewhere in a foreign land in a town whose name she had never heard of, Ypres.

She heard footsteps coming down the stairs. David entered the room. "I did it mum." "Oh David, why lie?"

"Dunno. Can the others go to the party now please?"

More footsteps, this time it was Tommy who looked at David then punched him in the arm. "Oh no you don't," he muttered then looked at his mother. "It was me. I'm the plate crusher, I'm the liar. Davey is Freddy's best friend. He deserves to go to the party. I'll stay home."

Mother tried to hide a smile as two more pairs of feet were heard crashing down the stairs and her eldest and youngest sons bounded in the room, each claiming they had broken the plate and could the others please go to the party.

Mother sat down and looked at the four boys.

"Hands up the boy who has just told a lie."

The boys look at each other and then four hands came up. All claimed to have lied and once again all claimed they hadn't broken the plate. She pointed to the stairs and eight feet were heard slowly and loudly stomping up them.

She made herself a cup of tea and spent what was left of the afternoon reading although she didn't take in very much of what she was reading. The silence was overwhelming and for once she missed their noisy clamouring and shouting. She should have realised her little gang of four would defend each other and even sacrifice a rare treat so that the others could enjoy it. Even her baby, Willy, had lied so that his brother's could be spared.

She thought back to her childhood and living with grandmother. Her father had been a rare visitor to the children he had left behind when his wife died. He told them he was off shearing, and that is what everyone in town was told. But he hadn't, he had gone to the city and taken up gambling and drinking. He was always promising to visit, but always broke his promises. On the rare occasions he did come to visit, they would find grandmother's house-keeping money missing when he left. She had grown up with so many lies, so many truths untold, that it was important to her that no lies and no half truths were told by her husband or her children. They hurt too much.

The long afternoon drew on, each second seeming to take a minute before ticking on to the next. Her heart grew heavy at the silence from above, heavy also at the treat they had so looked forward to and had now missed. If the culprit had owned up they may have got a spanking or a telling off, but then it would all

have been over with and they could have gone and enjoyed themselves.

They had always been the same. When the Kelly boys, all bigger than her sons, had given Willy a black eye, Willy's brothers had lain in wait and given each of the bigger boys a hiding, and when Mr Kelly had come storming around wanting to talk to the bully who had harmed his boys, little Willy had stepped forward, followed by David and Tommy; and then Mick, his arms going around his three brothers, had informed Mr Kelly that he and the twins had given the Kelly boys a seeing to and if Mr Kelly's sons ever touched Willy again then they would get another. But the boys had owned up, hadn't lied about it and secretly both their parents were proud of them for defending their little brother.

Suddenly the silence was broken by the sound of the truck returning from the sale yards. The door slammed shut and her husband's boots were heard moving along the verandah and then dropping onto it as he removed them before coming into the kitchen.

"Hello love, my the house is quiet. The boys still at Freddy's are they? I bet they are having a great time of it. So, I've had a profitable day at the sales so why don't we celebrate with a quick cuddle." And so saying he picked his wife up, twirled her around the room and gave her a big kiss.

She laughed when he put her down but it was quickly followed by a troubled look. She walked to the bottom of the stairs and shouted for the boys to come down. Eight shoes banged down the stairs, eight eyes gazed reproachfully at their mother before four heads turned towards their father.

He frowned. "What's going on here then?"

Their mother told him that the boys had done something wrong and had refused to

admit it. She told her husband how disappointed she was in them and how, as a punishment, they had not been allowed to go to the party.

Father looked at his sons, of whom he was inordinately proud, and quietly asked them what they had done.

Four heads shook, eight eyes gazed reproachfully at their mother before turning to their father. Mick, as always, was the spokesman.

"We've done nothing dad. We don't know whodunnit. Could have been a thief, could have been a swaggie passing by, but," and he turned again to his mother and slowly enunciated, "we-don't-know-who-dunnit."

Father looked at mother, "What are they supposed to have done then love."

Mother pointed to the broken plate on the bench.

Father stood silently; he pushed his hat back on his head and rubbed his hands across his balding pate. He then put the hand to his mouth and rubbed it nervously across.

"Ah," he said, "the ugly plate. Sorry love, I was running late this morning and got the sheep into the truck only to realise I'd left my wallet in the kitchen. I came in to grab it, knocked the dresser and the plate fell off and broke. I did pick up the pieces though and meant to tell you as soon as I got home."

Mother gazed in horror at her husband and sons. Four faces turned towards her, eight eyes gazed at her in accusing outrage. A fifth pair of eyes, identical to the other four, also gazed at her, firstly in guilt, then shame before amusement broke through and her husband put up a hand to hide the smile on his face. Mother didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Pulling a chair from the table, she sat down, put her apron over her head and gave way to her emotions.



Peter left many residents wondering how did this magic trick work. The looks on the faces said it all.



Magician Peter Cook performing his magic tricks to a captive audience.

Hazelwood House Happenings



Resident Lorraine Yates celebrating her birthday at the hostel



The cultural day for this month was Japan. Residents enjoyed the lively talk given by student Denette who once lived in Japan

Closing Date 19th November 2010



*Lions Club of Churchill
and District Incorporated*

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



**2011 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM**

The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on 26 January 2011. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year

and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible. Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of

Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award
 Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award
Must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2011

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname: Other Names:
Private Address:
Occupation: Telephone: Private: Business:
Date of Birth: Age: Marital Status: Children:

THE PERSON IS BEING NOMINATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN:

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY/SPORTING/PROFESSIONAL BODIES, ETC:

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ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name: Name:
Position: Position:
Address: Address:
Post Code: Post Code:
Telephone: Telephone:

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:
Address Post Code:
Organisation represented (if any): Telephone:

Signature:.....

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**Lions Club
Citizen Awards
2011**

The Churchill and District Lions Inc will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill. The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months.

This Award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26th January 2011.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award -applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2011.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2011.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 19th November 2010.



Mathison Park

By Ruth Place
Spring is in the air, but so is the cold and the wind still. The birds in Mathison Park are very busy doing what birds do at this time for the year. Our working bee on 18 September was very successful with eight in attendance. Many dead and fallen branches were collected and put in piles for burning later. Thank you everyone for a magnificent effort. The work kept everyone warm and the hot thermoses of tea and coffee were very welcome at brew break. Thank you to those who supplied them. The next working bee will be held on Saturday 16 October at 9:30 am.

Birthdayites
Earlier this year we tried to update a very out of date list of children in the Lions Club Birthdayites. As there was so little interest, we have decided to cancel this activity.

Shopping Tour
Great opportunity to complete xmas shopping
When: 23rd October 2010
Simply text your name and contact number to Helen on 0414 963 296
Fund raiser for the Cancer Council

**Churchill & District News
Writing Competition
List of Winners**
There was not enough space in this issue to list all the winners. However, the list is available on line at:
<http://www.cdnews.com.au/competitions.htm>

Vale: George Herbert Firmin



"The Lord is my Shepherd I'll not want" That pretty well sums up Dad!

Dad was born on the 22 September 1922 at Traralgon, and was named after his uncle who was killed in action at Bulle Court France in 1917. Dad was the second son of Charlie and Georgina Firmin, younger brother of Alfred (who passed away last year), older brother of Geoff who is with us here today, along with Val - Alf's wife and his son Peter and his family are here with us today.

The family lived on the old farm at Hazelwood North. Charlie (Dad's family) on one side of Firmin's lane, and Uncle Will Firmin, Charlie's brother on the other side at "Abbeywood".

In early 1924, Dad moved to Sth Oakleigh in Melbourne and attended the Sth Oakleigh Primary school in his early years getting up to plenty of mischief with older brother Alf, and always looking out for younger brother Geoff.

In those early days, weekends down to the farm at Hazelwood North and out to Grandpa Firmin's farm at Yinnar became a ritual for Dad. Charlie would pack up the old Fiat on a Friday, load Alf, Dad, Geoff and Nana onboard, and make the 4 hour trip down to the farm.

Dad also spent many holidays up at the Lewis Family property at Yarrowonga - Nana's parent's farm. On one occasion, as Geoff can recall, Dad being the ever inquisitive young fellow, fell from the roof of the shed whilst watching the unsuspecting blacksmith shoe a horse. Broken arm and collarbone followed!

After primary school Dad attended Caulfield Tech in 1934, and got his first paid job at Metropolitan Golf Club as a Caddy.

This offered a chance to earn some pocket money and also commence a relationship with the then Managing Director of the AJC company, which resulted in Dad getting a mechanical engineering traineeship at the Australia Jam Factory in Sth Yarra.

As war broke out in 1939, older brother Alf enlisted in the Navy, Dad had to wait until the following spring in 1940 when he turned 18 to enlist. Dad desperately wanted to follow older brother Alf into the Navy and was sent back home after numerous attempts as he was considered to be working in essential War services. Dad didn't like the rejection and tried to enlist on many occasions in both the Navy and Army. His only problem was that he was not good at lying and every time he was sent back to his engineering job maintaining equipment for the food production during the war.

Around 1942 AJC acquired, through the essential services fund at the time, a steam engine and generator for power production. Dad was assigned the project by AJC for installation and duly completed this towards the end of 1943. This created Dad's passion for steam. Dad went on to complete his engineering certificate at night school, studying hard and working during the day at AJC.

Dad continued at the AJC until around 1950 taking on an evening Steam Engineering Tutoring position at Melbourne Technical College.

Dad left AJC in the early 1950's and bought into a Hardware store in Malvern, buying, selling, and distributing hardware products out into the ever expanding suburbs of Waverly and surrounding areas.

Dad met Mum at a very early age as both Nana Firmin and Grandma Hillis had had their children at Traralgon around the same time. They forged a very close relationship.... and weighed their children on many occasions in the fruit scales together!

Their relationship didn't start to blossom until around 1955 when Mum returned from 2 years overseas working as a nurse.

Dad married Mum in Warragul in September 1957, and at the same time Charlie and Uncle Will decided to subdivide the front end of the Yinnar farm into housing lots. Dad pounced on one of these and it was there, where he built his family home in the community he loved.

Well the home needed a family and along came Mary in 1958, followed by Richard in 1961, myself in 63 and Neil in 1966. And for you Collingwood supporters the last time the Saint's won a premiership (before this year that is)!

Dad went to work at the Gas and Fuel

A Eulogy by Neil Firmin

Corporation in Morwell as a Plant Operator and, when the Gas Plant closed, moved to Australian Char where he worked until he retired at the age of 57 in 1980.

Dad was a great servant of the community, serving as the Secretary on the Hall Committee, the CFA, The Cemetery Trust, and, of course, the Church which he had a passion for. Dad spent many nights a week continuing to tutor many Latrobe Valley operators on steam engines. As kids we can always remember Dad sitting around the kitchen table with books from the Church, the hall, the CFA, and tutoring engineers at the same time!

I can always remember Dad telling me of the story about trying to find Richard on the afternoon of the old pine stump removal in Yinnar Main Street by the Army Bomb Disposal Unit. It must have been around the late 60's or early 70's. Everyone gets warned to stay behind the barricades... but not Richard! This was too good an opportunity to miss. He had to be in the thick of it, sitting up on the back of the Army truck with the Bomb Disposal Unit blokes as they blasted 100 year old pine tree stumps all over Yinnar. This was much to Mums horror when she found out.

Neil tells how he can only ever recall Dad going into the pub in Yinnar to grab the fire extinguishers for servicing, unlike his children who are familiar with it for entirely different reasons. If the floor of the hall you are in now looks in good condition, well that's because Neil and I were required to re-clean it many times on a Sunday morning after a football club function. Dad demanded the hall be swept in a certain way and the trestle tops stacked in a very special pattern!

Then there is the story of Dad throwing Richard's drums out the window of the flat at the rear of the house and Richard on the other side catching them! Dad didn't quite agree with the volume for drum practice like Richard did.

And the story of Dad coming home, walking up the back steps, and telling Mum "I don't want you to get upset"...."but Andrew's fallen out of the car going over to the farm, and I have driven over him. But it's alrighthe's ok".

Dad acquired a large caravan which became the centrepiece for our family holidays. Dad packing the car and van and heading off to Wallaga Lake in NSW or down to Walkerville or the Prom. It was never too hard for Dad to find the time to take the family on an annual holiday.

After retirement Dad and Mum took their own holiday and headed for England and Europe for a 3 month vacation, meeting up with Mary and Richard while they were

overseas. On return Dad set up his Protea plantation out at Hazelwood North on a piece of the farm they had kept prior to selling. This kept Dad gainfully engaged, and along with his community work, he never stopped.

Dad had a new lease of life when his first Grand Child Zara was born in 1994. I happened to be at home the Sunday before last and Zara rang from Germany where she's currently living as an exchange student, so it was fantastic for Zara and Dad to have some time chatting over the phone.

The Grandkids bought Dad and Mum many more years. Josh was next, followed closely by Joelly, then Zoe and Zak. The Grandkids spent many hours with Grandpa over the last 15 years and Dad was immensely proud of them all.

Dad loved Yinnar, he loved the Community, and he loved living and working in the Community. He achieved the Award for Latrobe Valley Senior Citizen of the Year in 2000. This was greatly appreciated by Dad, that the community would acknowledge him in this way, as he was never one for seeking attention.

Whilst Mum and Dad have many great friends within this community who are a tremendous support for them, the special support given by Barb, Alan, Audrey, Bob, Jean and our younger brother Neil have enabled Mum and Dad to live happily at home. We truly can't thank you enough for the generous loving support and help you have given, with both Mum and Dad.

For the last couple of years Dad's memory had faded but he always knew where home was and where the kettle was to make a cup of tea. Mary loved Dad so much and she cherishes the memory of Dad, often asking on her frequent returns to Yinnar... "now...did you have two black and white dogs or three because there is one running around out the front"?

Dad passed away peacefully at home on a Friday morning, not sick, in his own home, and in his own bed. If ever anyone deserved to go so peacefully it was Dad. I am sure that on Friday last when Dad passed away that God himself came down and opened the Pearly White Gates and rolled out the red carpet.

As Joelly had told me on Friday night "Don't cry because he has gone, smile because he has been"

Dad: from Mum, Mary, Richard, Neil, and myself, our families, and your very great friend's s all gathered here today, may you forever Rest In Peace

God Bless
Thankyou

Churchill Gardening Group

Our group recently took a leisurely walk on the "Lyre Bird Walk" off the Strezelecki Highway just north of Mirboo North, which was badly burnt in the Delburn Complex fire.

To begin with, we had a scrumptious picnic lunch and then set off on the newly repaired walking track, which is lovely and wide.

We must have stopped a dozen times to look at the new growth, both up the trees and at ground level. There are lots of orchids which should be in flower now.

Be prepared to look closely at all levels. The fungi were lovely too, as were the tree ferns which have recovered and their new growth is brilliant.

There are now many brand new seats built along the entire walk, and although we were a bit slower than the estimated time for the walk (we usually are as we enjoy everything so much), several of our members who are 80

plus did the walk easily.

On return to the car park, out came several thermoses, so tea and coffee and a delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed.

The picnic area has also been rebuilt beautifully. So many thanks go to the repairers of the walk and the builders of the picnic facilities and seating.

Unfortunately we neither saw nor heard any evidence of lyre-birds. Let's hope they return.

If you enjoy a forest walk, the Lyre-Bird Walk is wonderful.

Haven't we had a lovely wet winter, or at least nearly, the rain the region used to have?

Let us hope the drought really is broken.

At our place it has been so wet that not too much has been done in the garden at all.

There has been the usual weeding and cleaning up after high winds etc.

We have been using cabbage and broccoli, and have cauliflowers just forming heads now. The rest of the veggie patch is coming along nicely. English spinach will soon be ready to harvest.

Colour is blooming every day in my flower borders. Plants that were resting for the winter are coming to life.

Hellebores are looking great and I am thrilled with my two new ones - a double pink and a deep burgundy.

Rose bushes are beginning to shoot. Do not forget to mose the appropriate sprays to guard against black spot for the new season.

It is also time to spray nectarine and peach trees against peach leaf curl. If you are unsure which spray to use, just ask your local nursery



man.

For September planting:

Flowers: ageratum, aster, cleome, kochia, phlox, penstemon, cosmos, snapdragon, marigold, petunias, zinnias and salvia.

Vegetables: capsicum, onions, peas, silver beet, tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes and radish.

Good luck with all your gardening and have a lovely spring.

Boolarra Primary School



BICYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

We culminated our intensive three weeks of bicycle safety training by selecting our Bike Ed team. The team competed in the LV Valley championships in terrible wet weather and did a super job, placing second to Grey St Primary School, Traralgon. Only 6 points separated 1st from 2nd! Our team have now qualified to compete at the regional Bike Ed Challenge.

GIPPSPEL



Georgina Brick competed in the grand-final of this competition and became the overall grade 6 winner. This was another spectacular effort. We are very grateful to Georgina for donating the enormous Oxford Dictionary she won to the school. Georgina is still in contention for the Spell Master finals, too.

Footy Theme Day



On the last day of term 3, Junior School Council held an out of uniform day, with everyone invited to come in their favourite team's colours. Collingwood were the best supported team with 14 followers, with Essendon not far behind them with 13 keen supporters.

Donations for State Schools Relief were collected on the day, this raised \$41:05. To conclude the day the grade 5/6s played a game of football against the staff and parents. As usual, this was a tightly contested battle. The grade 3/4s helped out by umpiring, scoring and time keeping.

News From Around the School

Zone Athletic Championship

This competition was washed out and is now set for early in term 4.

Literacy / Numeracy Week

We recently staged a very well attended Open Evening to showcase the fantastic work being undertaken in our classes. The students chose special work they wanted to display for their parents and other visitors. Our Reading Recovery and Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey organized a Scavenger Hunt on the evening, with clues in every classroom. All

the families that entered this competition won a prize and those who submitted correct entries won some extra goodies too.

Respect

To reinforce this very important core school value, we devoted a week to practising and celebrating respect. It was wonderful to hear from some of our students that respect is about treating others the way we want them to treat us and if we are kind to others they are more likely to be kind to us. Caterina in prep summed it all up beautifully when she said "We make ourselves and others happy by showing respect!"

Environment Week

On the last Wednesday of term 3 we staged a Save Power Day. Everyone went out of their way to reduce our use of electricity. Many students brought extra warm clothing so the heaters could be turned down and we did things such as turn off our computers and monitors at their power source.

Free Fruit Friday

Our students continue to enjoy a range of fruits each Friday. We are grateful to parent Amada Noy who sources this for us from Ritchies.

Churchill North Primary School

SPLASH DOWN AT THE FIRE STATION!!



By Tamara Allen

Students in grade 5/6 got to go to the fire station on the 14 September, to learn all about how fire fighters work and what sort of equipment they use.

We did all sorts of different activities to see what the fighter fighters do and how they do their job do.

There were five main activities that we did to learn about their work - like trying on their gear and working with

the hoses.

"When I got to try the hose I had to take two steps back to keep hold of it, the water pressure was so strong" The hoses really packed a lot of pressure, it was hard for some of us to keep in control while others found it easy.

Mostly we got a little wet from the water rebounding back off the grass and cement.

Girls Group - Boys Group

Girls Group

BY Gemma Laidlaw

Why is there girls group at C.N.P.S?

It is to help girls through difficult times when growing up. We get an assignment each week and we have to complete it.

We also have a journal that we have to write in, things like - how we are feeling, our mood, what our goal for the day is and if you've been in trouble and how you are going to deal with it.

We get to play games at the end of each session. Sometimes we play question chairs, musical statues, and reenact mean and nice actions.

So after all we are having fun also learning about ourselves a bit more.

Boy's Group

BY Jordan Hammer

Every Wednesday in the afternoon grade 5/6 students participate in a boys group while the girls work in a girls group. In the boys group we do lots of really fun and exciting activities.

In the first week we had to make a photo story from our concert "Veggie Mania". We did this on the computer and this was really complicated at first but then it was lots of fun. Last week we had to build a bridge from the following things ... Two tables, sticky tape, Blu Tak, big and small straws and a piece of paper. We all had so much fun trying to build this bridge and eventually we got it. Then we had to place an item weighing up to 1kg on the bridge to see if it was strong enough to hold it for 30 seconds. It was a great success because our bridge was strong enough. Boys group is all about team work and being able to work with other students to get the job done.

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Churchill North Primary Schools art teacher, Mrs Algie has enjoyed exploring the short listed books within her art program. Students eagerly explored the book, "The Hero of Little Street" by Gregory Rogers.

Rogers, a fan of Jan Vermeer, a 17th century painter of the Dutch Baroque, created all of the illustrations himself and the book featured his own interpretations of several of Vermeer's works. Specifically "Little Street" which was thought to be Vermeer's childhood home. Pictured are artworks from students in Grade 4/5 and their representation of the short listed literature.



Hazelwood North Primary School

SUPER TEDDY SPECTACULAR



BY Jordy and Mitch
Our Super Teddy Spectacular was gnarly! We had so much fun with all of the competitions. Lots of prizes were won. All of the junior school councillors (JSC) went around the classes and judged. The competitions were fattest teddy, skinniest teddy, most loved teddy, oldest teddy, newest teddy, cutest teddy, best dressed and many more. After lunch we had a parade where all the teddies which won similar prizes were paraded in front of the whole school. Our JSC organised the day

to raise money for Fezile, our sponsor child in Africa. It was great way to end the term.

Prep Orientation - Champions Day

Prep Orientation

There will be three orientation dates for 2011 Preps in Term 4

Wednesday, October 13th from 9am to 11am

Friday 5th November from 11am to 2.30pm

Tuesday 2nd December from 9am to 11am.

Champions Day

BY Rachael and Chelsea.

Two weeks ago our school competed in the Champions Athletics Day at

Newborough. Forty people from our school attended. There were ten events, including triple jump for the students who do Little Aths.

We had two students competing in most events and thirteen students will be progressing onto Zones.

Congratulations to Libby H, Lauren A, Thomas H, Jessica F, Tyson K, Rachael M, Clare L, Riley A, the girls 11 year old relay team and our girls 12/13 year old relay team. It was a great day and thank-you to all the people who organized the day.

MORE HAPPENING FROM HNPS

Hazelwood North Water Safety Program for Preps to Grade 2

Over the past three weeks, HNPS students from Preps to Grade 2 have participated in a very rewarding and enjoyable water safety program.

The lessons were conducted by qualified swimming teachers who quickly assessed where the children were at.

Activities were fun and it was great to see all children's water confidence improve.

H.N.P.S Infant Excursion to 'Boats' Performance.

A puppet theatre company from Tasmania has been performing in Latrobe Valley and the infants from Hazelwood North went to Moe Town Hall to see it.

The 'Boats' production follows the story of a man called Jof, told by his friend, Nicholas. The infants loved it!

Their favourite parts were when the fish came down from the man's hat, when the storm started, when Nic jumped into the water pretending to be naked, when Jof made the boat out of a bread roll, when the message in the bottle came, when the hat turned into an ocean and Mr Yugio.

They loved watching the show and they can't wait to see another live show!

Grade 3/4 learn about simple machines

By Natalie Butler

This term we have been studying the five simple machines, pulleys, levers, wheels and axles, wedges and screws.

We have learnt a lot about how things work. To study how they work, we have built different simple machines and written explanations about how they can be used together to make compound or complex machines.

First of all we built machines to transport a ping-pong ball as far as we could around the room, using buckets, string and other things we could find around the room.

Some people built pulleys; others made kind of slides or flying foxes. Whatever we built, it was lots of fun!

Then another day we got into groups and used Knex and instructions to make wheelbarrows, mini flag poles and other things that we can use as examples of simple machines, or just muck around with.

We have also made wheeled vehicles out of cardboard boxes for the great wheeled vehicle challenge, which was where we let go of our vehicles down a ramp and saw how far they would go.

Arham won with a high score of 715cm.

We had a lot of fun learning about machines and we hope we will have just as much fun next term.

Poems by Students

I have to write a poem By Jessica F

I have to write a poem
I have to write it fast.
I have to write it so it impresses Miss Dalton's class.
She told me to write three, but I really need to pee.
I wish I had a horse shoe.
Maybe I would have good luck.
But how it's going now I'm having bad luck.
Maybe I can't write three, but this is good enough for me.
Maybe I'm not a poetry sort.
But let me just think.
This makes me blink.
What I just wrote in front of me was a wicked poem.

Tennis On a tennis court serving for a game winner I just won the match

By Rachael

I am a potato
I am big and round
I'm a brownish muddy colour
and start out underground

one day I was snoozing
growing big and round
when up popped the farmer
and pulled me from the ground

he took me to the kitchen
and unsheathed a huge knife
I bounced and rolled and tumbled
Screaming for my life

I was cut and sliced to pieces
and skin peeled carefully
he picked me up and put me down
in the pot for tea

SANDWICH

I need to make a sandwich
I need to make it fast
Because my mum is catering
And needs Sangers by half past

Some important guy is coming
Please don't ask me why
He's probably a businessman
Coming to say hi

lettuce cheese and onion
then you add the bread
I really need to hurry up
or mum will have my head

finally I've finished
the guest just ate and ate
then he made an ugly face
and threw up on his plate
then mum made a nasty look
and chased me with the broom
I had to roll and duck and jump
to escape the danger room

Goodbye By Rose

Believing in you was hard. You didn't know anything.
You did a while ago, but now it's all changing.

Your voice always saved me, it doesn't happen anymore.
Now your whole life and friends have been cut and torn.

Walking out of the church with you, the tears dropping
from my eyes.
I have haunted that day ever since that day I said goodbye.

I had to say what I had to say. I dedicated a song to you.
All the words meant a thing, a thing that said I love you.

I'll miss the way that you loved me, and how you were so
strong.
You will always help me believe, even if you are now gone.

Now you're one of the stars shining in the night sky.
Why oh why did you have to leave without a simple good-
bye?

Yinnar South Primary School

Follow Up To Fire Station Excursion

As a follow up to our Brigades in schools excursion the Grade 1 children designed and made their own fire trucks. The fire trucks were extremely detailed; the children obviously paid a lot of attention to the real fire trucks.

Footy Colours Day

On the last day of term 3 Friday 17th September the students enjoyed a Footy Colours day. It was fantastic to see the children all dressed in their team colours all the money raised went to the Fight Childhood Cancer Foundation.



Science Experiment



During science the children made balloon rockets to see how far they would travel.

They used string thread through a straw with a balloon attached to the straw, the students let go of the end of the balloon and the air propelled the balloon along the string which was tied to two fixed objects in a

straight line the children tried this activity inside and outside and noticed the difference the temperature made to the distance the rocket travelled.

Lumen Christi Primary School

Lumen Christi School is very lucky to have such a fun and exciting After School Care. This term the children were able to experience chickens hatching as part of the program. After twenty one days we had sixteen very cute chickens.

Grade 5 News

Literacy/Numeracy Week

Grade 5 was involved in a number of activities over the course of the week. They started off with playing Scrabble within small groups which tested their spelling creativity and accuracy. On Tuesday and Wednesday they were involved in The Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge where they could compete on the world stage of mathematics. On Thursday, they enjoyed playing Monopoly where there were some emerging Real Estate tycoons!

The senior block (Grades 3 -6) were involved in four rotations of mathematical activities on the Wednesday and it was great for the teachers to move around and work with the other grades.

Science

Over the course of Term 3, Grade 5 has been developing their scientific skills with a number of concepts and it has given them the

opportunity to see the important role Science plays in our everyday lives. They have had to write up their evaluations of the various experiments using more specific scientific vocabulary as well as the discussion of the variables that might occur and what improvements they could make for next time. They especially enjoyed the canister rockets!

Eisteddfod

On Tuesday, 24th August, Grade 5 set off for the Traralgon Eisteddfod to present their play "Light Speed Four". Some hasty arrangements had to be made on the day due to the absence of critical characters but the children accepted the challenges and went on to do an outstanding job. There were only two competitors in the Drama Sketch section and only half a point separated the two school entrants. The Adjudicator decided in our favour – much to the joy of all present!

Her comments were: Effective costumes and props and voices were clear and well-prepared. The "pace" was lively with no dull spots and all characters listened well to each other. The movements and gestures were well thought out. Congratulations and well done as this play worked really well for such a large group. (Esmay Thomas, Speech & Drama

Adjudicator).

Grade 5 especially wants to thank Peter Stewart for making the robot boxes.

Lumen Christi Footy Day

Thursday 16th September saw the whole school celebrating the end of term with a footy colours day. The day started with a morning assembly where we could all show off our favourite teams and then at lunch time we had a wonderful lunch of pies and hot dogs. It was great that every team represented even though there were some lonely supporters in some of the photos. It was also very interesting to see the which team was the most popular team even though they are not in the finals. A great day was had by all despite the rain.

Walk-A-Thon

The annual Lumen Christi walk-a-thon was held recently to raise funds for the school. All students participated in the fund raiser which also promoted healthy lifestyles, fitness and fun. The Commonwealth Bank sponsored the event with a \$100 given to the highest money raiser in the school. Minor prizes were also given to highest money raisers of each class with thanks to Go For Your Life.

Music

On Thursday 2 September at 11.30am all

students at Lumen Christi gathered together in the EcoCentre along with teachers, parents and friends to join with other students from across Victoria to sing the Music Council of Australia's (MCA) 2010 song "Come play your part" A song written earlier by Australian High School Students.

A live streamed Internet broadcast into the EcoCentre direct from Federation Square Melbourne in which students from a number of inner Melbourne schools joined in with the rest of the State in singing the song. It was estimated that a half million school students from across Australia simultaneously performed the song.

The children from Lumen Christi joined in enthusiastically with the singing under the guidance of Paul Devlin and made the event one to remember.

Mr Devlin said the song was sung by children from all over Australia at the same time as part of the MCA's campaign to promote the value of Music education in every school and encourage more Australians to make music in schools and communities everywhere.

(Article compiled by Paul Devlin September 16, 2010)



Kurnai College Churchill Campus

On Friday 10 September Kurnai College Churchill campus students completed a fun run around the Lake Hyland and surrounding bush land. The year seven, eight, nine and ten cohort's chose from three options. Running, jogging and walking were the categories available. The weather was cold and blustery but the students forged ahead regardless of the wintery conditions. With the Gippsland School Athletics Championships on the horizon many students used the race as a training session in order to build fitness.

Kieren and Ryan Marriott of year seven battled for line honours with Kieren managing to wrestle the lead in the end by twenty seven seconds. Meanwhile Taylor Van Tilburg broke twenty minutes over the cross-country course in the female year seven section.

In year eight, Darcy Kearns and Mark Foster were separated by a mere seven seconds over the four kilometer journey. Tianya Zhang and Ricky Van Rooy had a good tussle for the

minor placings in the boys year nine section and Tahlia Flake showed a clean set of heels to win the year nine girls category.

Brodie Downie ran an impressive time of seventeen minutes and Hayley Cook took out the year ten gold medals. Overall winner Justin Moloney of year nine was selected to represent the school in the 400m. Caitlin King, of year eight, the district cross country champion and local fifteen hundred metre titleholder, recorded the best time for the female section.

Overall winners won a trophy and place getters from each year level and gender were awarded medals. The race was organised in order to promote health and fitness among young locals in an inclusive and enjoyable environment.

Overall Winner Male (trophy) Justin Moloney (Yr 9)

Overall Winner Female (trophy) Caitlin King (Yr8)

Year 7 Medals

Male 1st Kieren Marriott 17:07, 2nd Ryan Marriott 17.30,

Kurnai College Fun Run Raises Awareness

3rd Luke Middlemiss 17.43.

Female 1st Taylor Van Tilburg 19.59, 2nd Joelly Firmin 20.39, 3rd Katie Nardino 20.40.

Year 8 Medals

Male 1st Darcy Kearns 18.36, 2nd Mark Foster 18.43, Pat Haines 19.42.

Female 1st Caitlin King 18.38, 2nd Bella Scott 19.05, 3rd Lydiana 30.00.

Year 9 Medals

Male 1st Justin Moloney 14.10, 2nd Tiana Zhang 19.55, 3rd Ricky Van Rooy 20.08.

Female 1st Tahlia Flake 22.14, 2nd Kayla Pike 30.01, 3rd Darcy Britton 33.54.

Year 10 Medals

Male 1st Brodie Downie 15.50, 2nd Nathan Lugton 16.19, 3rd Dylan Weir 16.57.

Female 1st Hayley Cook 17.18, 2nd Carly Chase 17.37, 3rd Tiarnah Arnold 17.38.s

Churchill Primary School

THE JUNGLE BOOK



Our musical production of the Jungle Book was a huge success. The whole school community became totally involved in making the one performance an extravaganza. It was held on the night of September 9th at the Auditorium at Monash University. The students put in many hours of hard work and the result was a great performance leaving the audience wanting more. Our thanks need to go to Monash staff

for their help and support. Thanks to the producer, Mrs Donna Miller, for her dedication to the overall running of the show. All the children of Churchill Primary School were excited and well prepared. The students took on parts which ranged from the man cub, Mowgli, to talking Rocks, singing forests to Kaa the Hypnotic Snake, from flowers and bees to a dancing bear.

IGA/McCain Gardening Tools

IGA / McCain Gardening Tools: On Monday 30 August 2010 Marion and Lou from Ritchies IGA (Churchill) were guests at our School Assembly. They presented to our school and "Happy Helpers" Gardening Group a selection of gardening tools to help with our very own veggie patch and gardens. The McCain School Veggie Patches program is helping primary schools around Australia and New Zealand

plant their own veggie patch. As part of the program, McCAIN are giving away over \$500,000 worth of gardening equipment to primary schools in Australia and New Zealand. To earn points we are simply collecting barcodes from any of your favourite McCAIN frozen vegetables and McCAIN Purely Potato products. For more information visit: www.mccainveggiepatches.com

Football at Churchill Primary

Grass Roots A.F.L. Footy Clinic
3 / 4 Miller and 4/5 Mahoney went on a bus to the Toyota dealers in Traralgon. We all sat on the ground while two guys (Brian Taylor and Danny Frawley) started talking to us. They told us facts about the AFL players and then those players came out of the bus. There were 6 players, Mark Ricciuto, Luke Hodge, Matthew Richardson, Dustin Fletcher, Mark McVeigh and Chris Newman. The players started teaching us tricks about catching and kicking the footy. One of the passes they taught us was the rocket and then they put us into groups. One group went outside to kick footballs. The other group stayed inside the building and they took photos with the kids next to the Premiership Cup and did handball skills. We lined up and got autographs from the players. We were able to go outside and have a sausage and a drink. They handed out some little footballs and posters. They packed up and gave us a little speech

before we went.
By Cameron Ipsen, 4/5 Mahoney.
Photo taken at school with 4/5 M and free bees
Footy Day at School.

The school was a rainbow of colour on Thursday 16 September because we all dressed in our team colours. Some teams were not represented in the 16, notably West Coast, Port Adelaide and Brisbane. The assembly was a raucous affair with all supporters doing their best to make their team song the loudest and most passionate. As usual, Collingwood supporters dominated the numbers on stage. The grade 6 leaders ran activities around footy themes for 2 hours and the students had lots of fun. The activities ranged from cooking, running the gauntlet while handballs were happening, pictionary and painting an oval and putting yourself in a uniform on it. A great time was held by all.



VISIBLE LEARNING, VISIBLE TEACHING.

BY Susan Gilmore Principal.

Churchill Primary Schools Leadership team and I were very fortunate to spend a whole day with well-respected educational researcher John Hattie (University of Auckland). John has many published works, the most recent being Visible Learning. John's unique and groundbreaking book is the result of 15 years research and synthesizes over 800 meta-analyses on the influences on achievement in school-aged students.

The book builds a story about the role of teachers and families, the use of feedback, and a model of learning and understanding. The research involves many millions of students and represents the largest ever evidence-based research into what actually works in schools to improve learning. Areas covered include the influence of the student, home, school, curricula, teacher, and teaching strategies. A model of teaching and learning is developed based on the notion of visible teaching and visible learning.

The examination of parental involvement in learning is interesting. It appears from the current research that parental aspirations and expectations are the most important influence on a child's achievement, (Hong & Ho 2005, Fan & Chen 2001). High hopes from families in respect to the educational attainment of their child, often lead to high student expectations of themselves and ultimately with support and guidance greater academic achievement. These high expectations are assisted by greater parent – child communication about their learning and the student's sense of control over their own learning.

The importance of the student knowing; "where they are going with their learning, how they are going with their learning and where to next being crucial. These questions are worth asking your children as they are learning.

Not surprisingly Hattie's work on quality teachers (as discussed by students) talks positively about teachers who challenge their students, who have high expectations, who encourage and who value surface and deep aspects of learning.

Professional development for teachers:

Many of our teachers have been involved in professional development to make sure that we keep abreast of current trends in education. Jo Whitelaw and Jacquie Burrows attended the Bounce Back PD session with well known educator Helen McGrath. We will be trialling a number of modules based on teaching children to be resilient. Helen Dyson recently attended the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) conference in Brisbane. There were a number of international expert speakers over the three days. Helen has come back with many ideas on how to continue implement this approach to making our values explicit in all the things we do at Churchill Primary School. This approach is well researched and has been adopted by many schools in the United States. The Queensland Government is implementing and supporting the approach and so far 300+ schools in Queensland have initiated SWPBS. There are 5 pilot schools in Gippsland which have been supported by region and CPS has been lucky enough to be included in this group due to the school's enthusiastic recognition of the value of the approach.



Pictures from The Jungle Book

PICTURES FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Churchill North Primary School



Hazelwood North Primary School



Yinnar South Primary School



Brody Cluderay
Lumen Christi



Brandon Woodbridge
Lumen Christi

Eisteddfod
Lumen Christi

Don't Beat About the Bush!

More than one million people in Australia experience depression, anxiety or a related substance use disorder each year.

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Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

11/9/2010 Men's 4BBB Stableford

Aggregate 1st Round Winner A. Sharrock (17) 35 pts & P. Kearns (14) 39 pts = 74 pts, Runner Up H. Martin (19) 35 pts & J. Robinson (10) 37 pts = 72 pts. DTL B. Baldock & G. Spowart 69 pts, P. Jordan & B. Kilday 66 pts, G. Blizzard & V. Monument 65 pts NTP 3rd R. Scurlock, 5th D. Byers, 14th P. Jordan Birdies A. Casey 12th, P. Jordan 14th

D. Taylor 64 pts, B. Peter & A. Casey 62 pts. NTP 3rd P. Smart, 5th P. Broadbent, 12th G. Spowart, 14th P. Broadbent Birdies D. Taylor 14th Championship Winners J. Robinson & H. Martin 130 pts.

19/9/2010 Stableford

Men D. Taylor (24) 40 pts, DTL M. Smith (12) 37 pts. NTP 5th D. Taylor Ladies A. Hibbert (42) 31 pts

21/9/2010 Ladies 2nd Round Pairs Championship Stableford

Aggregate Day Winners V. Verheyen (30) 26 pts & M. Munckton (42) 33 pts 59 pts, DTL B. Beebe & L. Peake 55 pts, D. Scurlock & S. Turner 55 pts NTP 5th L. Peake, 14th M. Munckton

2010 Pairs Championships

V. Verheyen (29) & M. Munckton (42) 118 pts, Pairs Champions Runners/Up B. Beebe (33) & L. Peake (42) 113 pts

12/9/2010 Mens Stableford

Winner L. Stein (12) 39 pts

14/9/2010 Ladies Pairs Championships Stableford

Aggregate Winner V. Verheyen (29) 28 pts & M. Munckton (42) 32 pts, DTL D. Thomas & L. Casey 59 pts, B. Beebe & L. Peake 58 pts NTP 5th 0-34 D. Scurlock, 35-45 L. Peake

18/9/2010 Men's 2nd Round 4B Aggregate Stableford

Day Winners G. Downs & J. Thornby 68 pts; DTL J. Ambrosini &

Churchill United Soccer Club Teams Enjoy Success in the Gippsland Soccer League Senior Divisions During 2010



Churchill United's senior squad finished runner up League Champions at seasons end behind rivals Fortuna.

Back Row: Jordan Fenech, Marcus Hunter, Adam Curwood, Ross Johnson (GK), Andrew Maselli, Dean Pyle

Front Row: Nathan Lugton, Chris Calabrese, Jamie Robson (Capt.), Jason Sands (GK), Luke Cheney (Coach), Michael Easton, Mark

Bianconi
 Absent: Paul Riess, Shane McColl, Andrew McCurdy and Taylor Jackson



The club also entered a supplementary Second Division team, The Churchill Rams, who finished an admirable 5th on the

ladder and runners up in the Nan Bosma Cup.
Back row: Stephen Breheny (Coach), Shei Wei Teng, Mason

Schonberger-Smith, Greg Huizer, Ray Meyers, Varun Googoolye, Peter Ceney, James Curwood: Front Row: Craig Flanigan, Marc Johnson,

Richie Lehrner (Capt.), Matt-Peter Fry (GK), Scott Price, Josh Gangi, Jackson Chin. Absent: Peter Johnson, Ah Ypellan



Churchill also entered a supplementary team in the Women's League the Churchill Rams. Like their male counterparts in the Second Division the Rams finished a very respectable 5th place on the ladder and underlined Churchill's status as the strongest club in Gippsland soccer.

Back Row: Tahlia Flake, Annabelle Barbara, Marie Gunn, Sinead Allen, Molly Stephenson, Ashleigh Parker, Abby Collinson, Giorgia Scott (Capt.), Kim Bland, Bella Scott
Front Row: Emma Gunn, Lauren Cain, Cindy Beedall (GK), Catherine Gunn, Kolby Bland (mascot), Shyla Anderson, Tom Sands (Coach)



Churchill United defeated Churchill Rams in the Nana Bosma Cup final 2-0 in a match played in good spirit. The win capped a great year for United after also winning the Second Division League Championship.
Back Row: Michael Sands (head band), Mark Atherton, Vaughan Reimers (Coach), Ian Sands (Capt.), Craig Johnson, Hector Flores, Trevor Riess (GK)
Front Row: Brodie Downie, Matthew Maselli, Tyson Webb, Nathan Osborne, Matthew Calabrese, Anthony Antonelli Absent: Danny Beyer



Churchill showed what it was capable of winning the Reserves Finals Series with a 6-0 thumping of arch rivals Fortuna after finishing runner up to the Morwell team in the 2010 League Championship.

Back Row: Trevor Riess (GK), Michael Dower, Ross Johnson (GK), Aidan Huizer, Kevin Riess, Kieran Browne, Subodh Adhikari and Matt Burney (Physio)
Middle Row: Nathan Lugton, Jack Manson, Michael Sands. Front Row: Matthew Prokopiwskyi, William McGrath (Capt.), Stephen Riess (Coach), Jason Sterrick, Damien Dunne (V.Capt.)



Churchill United women's team took out the Browne/ Huizer Trophy with a hard fought win over rivals Monash. After being deadlocked 1-1 after full and extra time Churchill prevailed in a penalty shoot-out to collect the clubs first women's team silverware. The team also finished runner-up League champions behind Monash in 2010.

Back Row: Mylah Lewis, Steph Chessum, Rosie Twomey, Alicia Huizer (Capt.), Caitlyn Hall, Laney Murdoch, Maryanne Lugton (Coach)
Front Row: Shanasai Iorangi, Kaitlyn Lugton, Nicole Osborne (GK), Renee Panayiotou, Laura Jackson, Naomi Eaton, Mary Corponi
Absent: Taryn Browne

Churchill Junior Indoor Netball Season 2010



The Churchill Junior Indoor Netball Association has just finished another successful and fun season for 2010. The Committee would like to thank all our dedicated players, parents, umpires and volunteers who have helped out each week.

It has been a change of scenery this season, with the games having to be played in at Morwell Leisure Centre, rather than Churchill, due to the ongoing renovations and development of the Churchill Stadium. Thank you to everyone for being patient and understanding travelling extra each week. We would like to thank the Morwell Leisure Centre for accommodating our competition and the Churchill Leisure Centre (Team Leader Josh Graham) for assisting this to occur and for keeping us up to date on the Churchill Stadium development. It will be very exciting to play our 2011 season in the new, improved facilities at Churchill Stadium!

It has been wonderful to see the development of all our players skills from week to week; and to watch them having great fun being engaged in fitness and team work!

We would like to say a special thank you to our Squad Coordinator Justine Smyth, who also coached the U15/17 Squad team and Kim Hogarth who coached the U13 team. Also thanks to Di Sharman

and Cheridee Clissold who supported in assisting with training and umpiring; and to the dedicated parents for supporting this important junior development. Our Squad teams played tournaments at Sale and Cranbourne, where they had great fun, developed their skills and experience on outdoor courts against some great regional teams. Well done girls!

A big thanks also, to Kim Jongerius for compiling the ladder and scores each week and Joanie Blakley-Smith for being our Umpire Coordinator.

Our players and parents enjoyed the annual bus trip to Melbourne to watch the Vixen's play. Thanks to Sally McKenzie for her organisation!

The finals games leading up to the Grand Final games were all very tough and close!

The first round seen Under 15/17 teams - Mc Lovin 27 defeat Yinnar Kung Fu Panda's 16 and Churchill Cougars 27 defeat Yinnar Warthogs 24 in a very close game, with extra time played after a draw at the siren. Under 13 games seen Yinnar Dancing Devils 18 defeat Yinnar Mini

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Vixens 10 and Churchill Cougars 21 defeat Churchill Cougar Chix 7. Under 11's games seen Churchill Cougars 13 defeat Yinnar Terminators 9 and Yinnar HSM Chicks 19 defeat Boolarra Demons 13.

The second round saw Under 15/17 team Yinnar Kung Fu Pandas 23 defeat Churchill Cougars 18. Under 13 team Yinnar Dancing Devils 16 defeat Churchill Cougar Chix 12 and Under 11's team Yinnar HSM Chicks 15 defeat Yinnar Terminators 7.

The Grand Final games were all very close and played hard as expected. The Under 15/17 section saw Mc Lovin and Yinnar's Kung Fu Panda's going head to head in a very tough game. McLovin came out on top in the end on 22 goals to 16. The Under 13 section seen Churchill Cougars play off against Yinnar Dancing Devils, with scores being fairly even until the final quarter when the Cougars pulled away win 28 goals to 17 goals.

The Under 11's game between Churchill Cougars and Yinnar HSM Chicks was the most hotly contested game of the day, with extra time having to be played after a draw at the final siren!

After an extra 10 minutes of play, HSM Chicks come out victorious just prior to the final siren, with the final

score being 16 goals to Cougars 15 goals and the stadium being roared down by all the spectators! A nail biting and very exciting end to our season! Well done to all the teams for such great displays of skill, sportsmanship and teamwork!

Thank you to our finals umpires, Sharon Middlemiss, Helen Dyson, Marg Esler, Amanda Vary, Heather Notting, Anna McGlade and Emily Rickwood for a job well done! Thanks also the CJINA Committee for their organisation of the day and the support of many individuals in helping things run smoothly.

Our end of the year Raffle resulted in 17 great prizes being distributed. Thank you to Churchill Leisure Centre for their support of a generous donation of some of our wonderful Prizes and to Netball Victoria.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 23 2011 at Churchill Leisure Centre at 7.30pm.

We wish all our players and parents a very restful break. See you all in 2011 for another great season!! JINA Committee: - Kim Hogarth (President), Sally McKenzie (Treasurer) and Kay Hill (Secretary).

Any queries in relation to the 2011 season can be directed to: - Kay Hill on 0419 118 510 or email dkhill@aanet.com.au.

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