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VISIT FROM YEOVAL HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN

Sunday 12th October '97, Colin and Marie Francis from Yeoval NSW accepted our short notice invitation to come to St Marys to help us in our battle to save St Marys Hospital.

Col and Marie had experienced similar problems when in October 1988 the Greiner Government shut their 80 year old hospital as a cost cutting measure. The community refused to accept the closure and reopened the following year.

Now after a \$1 million upgrade, a \$1 million budget, the Yeoval Community Hospital Co-operative Ltd is debt free and showed a \$61,000 profit last year!

After some fast negotiations with Ansett Australia, we obtained two return tickets from Melbourne to fly Mr and Mrs Francis to Launceston for two hectic days of meetings and discussions with politicians in Hobart and later with people of St Marys.

Mr Francis has a well earned reputation as the quiet achiever for developing such as the successful and profitable hospital for the community of Yeoval NSW.

Col Francis, C E O / Chairman of the Board of the Yeoval Co-operative Hospital is excited about co-operative ownership of hospitals "because it involves the whole community as shareholders".

He suggested some actions for us to achieve our co-operative ownership of St Marys District Hospital.

* Invite the new Minister for Family Services Mr Warwick Smith, to inspect our premises.

* Obtain sufficient acute beds to realistically cater for your needs.

* Seek aged beds, which you are entitled to.

* Seek dementia beds

* Give consideration to forming a Community Advancement Co-operative.

* Arrange a non profit charity status.

* Arrange letters of support from Doctors and Local Government.

"I am confident your show of enthusiasm and commitment will enable you to conduct a financially

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viable health service for your community .

Yours sincerely

Col Francis

C E O / Chairman of Board

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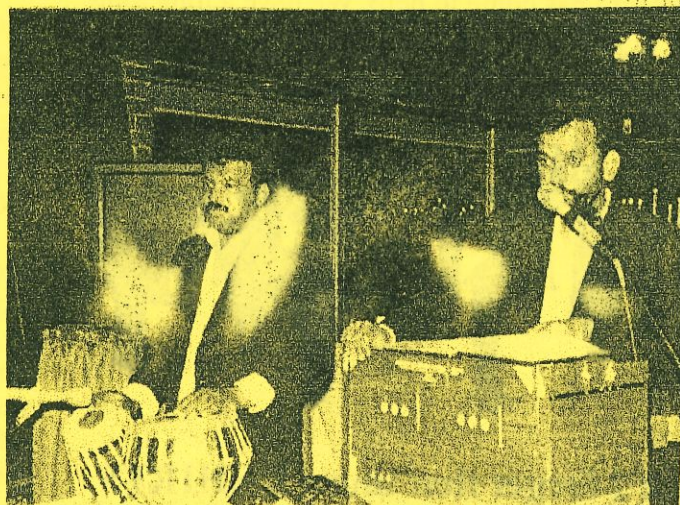
Thanks Col and Marie, yet again for your 'detour to Tassie'. Your enthusiasm and achievement is much appreciated and we all feel the richer for the experience.

OUR MATHS TEACHERS ARE MUSICIANS TOO !

The mathematics teaching brothers at St Marys District High School, Umesh Pratap and Arun Pratap produced an outstanding performance at a function at the Hobart Pacific Hotel on the 10th of October.

They took part in the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Fiji - Australia Association. Umesh sang two Hindi songs accompanied by Aran on tabla, (Indian drums).

The two brothers have been regular performers for the local radio station in Fiji, before they settled in Tasmania.



Umesh singing and playing the harmonium (Indian organ) with Arun on Tabla.

So many thankyou's at the **PICKET.**

We thank people face to face, or on the phone when they help us, but we don't always put it in writing.

It really is so very important that we record our deepest gratitudes, our deepest emotions.

So it is with gratitude that everyone who helped on or with the picket is thanked!

Thanked for deliveries of wood and coal to keep the picketers warm, especially during the long, cold, frosty nights and the wet, windy days.

Thanked for the gas bottle refills to cook the BBQ meals.

The ice that came from Launceston.

Thanked for the donations of food and money and the cuppas that sustained the picketers over the long hours.

The sausage rolls for brekkie were all received with gratitude.

After 20 days of picketing to help save St Marys Hospital it is important to thank everyone involved.

Those who gave of their precious time and businesses who supported in kind.

So from Andrew Wilson, our Commander - in - Chief, a great big THANK YOU. But also to Andrew, THANKS and WELL DONE, from all of us, for the great task in organizing the picket line at personal cost to you and your family!

The picket line has been withdrawn; but the battle is not over yet. In fact it has barely begun.

Your turn has come to help. We have a long long way to go.

But we can win with **your** help.



**Don't forget that more T SHIRTS
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REPORT ON MEETING

St Marys Hospital Support Association committee held its monthly meeting, Monday 20th October at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall.

There is now so much interest in St Marys Hospital that 30 people attended this meeting to discuss the support for St Marys Hospital — a multi purpose service centre with 24 hour/7 day a week service with an aged-care component?

A number of issues were raised amongst which was Dr Vernon Powell's report on the local doctors plight in working without St Marys Hospital support.

Michael Polley pointed out the short time span to get negotiations between Council, Consultant and Government, up and running before Parliament rises for the Christmas recess and that the Support Association should be involved in selection of a consultant.

Various methods of fund raising were discussed such as raffles, sale of T-shirts, coin line and market stall as well as donations from businesses and industries.

Explore formation of a Co-operative to run hospital as with the Colin Francis example of Yeoval NSW.

A survey of the hospitality industry to be carried out as to turning hospital laundry into a viable/functional operation with possible youth training courses.

The untidy state of the beds, patient and bill boards in the main street to be either removed or improved and new areas of advertising to be explored to keep up interest and impact.

Everyone in the community to write letters to Council to support retention of hospital.

The Battle to retain St Marys District Hospital is continuing....*David fighting Goliath is the situation.* We must continue our active role in the media. This is a very important public relations exercise and people throughout the state are watching our fight with interest.

The picket line was very effective and will return at short notice if needs be.

Len Miles, Rona Gatty and Cheryl Hendley are to meet with Mr McKay in Hobart on Wed. 22 Oct. "It will be a listening exercise. No commitment," stated Len Miles.

Meeting closed with the invitation for a cuppa at the Coach House Restaurant.

Next meeting; MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 7.30 pm at Community Hall supper room. All very welcome.

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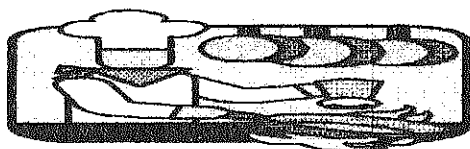
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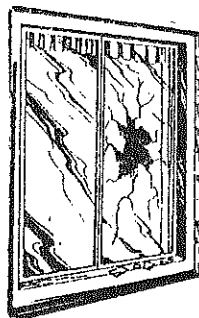
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OCT	ST MARYS	FINGAL
27	P & Y Davern	Shirley Parker
28	Pauline Berwick	Robyn Holder
29	Kath Read	Jack Miller
30	Jean Schier	Carol Singline
31	Jill Faulkner	Vic Jones
NOV		
3	Vanessa Spilsbury	John Walker
4	Marj Spilsbury	Robyn Miller
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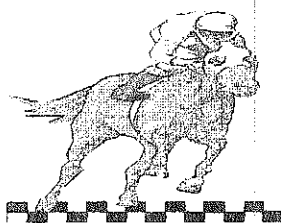
CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend the
CENTENARY MASS AT 11.30AM ON SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26TH at
"Saint Scholastica" Catholic Church Mathinna.
BBQ to follow

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON FALMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

4th November at 1.00pm
Cost: \$12.00 per adult
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RSVP 1st November
Jean Schier Phone 63725272
T. Mason Phone 63725668



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FIRST AID COURSE SENIOR FIRST AID

Date : October 27,28 &30

Venue : Fingal Council Chambers

Time : 9.00am - 5.00pm daily

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Sunday 2nd November 8.00am - 3.00pm

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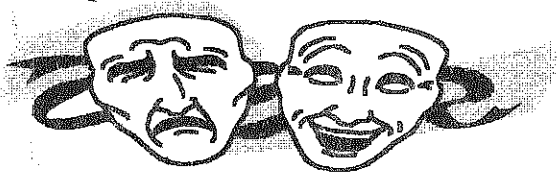
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FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	10.30 am	FS
Fingal	7.00 pm	EP

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	HC
Campbell Town	9.00 am	MP
Avoca	10.30 am	HC

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	FS
Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	6.00 pm	EP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Fingal	8.45 am	HC
Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Mathinna	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	6.00 pm	HC

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Campbell Town	9.00 am	HC
Ross	10.30 am	HC
Avoca	alternates with	
Fingal	6.00 pm	HC

Avoca reverts to 7.00 pm during summer months

BREAK O'DAY UNITING CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	11.00 am
Fingal	9.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

Scamander	9.00 am
Fingal	9.30 am
St Marys	11.00 am
St Helens	7.00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	7.00 pm
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ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST HELENS

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am
Pyengana	11.00 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
St Marys	9.00 am
Pyengana	11.00 am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	8.00 am & 10.30 am
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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Hodgman Street
Scamander

Sabbath School	10.00 am
Divine Service	11.00 am

VALLEY CHURCH OF THE ROCK

(CRC Church Fingal)

Sunday School	9.30am
Church Service	10.30am

For further information contact
Leigh Casboul (Pastor)
63741099



SALVATION ARMY

Main Street

ST MARYS (RSL HALL)

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	11.00 am	Family Worship
Wednesday	2.00 pm	Ladies Fellowship

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST MARYS

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Mangana	Eucharistic Ser	11.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

FIFTH SUNDAY OF MONTH

St Helens	Sat Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
St Marys	Sunday Mass	9.00 am
Mathinna	Eucharistic Ser	11.15 am
Bicheno	Sunday Mass	4.00 pm

PRIEST: PAUL CONNOLLY
ST MARYS

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COUNCIL NEWS

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Suncoast branch of the Tasmanian Arts Council will be conducting the Break O' Day bonfire and fireworks display (subject to weather conditions) at Scamander on Saturday November 22nd.

TASMANIAN OFF ROAD CAR CLUB

The Tasmanian Off Road Car Club will be conducting their 'ENDRO' and celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a street parade on Saturday November 1st 1997 at St Helens, starting at 9.00am.

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to "Tidal Water" restaurant on their recent success in the prestigious Australia wide restaurant of the year event.

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

The Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol will be conducting a "Public Safety Awareness Day" on Saturday November 1st on the St Helens foreshore in conjunction with "Funfish". A trade display, marine safety and a rocket and distress flare display will be conducted during the day and evening.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The blessing of the fleet at St Helens will be the 40th Anniversary. The event will be held on Sunday November 2nd from around noon on the foreshore till late. The day is planned to be a fun day with a variety of activities.

There will be games, music, food stalls, prizes, the Lady Nelson will be in Port for the long weekend with sailing on the bay.

The blessing of the fleet service will be 2.30pm - 3.30pm on Sunday at the wharf.

The St Helens Lions Club will be helping over the long weekend with a sausage sizzle and other interesting events.

FINGAL COUNCIL BUILDING

Council is presently preparing a submission for the Office of National Tourism in the hope of attracting funding to develop a visitor information and interpretive centre at the council offices at Fingal.

Tourism has been an important industry on the East Coast for many years, however as we don't have a "must visit" destination north of Freycinet we are missing out on many tourist dollars. The development of an interpretive centre to show-case the natural and built attractions of the region as well as depicting our cultural heritage could be what is needed to kick start the tourism industry in the hinterland as well as offering more depth to the better known attractions being marketed on the coast.

LABOR MEDIA STATEMENT

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Labor Member for Lyons

15TH October 1997

ST MARYS - A VICTORY FOR PEOPLE POWER

The State Opposition has put legislation to keep the St Marys Hospital open on hold while the community considers an offer from the Minister for Community and Health Services.

Labour Member for Lyons David Llewellyn and colleagues have welcomed the Minister's change of heart.

Mr Llewellyn said the Minister's decision to delay the closure for one month was a victory for people power.

"The extra time will give the community an opportunity to consider the viability of taking over the hospital."

However, Mr Llewellyn warned that if the offer by the Minister was simply a token gesture, Labour would proceed with legislation to force the Government to return the hospital to full strength.

"I want to make it clear to the Minister that neither Labour nor the community will take kindly to any attempt to play political games with this issue.

"If he has attempted to dud the community, our legislation will be revived immediately."

Mr Llewellyn said the hospital had already been downgraded and as an act of good faith the Minister should put back the beds he has taken away.

"We will help where possible the local community work through the viability of taking over the facility."

Putting People First

GREAT NEWS

FROM MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

The Community Nursing & Home Care Services will come under local management.

The strengths of such a move will be that local staff will be providing nursing and home care services throughout this community.

We would like to thank you for your patience during the difficult fragmentation period.

All efforts will be made to address current and future health needs of individuals and groups within the community

For information please contact

PATSY BURGESS ON 63722111



SALE

A selection of surplus furniture and equipment will be offered to any interested buyers on **Thursday 30 October** **BETWEEN 2.00 and 3.30pm.**

The items will be located in the areas below the gym near the tennis courts and at the western end of block 3, near the front entrance of the gym.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

WHERE ARE YOU

Parents and Friends, where are you all? Numbers at meetings have been very low for several years. We need your support in order to support you. If you care come along to our final meeting for the year **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18**. A different approach for 1998. Maybe a School Council instead of a P&F. Come along. Show your support.

FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Something Different

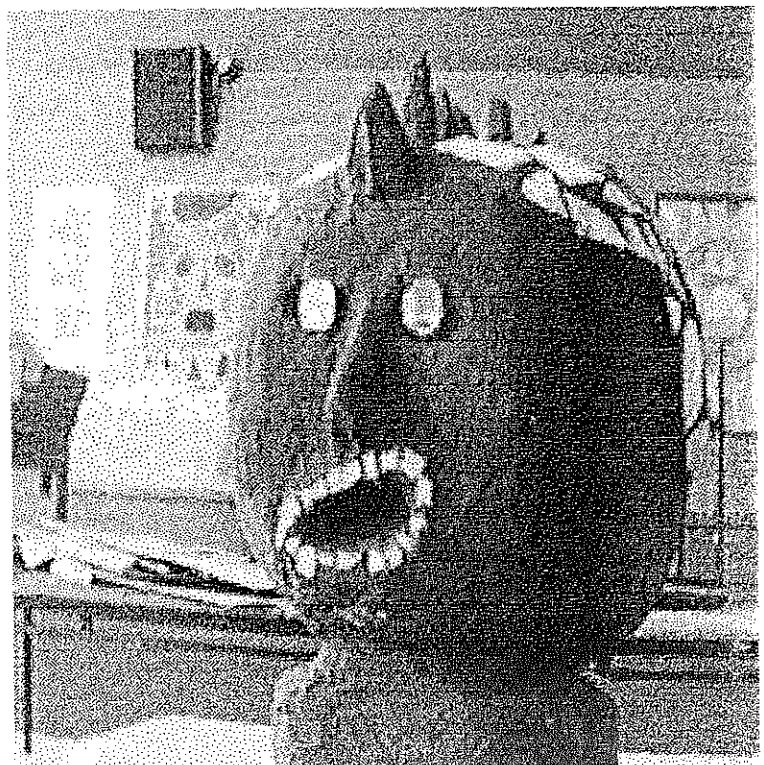
SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

A sample of work by
Colby Derrico

A Celebration
of the
Visual Arts K-12
On the evening of:
Friday November 14th.

A great evening
not to be missed.

More information to come
in following Newsletters.



THE ARTS ON TOUR EVENING SHOW

Come along next Tuesday evening to farewell the ARTS ON TOUR SHOW. This show has played to over 1,200 primary school children in the North east of Tassie including St Helens School, Winnaleah, Bridport and Scottsdale.

Throughout we have had excellent reviews commenting on the acting, singing, musical skills as well as the organisation and behaviour of our students. A teacher at Scottsdale Primary School stated *"This is the best show we have had at this school for five years!!"*. Students were queuing for autographs afterwards!

It is an entertaining, light hearted mixture of music and drama that appeals to all ages. Entrance on the door is only \$2.00 per person. If you wish to attend please complete the tear off which is to give us an idea of audience numbers. RETURNING THE SLIP IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF A SEAT!

YES!! we will be attending the Arts on Tour Show on Tuesday 28th October and will require _____ seats.

NAME _____ GRADE _____

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER
7.30 - 8.45PM
VENUE - ST MARYS DHS HALL

"Kookaburra Capers" is a 45 minute Cassette tape featuring songs suitable for young children. Christine White sings and plays the guitar on this tape which was recorded a few years ago. 300 Copies of the tape were sold and all funds went towards equipment for the Kindergarten and also the Swimming Pool. There have been recent requests for the tape to be released again.

Songs included on the tape are:

Twinkle little star	If you're happy	Mocking Bird	The Elephant
Baa Baa Black Sheep	My Little puppy Rags	Bill Groggins Goat	Hey Good morning
The Wheels on the Bus	Heads and Shoulders	The Shark	Five little mice
Five Little Frogs	Open Shut Them,	One day a hand went walking	Bob the Kelpie
I can run as fast as you	A Sailor went to sea	I'm a little teapot	We're a rainbow
Susie had a baby	Little Peter Rabbit	Bananas in Pyjamas	Oh once there was a princess
Goldilocks	Where is Thumpkin	Mary had a little lamb	Clap your hands
5 Currant Buns	Dingle Dangle	Two Fat Gentlemen	How many people
Miss Polly had a dolly	Jump, jump jump	Five Little ducks	Five little Candles
I hear Thunder	Humpty Dumpty	Put your finger on your nose	Kookaburra sits in old gum tree
1,2,3,4,5, fish alive	Ency Weency	Bear went over the mountain	



Cost of the tape is \$10.00 and all proceeds would again go towards equipment for the St. Marys Kindergarten. If you would like to order a tape, please let Chris White know at the Kinder 6372 2362 or at home 6372 2218. A great idea for a birthday or Christmas present!



CROSS COUNTRY ASSEMBLY

Our effort at the Cross Country was excellent with all participants trying their best. The school is very proud of them.

Congratulations to all of the students listed below. Your efforts and behaviour were exemplary.

Christopher Lowe, Cameron Bean, Rebecca Miller, Mitchell Freeman, Ben Oates, Danial Crow, Megan Sweet, Michael Hall, David Claridge, Courtney Stewart, Adrian Speers, Robert Johnson, Joshua Crow, Ben Miller, Andrew Lowe, Alicia Pauls.

The next Assembly will be in the Grade 2/3 room at 11-30 on Friday, 24th October. All are welcome.



FIRST AID

Miss Joscelyne will be attending a three day First Aid course in a fortnight, to upgrade her qualifications. This will be a great asset to our school.



LIFE EDUCATION

Petrina Wright did a marvellous job with our students in the Life Education Van. Since Petrina's visit the children have spoken non stop about the event.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

On Tuesday, Mr. LeFevre went to a meeting in Launceston. He was most pleased to find that after having completed a stress test he only rated in the slightly stressed category. There is hope yet!

GRADE 6 TRANSITION

St. Marys DHS this week released a Welcome to Grade 6 News for Grade 6 pupils, going to St. Marys next year.

The newsletter was highly informative and we thank them for their efforts.

Please remember that the uniform orders must be back very soon.

There are sample rugby tops at Fingal to try on for sizing. See Vicki.

SCHOOL TIMES

Due to the better weather this term, students may arrive at school at 8-45am, if they wish, but no earlier unless permission has been given by their teacher.

FOOTBALL REPORT

On Wednesday, 24th September our School played Avoca in footy. Avoca have just completed a Football theme and wanted a game. Below is our report.

"On Wednesday 26th of September our school visited Avoca to play footy.

the scores were 7 goals 7 behinds = 49 points each.

BEST PLAYERS Adrian Speers, David Claridge, David Blair

Both girls and boys played in the game. All of our players played 3/4 of the game. The two Oates boys collided on the field and they had massive headaches.

We had a barbecue lunch afterwards".

Robert Johnson & Justin Barnes

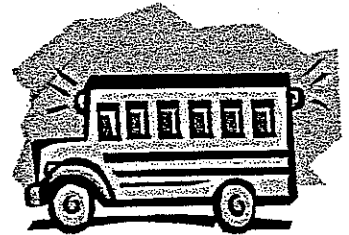
SCHOOL CAMP

Joan Lowe

On Thursday, 30th and Friday, 31st October - Grade 2/3 will be going on an overnight trip to Launceston, staying at Rutherglen.

The students will be transported by bus, leaving school early on Thursday and returning Friday.

The cost will be approximately \$20-00 so begin saving please. More information on the itinerary and clothing requirements will be issued soon. All students are expected to participate as this is an integral part of their education and a tremendous lead up to the long Grade 4/5/6 camp.



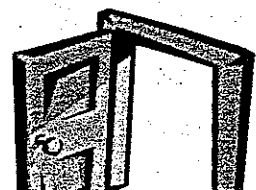
LIBRARY

Our Library is beginning to look fantastic. Russell Harwood's new shelves are a pleasure to view. Thanks Russell! Janine (our Library boss) and her hard working band of followers have done a tremendous job re-arranging everything. Thanks Janine you are doing a mighty job. So are her main helpers, Wendy and Vicki. Paul, John & Jarrod have done a fine job as well and Louise, Rebecca and Chris have helped cull books. Janine's future goals are to improve the stock of books and brighten the library up with better carpet, curtains and art work, etc. Please contact her if you can help.

WORKING BEE

The working bee mentioned in earlier newsletter will take place in

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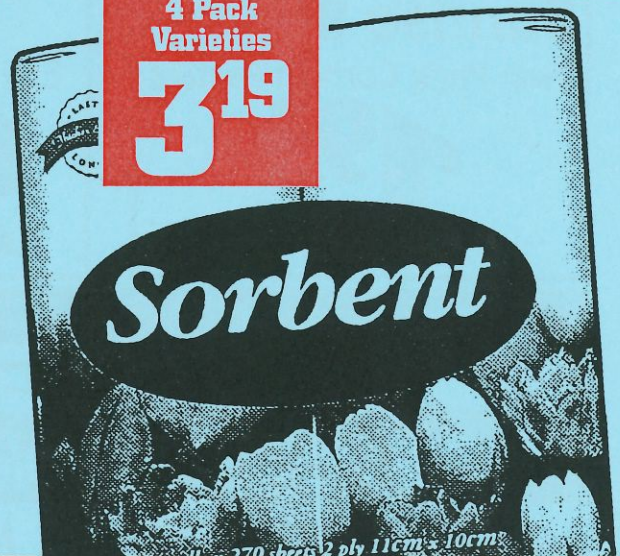
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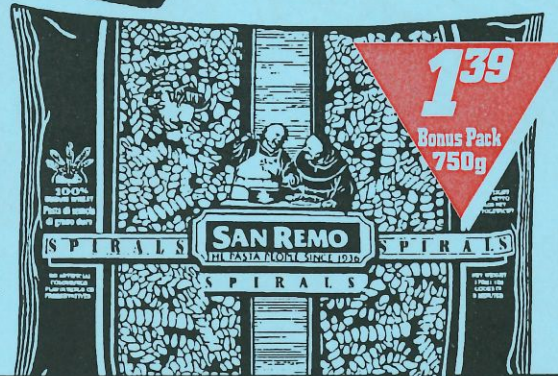
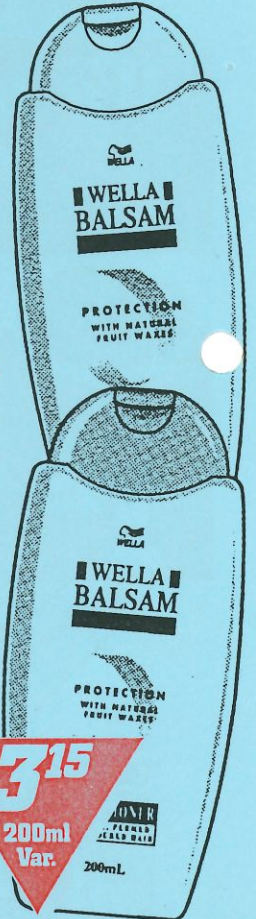
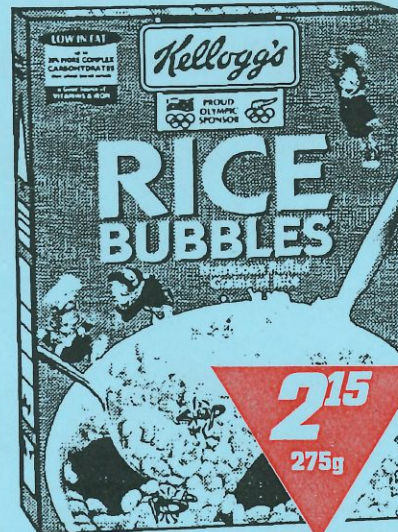
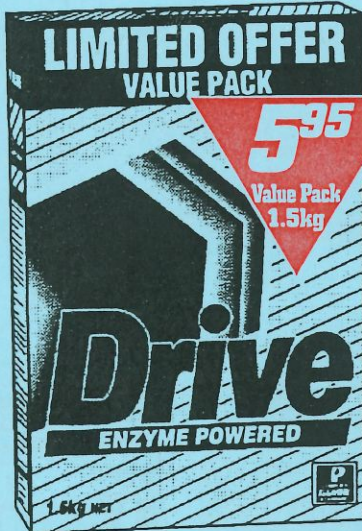
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We have nine financial members and I hope to see some new faces this coming year.

The Red Cross Door Knock raised a total of \$2917.50, this year, thank you to all donors and those who helped to collect.

The branch received donations from the following people this year:

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Malahide Golf Club	\$230
Fingal Festival Committee	\$100
St Marys Pacing Club	\$100
Mrs Margaret Sutton	\$50
Mrs & Mrs Harry Holliday	\$100
Fingal Valley Football Club	\$500
TOTAL	\$1,330

The ambulance has continued to function efficiently again this year. There have been 186 cases for 1996, a decrease of 13 cases, several times we have again needed both vehicles together.

There are 12 regular drivers and 3 backup drivers. Nine of our drivers are accredited Volunteer Ambulance Officers Level 2 and we have one Level 1. A new training module has been developed and volunteers can now participate in a further 250 hours study to become Level 3 officers, most of our officers have expressed a desire to do this. I would like to congratulate Teri Evelyn, Roxie Cowie, Mark Street and Tanya Burbury who have been accredited as Level 2 officers and also to Kathleen Cooke who has been accredited as a Level 1 officer.

A number of clients have expressed their appreciation and commended our Ambulance Volunteers on the service they received. Most volunteers are accredited to use the Heartstart, the volunteers at present are practicing for their reaccreditation on Tuesday night.

The ambulance has last week taken delivery from the Ambulance Service one of two sets of spinal kits donated to all ambulances in the state by M.A.I.B.. All drivers will shortly have to complete a training programme to enable them to use this equipment. I would also like to express, on behalf of the branch our thanks to the Volunteer Officers and congratulate them on their commitment achievements over the past 12 months.

I would also like to thank Cheryl, our Secretary, Treasurer, for her time and effort this year and I trust we have a successful 1998.

Doris Bullock (President)

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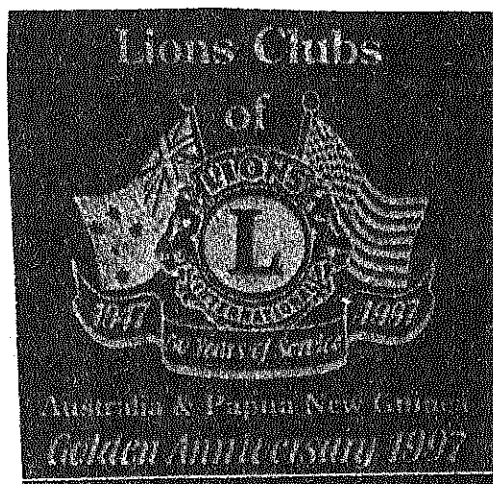
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HE WILL BE ESPECIALLY MISSED BY THE MORE ELDERLY FOLK IN THE COMMUNITY WHO KNEW THEY COULD ALWAYS RELY ON HIM VISITING THEM IN THEIR HOME IF TOO ILL OR FRAIL TO ATTEND THE SURGERY.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM MAYOR ROBERT LEGGE WAS READ BY CLR ANNETTE WINES.

DR NAIDOO THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR FRIENDSHIP TO HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY OVER THE YEARS IN THE VALLEY AND WOULD TAKE MANY MEMORIES WITH HIM.

DR AND MRS NAIDOO,
BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE AND ALL
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APOLOGIES TO THOSE WHOSE ARTICLES COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

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We are about to turn into a new century, look at the worldwide lessons that have come from old, over-population, environmental, animal extinction ect, ect. I'm not saying they were caused by the people, the people just didn't know the consequences!, same as a lesson. If we apply it to our own lives in its most simple form, in the 60's to 70's it was fashionable to wear or have a mink coat, you were considered pretty lucky, good husband, happy hard working husband, maybe rich, it was a bit of a status symbol.

We had to kill for no other reason than to make these coats which we now know was a terrible thing to do.

Now through time we see no value in that mink. It is not fashionable, it does not make us happy or feel rich, so we give it away to someone who recycles it to make into teddy bears. That is not waste, it is recycling. There is no status in wearing a mink coat anymore.

In the seventies, we dyed our hair blonde, starved our bodies to unrealistic sizes, fried our skin with oil and UV rays, because it was the fashion to be on or at the beach. Now in the nineties, we cover up, slip, slop, slap, the surfies are sun conscious too, wearing special UV glasses and garments.

So the lessons that we learn through our experiences delve deeper to greed, power, fashion and vanity but at the expense often to environmental, animal and body destruction, even death.

So at the turn of the century are we about to move on and become aware?. Will we look at what has been learned?. People take rain forest tours and mountain treks now, once we all went to Bali or the beach.

We need dreamers, positive thinkers, people who can link the lessons together, people to give just a little more than they get, people to see human improvement before financial gain, people who can see the management and harmony of both environment and humanity as well as industrial development.

Picture this, parks, playgrounds, cottages restored to their original simplicity, blending with gardens filled with colour, lining the streets.

The businesses are mixed with nostalgia and necessity and the new blends with the old character and charm.

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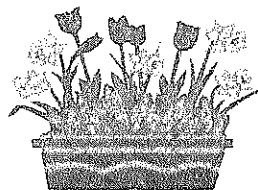
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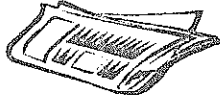
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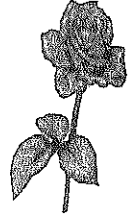
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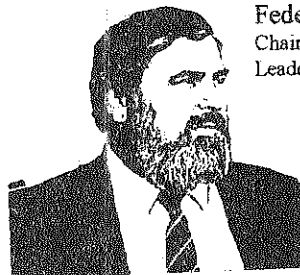
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Jan Sparkes

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Statistics show us that we use 20 litres of water per minute in our daily showers. 12 litres in every toilet flush. Even cleaning our teeth can use up to 5 litres if we let the water run whilst brushing and scrubbing. Use a glass or mug instead!

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When buying new appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines, look for the AAA water efficient machines to save water and money.

Check leaking taps, they can use up to 200 litres per day.

Wash the car with a bucket not the hose.

Sweep the path with a broom and above all, Mulch, Mulch, Mulch your garden. Watering a lawn is a luxury we really cannot afford.

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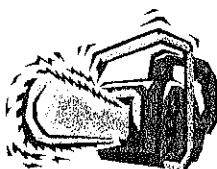
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by KACKHANDER

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AS I WRITE THIS COLUMN WE HAVE A DISMAL AMOUNT OF ENTRIES TO BOAST OF. IT'S DOUBLEY FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THE GOLF COURSE HAS ALMOST NEVER BEEN IN SUCH GOOD NICK AND AS USUAL A GREAT BUNCH OF TROPHIES AND FOOD HAS BEEN ORGANISED. LETS HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DRAW AN ACCEPTABLE FIELD.

LADIES DAY IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 24th, FOURSOMES DAY IS SATURDAY OCTOBER 25th AND MENS DAY IS SUNDAY OCTOBER 26th.

ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE OCCURANCE IS THAT THIS WEEKEND ALSO COINSIDES WITH THE JUNIOR B.P. TEAM TROPHY AND SOME OF THE BEST JUNIORS ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED.

NOW THE GOOD NEWS. IT'S FANTASTIC TO SEE THE CLUB IN REGARDS TO BOWLS, BEING ABLE TO HAVE MORE THAN

ENOUGH PLAYERS TO CHOOSE FROM. ANOTHER MAGNIFICENT SPIN OFF TO THIS IS THAT TWO OF THESE NEW PLAYERS ARE JUNIORS.

WELCOME TO ADAM AND MATHEW VINEY AND FOR PLAYING SO FANTASTICALLY SO QUICKLY.

ANOTHER BIG WELCOME GOES TO NEW PLAYERS TOM AND PAULA COBLEY FROM VICTORIA. WELCOME TO YOU BOTH AND WE HOPE YOU WILL BE LONG TIME MEMBERS WITH US.

TO TOP OFF A GOOD WEEK, ST MARYS MANAGED TO DEFEAT THE STRONG ST HELENS RED TEAM BY 29 SHOTS LAST WEEK, I THINK IT'S BEEN A FEW ENCOUNTERS SINCE ST MARYS LAST WON AGAINST THIS TEAM.

ST MARYS IS SITTING IN THE FOUR NOW AND ALL LOOKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

A REMINDER FROM BOWLS SECRETARY TONY BLAKE TO TRY AND PLAY THE SINGLES AND PAIRS FIRST ROUND MATCHES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Despite the loss of key players there was some confidence of a good showing against Scottsdale in the first match. However on the eve of the game St Marys lost five players due to unavailability. Those five players also represented the entire bowling attack of the Tigers. Fortunately Adam Johnson, Nigel Birrell and Mark Rowlands agreed to fill in for the long trip to Scottsdale and Jeff Woods got out of his sick bed to play. Scottsdale had a much stronger bowling attack than the previous season with the recruitment of strike bowler Arron Burnie and talented all-rounder Wayne Harper from Winnaleah.

St Marys won the toss and batted but were soon in trouble at 2/16. Captain Jeff Woods and vice captain Keith Gillies then put on a handy partnership of 48. Woods was mag-

nificent, squeezing out every run he could while wickets tumbled around him. A ninth wicket partnership of 40 with Adam Johnson gave the score some respectability at 9/137. Jeff Woods was unbeaten on 103 in an incredible display of technique, concentration and courage. It was Jeff's third century in a row for St Marys. In reply the "Spuddiggers" were also in early trouble at 2/8 against the Tigers part time attack. "Squirty" Harper combined with Walsh in a partnership of 87 which eventually saw Scottsdale with six wickets to spare. The best of the bowlers were regular wicket-keeper Keith Gillies 1/17 and Adam Johnson 2/54. Nigel Birrell and Damon Nehls bowled well on occasions without luck. Andrew Pyke, Keith Gillies and Peter Hayes were the best of the fieldsmen.

Some good things, other than Woodsy's form, certainly came out of the game, the fact that St Marys were able to bat out their full fifty overs and be in a winning position despite having an inexperienced makeshift team. Perhaps just one of our five regular bowlers could have made the difference.

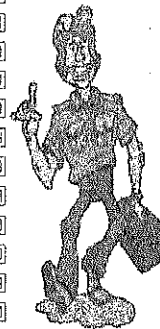
Scores ; Scottsdale 4/143
W. Harper 87, M. Walsh 23,
M. Conniston 21 no.
K. Gillies 1/17, A. Johnson 2/54
def. St Marys 137/9 J Woods
103 no. W. Harper 5/7,
A. Burnie 2/11, C. Barker 2/42.

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