

The Valley and East Coast Voice

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Permanent doctor here soon

St Marys and surrounding districts are soon to be provided with a permanent doctor.

Doctor Shah's immigration papers have finally been endorsed and he and his family will be arriving from South Africa in the very near future. The community is indebted to Doctor Ian Naidoo who has been working very hard, along with John Brown and Len Miles to procure this doctor for St Marys.

More good news.

The main street of St Marys became the centre stage for camera crews and the familiar entourage of advertising signs atop cars as the Labor contingent moved into town. Labor Leader Jim Bacon, along with other party candidates visited St Marys on Tuesday. Those who attended the public meeting were expecting a statement by Mr Bacon of his plans for the St Marys Health Centre.

St Marys Hospital Support Association members were requested to attend the meeting. Jim Bacon made a commitment if elected, *quote* "to immediately install a 24 hour 7 day a week operation at St Marys"

This would be a partnership with the State Government, the Community and a non profit organisation. Mr Bacon is positive we can achieve what we need and want said Mrs Hendley.

Mr Bacon did say the only thing yet to be worked out was how the reopening would be achieved.

Young achievers.

Congratulations to two young St Marys lads who have achieved individual recognition in their own fields - sport and music.

Luke Faulkner has just returned from the State Under 16 Football Carnival in Melbourne — read Lukes own story in this paper.

Also last week, Pete Cornelius was awarded the Most Promising Talent award in the High School section of the 1998 TMIA Rock Challenge and the St Marys District High School band 'Jimmy Who' went into the finals.

OnLine Access Centre to open this month

Within the next three weeks, the St Marys Library building will be open 6 days a week, providing free public access to 5 computers, free connection to the Internet and free E Mail facilities.

The President of the St Marys Association for Community Development (SMACD), Mark Bonniticha, has received confirmation that the Association's application to co-ordinate and develop an OnLine Access Centre at St Marys has been approved and funding made available. The State Library is facilitator for the development, and the Centre will be located in the Library building in Main Street.

*....to establish an Internet Café
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workspace for community
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Centre.....*

The Access Centre Management Group is Mark Bonniticha, Bob Cook, Marjorie Kanagaratram, Michelle Domanska, Peter Witton, David Clement and Neal Butterworth. Follow-

ing advertisements in recent weeks and interviews held last week, Fiona Hope and Greg Cruse have been appointed as Co-ordinators for the Centre to manage day-to day operations, and to provide assistance and training to users.

The Centre will initially be open for 18 hours a week, on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday evening and Saturday. The operation of the Centre and the Library will be kept completely separate — when the Library is open the Centre is closed and vice versa.

The opening hours may be adjusted once the Centre has been running for some weeks, if it is felt necessary, but initially hours will be Tuesday 11am - 2pm. Thursday 9.30 - 12.30 and 1pm - 4pm. Friday 6pm - 9pm and Saturday 9.30 - 12.30 and 1pm - 4pm.

Computers, printers and scanners are already in place in the Library just waiting for the final cabling to go "live". In the meantime the Library's two public

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Thank you

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank everyone who contributed funds towards my State Tasmanian Under 16 football trip. Whether it was donations of money or goods for raffles or letters and cards of congratulations, everything was very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.
Luke Faulkner.

From front page

access computers are of course away and running and being used extensively for Internet searching by patrons. It is anticipated that cabling of the Centre's three computers will occur before 18th August, and the Centre is provisionally scheduled for opening on Tuesday 25th August.

The "Tasmanian Communities OnLine" project is assisted by the Commonwealth Department of Communications and Arts 'Networking the Nation' programme, supported by the Tasmanian Government.

A major objective of the Centre Management Group over the next 12 months is to obtain funds to extend the Library building to allow the OnLine Access Centre to continue to co-site with the Library but in it's own space, to establish an Internet Café, and to provide adequate workspace for community groups to operate within the Centre on a permanent basis using the online facilities to develop their own interests and programmes.

Top Shovelling

Last week two Cornwall Coal Coy miners, Jason McGiveron and Rex Floyed who live at St Marys, travelled to Middlesbrough QLD - a 3 hour drive south west of Mackay, to defend their Australian Roofbolting title which they won last year.

Jason and Rex came 3rd overall, they were eliminated from the final by 0.16 second after getting a penalty of 20 seconds for a loose bolt (failed to reach 130ft/lbs tension).

They also competed in the 4 man coal shovelling with John Stingle(ex C.C.C. Deputy now working at Central Mine in QLD) and the 4th member a workmate of Johns. This team won by a huge margin.

Jason and Rex wish to thank their sponsors: CORNWALL COAL COY., DAVE WAGNER, GRADALL, ANI ARNALL, KOMATSU and CATERPILLAR for their assistance.

Think about this.

- Why do people who know the least, know it the loudest ?

Competing in the TMIA Rock Challenge

by Kyle, Jenny and Cookie

On Wednesday the 5th of August the Princess Theatre hosted the 1998 TMIA Rock Challenge.

Our band - 'Jimmy Who?' - Rebecca Cooke, Jess Baldini, Kate Baldini, Jenny Brown, Robbie Gunson, Kyle Bennett Tyson Ward and Peter Cornelius were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to compete in this years TMIA Rock Challenge.

The competition was divided into two divisions, High School and Secondary College. The first heat was held in Hobart with Taroona, Rosetta and Huonville making it through to the finals in the High School division and Claremont and Rosny in the College division. The second heat was held in Launceston with Devonport, Prospect, Brooks and St Marys making it through in the High School division and Hellyer and Launceston in the College division.

The final night arrived with many polished performers, no one would like to be the judges. The final outcome was Prospect taking out the High School section and Rosney the winning Secondary College.

We would like to say a very big thankyou to Mr Marshall, Mrs Cornelius, Debbie Manskey and Joanne and Kerry Franklin for bringing the bus in both nights and a special thanks to Mr Wardlaw who without his dedicated work and belief in us we would not have made the finals.

Visiting the Fingal Forests **Mt Puzzler Forest Reserve** **(Meadstone Falls)**

Access.

Turn south off the Esk Highway onto Valley Road 4km east of Fingal. Follow for 16km and turn right into MG 28 road and go 5km to the parking area.

The walk

The walk descends into a small gully before entering the forest. The rocky track then slowly descends through open forest to reach a point just above the St Pauls River. The track then sidles along above the river as it enters a steep gorge which dissects Mt Puzzler and Cut Off Hill.

At a point just downstream from the falls the track drops quite steeply to a viewing platform.

Here there are excellent views of the falls and downstream to Mt Misery.

Walking time: 1 - 1 ½ hours return.

Facilities: Nil

Tanya kept busy with lots of training

Much has been written over the past months of football and footballers but there are many people working behind the scenes that we know little about.

One of these is Tanya Bradbury who along with Brian Birrell and Neville Peake are Trainers for the St Marys Football Club.

Tanya was asked how come she became a Trainer, "Glen McDonald was looking for more help and because I had certain certificates for my Ambulance work I thought I would give it a go if I could work it out with Ian and his ambulance roster" said Tanya.

Although her family comes first then her Ambulance roster next, she has been able to get to most games and give assistance to players when needed.

Rub downs to relax tight muscles, applying ice, making sure players have any bleeding cuts covered as required by the "blood rule" and some strappings, although Tanya said that Brian is the 'strapper veteran' from way back, but she is happy to do the running onto the ground.

She does not treat injuries to any family jewels she said, leaves that for others to deal with!

Tanya is a Level 2 Volunteer Ambulance Officer and has also done Heartstart Accreditation with the Tasmanian Ambulance Service.

Tanya and Ian are each on night and weekend call for a week each, every month and also have training for two hours every two weeks to build up their skills. These courses are run by the two Paramedics who are based at Scamander.

Heartstart Accreditation must be renewed every 12 months.

Tanya has recently gained training in a Salbutamol course which allows her to treat patients with asthma or breathing problems.

As you can see Tanya is kept very busy with her volunteer work but with football season over there should be a few free Saturdays coming up.

Letters to the Editor

Sir

I saw where the Council is going to play hell with a big stick to clean up St Marys streets. Perhaps Groom and Cameron may get a bit of cleaning and water holes filled up and made as people can walk on them without falling over or get wet feet. We pay our rates, none of our money is spent on our street.

While I'm about putting pen to paper, can the Council or can someone find the Honor Roll of two World Wars that was in the RSL Club.

If who has it can please give it back to the Council or someone to hang in our Community Hall. Also a photo of King George V, Queen Elizabeth and Kath Cooper MBE.

They don't belong to you so be honest and give them back where they belong, not in a box stuffed under the house or shed. Are they broken up, thrown away or gone mouldy?

The Club was built by St Marys people the same as our Hospital, but some took it on to let it go. There should have been a public meeting for the people to have their say, not one or two people running the show.

If it does not turn up, perhaps the Police can find it. I had a brother in the war, he never enlisted here or died here. A Jap cut his throat.

Hoping to see our Honor Roll hung in the hall.

From 'A Soldiers Sister'

Dear Sir

I oppose the compulsory amalgamation of the Break O'Day and Dorset Councils. However if it can't be stopped, I will vote in the election whenever it does take place, and I will not be voting for a single candidate who has previously been a member of the Break O'Day Council and I urge all St Marys residents to do likewise.

Why? If these people lack the will or ability to control the activities of a St Marys "businessman" whose activities over a considerable number of years have downgraded the town, they do not deserve to represent us. At worst there has been connivance, at best rank incompetence and it has cost us dearly in terms of amenity, reputation and hard cash.

If this person has the legal skills to have defeated the puerile and incompetent efforts to control his activities in the past, God knows how many years, it is quite obvious that it is he who should have been on Council, not them.

Hopefully a new Council comprised entirely of members of the existing Dorset Council will not be carrying the baggage of past indifference, fear, incompetence and local connections and will rid us of this blight. The 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' (Robert Browning) seems relevant:

"At last the people in a body

To the Town Hall came a flocking;

"Tis clear" cried they "our Mayor's a noddy;

and as for our Corporation - shocking.

To think we buy gowns lined with ermine

For dolts that can't or won't determine

What's best to rid us of our vermin!

Rouse up, Sirs! Give your brains a racking

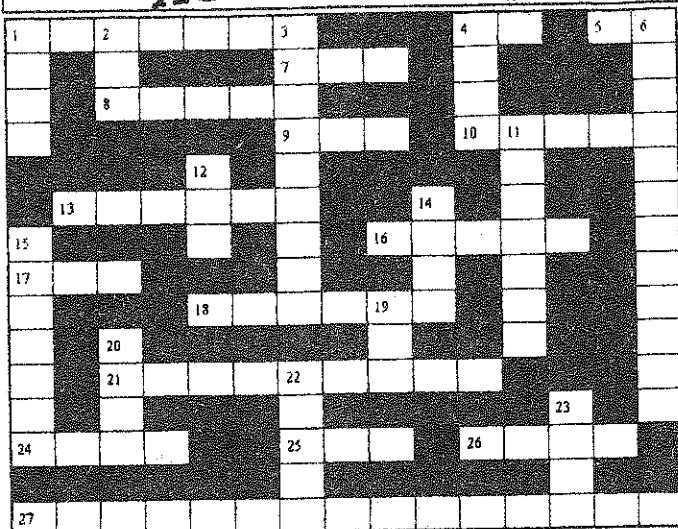
To find the remedy we're lacking,

Or, sure as fate, we'll send you packing!"

Signed D.W.Clement Gray Rd St Marys.

HEALTH PAGE

HEALTHY BONES WEEK AUGUST 9-15



ACROSS

1. Are you getting enough _____ in your diet.(7)
4. Your _____ will tell you how to maintain healthy bones(2abbr)
5. _____ include dairy products in your diet(2)
7. _____ a calcium rich diet(3)
8. One in two _____ and one in three men over 60 will develop osteoporosis.(5)
9. Arthritis isn't just an _____ people's disease(3)
10. Just _____ serves of dairy food a day will help build healthy bones(5)
13. Why not have a _____ smoothie for a quick boost of calcium(6)
16. _____ are a major cause of injury in the elderly(5)
17. _____ cream is a dairy product(3)
18. 35g of _____ will give you 275mg of calcium(6)
21. An inflamed joint may be _____(9)
24. Only eat _____ in small quantities as they have a high fat content(4)
25. Vitamin D is formed in the body by direct _____ light on the skin(3)
26. Walking is a _____ form of exercise(4)
27. Have a check up with your Doctor before starting a new _____(8.7)

DOWN

1. Avoid high intake of alcohol, coffee & _____ drinks(4)
2. Choose products which are _____ in salt(3)
3. If you are a woman approaching _____ you should increase your daily calcium intake(9)
4. A healthy _____ helps you have a healthy body(4)
6. _____ is a condition in which the bones have less calcium(12)
11. An exercise program will help you keep a _____ heart as well as healthy bones(7)
12. Fish from a _____ is high in calcium, especially if you eat the bones(3)
14. "Stay on your feet" _____ care that your house is safe and you don't fall(4)
15. _____ D is provided by sun light(7)
19. Posture is important, always _____ with a straight back(3)
20. You should try to reduce the amount of _____ in your diet(4)
22. Minimise _____ around the house to prevent falls(5)
23. Have your eyes checked! _____ eyesight can cause you to have a fall(4)

NEWS FLASH



Laurie Wing (Pharmacist) will be visiting our centre each Friday 10-12 to discuss medicines & alternatives in treating disease & achieving a healthy lifestyle....

Doctor Geniola is on call for the 15th & 16th of August

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

Thursday 13th August 2pm
BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Friday 14th August 10am-12md

LAURIE WING (Pharmacist)

Antibiotics-use & abuse, when are they appropriate.

Tuesday 18th August

AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICE

(63317455 for app't)

Wednesday 19th August

WOUND CLINIC

With Juliet Scott, Wound specialist

Friday 21st August 10am-12md

LAURIE WING (Pharmacist)

Hypertension(blood pressure)management

Tuesday 29th September

AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICE

Tuesday 27th October

OPSM (EYE BIZ) (6331700 for app't)

The Doctor placed his stethoscope on the young woman's chest. 'Big breaths, my dear'.
'Yeth, and I'm only thirteen'

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Doctor Drake's
ditties



Information and puzzles on this page have been compiled by staff at the Community Health Centre, enquiries on any topic to 63722111

Free Willy raffle to help children

Lyn and her red 1963 Vauxall Cresta Free Willy Tasbash Car no. 92, in conjunction with the Variety Club of Tasmania, will be on the road again this year to raise money to assist disadvantaged children.



Raffle tickets are now on sale and Lyn asks for your support with a chance to win some great prizes and help buy equipment for children who need extra help.

Lyn Plummer, best known as 'Lyn the Hairdresser' at St Marys, with her sister Fiona of Gifts & Gadgets will be looking for support drivers to help out in October.

100 years of business in St Marys 1860 - 1960 by Gary Dakin.

This is the final chapter of Gary's notes on the history of early days of business in St Marys as far as he has been able to ascertain from all his avenues of research.

Thankyou Gary for allowing the Valley Voice to publish these which we know readers have enjoyed. Look forward to more articles from time to time. Ed.

Coachbuilding. In 1885 A.N.Wright built coaches, S.Birrell probably took over from him. R.Beddy built in town then moved to Gray in 1887, W.Boles in 1899. This was in Cameron Street. We had a Dental Mechanic, W.Temple in 1925, a Dentist, H.R.Warren 1926.

In the entertainment field we had R.Loves Assembly Rooms 1896, M.Coleman Billard Parlour 1902, a Skating Rink was built in 1888. These were before Todds Hall, round about this time too, dances were held in Napiers barn. This was when they had the shop so one can assume that it was behind or beside the shop.

T.Parry and I.Harvey both were listed as operating fish shops.

In 1939 Bewglass Motors listed as a Motor Hire business.

A Jeweller, C.G.Goldsmith traded in 1915. A.Chester the Photographer lived in Irishtown Road, but did he have a shop in town? Solicitors we had namely Evans(corner Clive and Main Street), Solomon and Weston, also Elliston.

Store and Shops. Where I know what was sold I will say, otherwise it is assumed that they were general stores, W.Tapsall 1892, E.D.Newman 1902, Buckley's Coffee Palace 1890, 'Examiner' reports had him catering at functions. J.Brown Confectionary 1932, T.Goldsmith 1902, T.Butler 1918, T.Jackson 1874, T.Stanley 1878, W.C.Challender Draper 1913, W.Hawkes 1912, F.C.E.Button 1924, A.Armstrong Fruit/confectionary 1937, G.Mitchell 1860, D.Mitchell 1868, G.Mitchell 1875, J.Lohrey 1902.

A Millinery shop was built in 1887, where?

F.Avery had stables in 1889, he was a noted coachdriver of the times. W.Duffy took over the stables in 1889. A separate stable was run by J.Maney 1893, J.Grant 1895, it closed down in 1896, where the stables were is unknown.

C.Anderson was another tailor in 1918.

In 1931 a Mrs Miller operated Tea rooms

FOR ACTION! In the Fingal Valley



VOTE 1

Rene Hidding

and all the other Liberal Candidates
in the order of your choice

LIBERAL for Lyons

Authorised by A T Clarke
509 Oaks Rd Westbury Tasmania

Correction:

Last weeks report on St Marys Lions Club activities for 1997-1998 year stated a donation to Silver Threads Senior Citizens — this was a donation to Cornwall Golden Years Club not the St Marys Club.

Ruth McGiveron for the Lions Club of St Marys

Crossword answers

ACROSS. 1 calcium. 4 Dr. 5 do. 7 eat. 8 women. 9 old. 10 three. 13 banana. 16 falls. 17 ice. 18 cheese. 21 arthritis. 24 nuts. 25 sun. 26 good. 27 exercise program. DOWN. 1 cola. 2 low. 3 menopause. 4 diet. 6 osteoporosis. 11 healthy. 12 can. 14 take. 15 vitamin. 19 sit. 20 salt. 22 risks. 23 poor.

Another name but still 'the tip.'

Another of life's small pleasures has disappeared - all in the name of environmental progress of course but still rather a shame.

No longer can we look forward to the trip to the good old Tip at weekends.

Rubbish must be taken to the Refuse Site or was it a Disposal Site which has now evolved into a Waste Management Station.

Gone are the days when if at weekends you needed just a short piece of angle iron or only one sheet of old roofing iron to put on the chook shed, you had no doubt that a quick trip out to the Tip and you could find just the thing.

You need just a short piece of PVC pipe to finish that job so where would you try first?

- the Tip of course.

An old discarded bookshelf was reclining in the bottom of the pit, amongst other horrible stuff, had good thick timber shelves and still showed a lot of potential. Not long before it was seen leaving on the back of a ute, off to start a useful life again!

That poor old three legged chair now proudly sits out on one chap's verandah - with an extra leg of course.

Most Tips had their 'Unofficial Constant Surveillance Persons' who would be hovering around for any good bargains that might be arriving on the next ute or trailer.

The Waste Management Station, what will the next title be?

Who remembers the PMG and PWD and the HEC has joined them.

Now there is Telstra, Australia Post and Aurora and goodness knows what is the latest name for the old PWD.

The Public Works Department became the Department of Main Roads and just as everyone was becoming used to that it was changed to Works Tasmania. Not satisfied with that for long, another name change and now very few people have any idea who the Civil Construction Corporation is and no doubt there were other names in between.

Needless to say, with every change of name there is substantial cost, new road signs, new vehicle signs, new uniforms, new stationery, new advertising and so the expenses mount up.

At least one name change has been put on hold.

We are still Break O'Day and glad to keep our unique identity that our river gives us, for a little longer anyway.

Jeff's jottings

" Winter has arrived up here with temperatures down to 29° with a slight nip in the air.

Ian Loane and family have arrived and their 10 day stay has been excellent as it has allowed me to check out Carlton Hill Station - one of Kerry Packers properties - a 2 million acre spread, 2,500 acres of irrigated lucerna on the edge of the Ord River. Also visited the Wyndham Crocodile farm and Keep River National Park. Another day we went to the seed farms, paddocks and paddocks of black soil covered with crops not quite ready to harvest. There is plenty of work up here and there is an uninterrupted supply of packpackers who battle the monotonous work and heat for about \$10 an hour.

Come November and the temperature shoots up to 40°, things close down as the black soil becomes like glue.

Yesterday Ian and I went out to the Research Station to see an experimental plot of poppies from Tassie. Glaxo from Devonport are testing them out, a rather sorry sight the poppies are too, about knee high and coming to seed in three months. Things just bolt here and it looks like its too hot to get good germination.

It was strange stepping into the Government vehicle with spent shot gun cartridges all over the floor. The white cockatoos attack the grain crops and play havoc.

August 4 and my visitors have headed off to Darwin then will head south through Katherine, Alice, Coober Pedy and Adelaide before arriving home to cold Cooma near Canberra. The Loanes, 2 adults and 2 children, were travelling light, no 4 wheel drive, caravan or trailer - just a Commodore car and sleeping bags".

Jeff

A LINDEN

Linden trees as mentioned in the Streetscape story, are mostly large, fast growing deciduous trees used for landscaping, streets and for shade.

The bark grey, leaves are soft, bright green and broadly heart shaped. Clusters of creamy white flowers are sweet scented and very attractive to bees. Although quick growing, Lindens have been

know to live up to 500 hundred years!

Imagine how beautiful these trees will be when they become well established.

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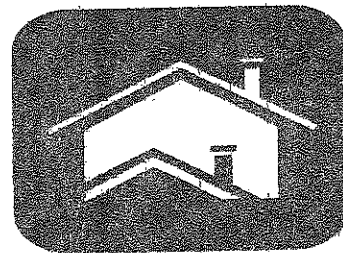
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MEALS ON WHEELS

AUGUST

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ST MARYS

P & Y Davern
Kath Read
M & P Berwick
Heather Griffiths
Ralph Jones

FINGAL

Cheryl Rankin
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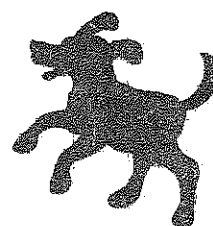
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Break O' Day Film Society

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NZ 162 mins
AUGUST 21TH
SCAMANDER BEACH
HOTEL 7.30PM

STARS: Kerry Fox, Karen
Fergusson, Alesia Keogh

Based on the autobiographies
of New Zealand author Janet
Frame, this three part mini-
series traces the first forty
years of Frames life, from her
acutely, shy childhood years
during the twenties, through
her incorrect diagnosis and
treatment for Schizophrenia,
to the sojourn in Europe on a
literary grant, with her return
in 1964 to New Zealand.

Director - Campions approach is ellip-
tical but lucid in the short scenes, an
approach most striking

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CONARA JUNCTION

The Council could be forming a
working party to assess options for the
Conara Junction as a major "gateway"
to the East Coast and Fingal Valley.
The working party could consist of
representatives from tourism, Cham-
ber of Commerce, etc with the job
of assessing options that could be
available to direct and promote the
area and it's qualities.

RAINWATER TANKS (part 1)

In Australia, water is a valuable commodity.
Rainwater can provide a renewable supply of
natural, soft, clear and odourless water that
can be used for a range of purposes including
drinking, washing, bathing, laundry and
gardening. In some areas it may represent the
primary source of household water while in
others it can supplement existing mains water
supplies.

Water Quality

Rainwater collected in tanks generally
contains few chemicals, however, there may
be increased pollution by airborne
contaminants in major urban centres and
industrial areas. Collection of rainwater for
human consumption (drinking & cooking) in
areas affected by heavy traffic, industry,
incinerators and smelters is not
recommended. The microbiological quality
of rainwater collected in domestic tanks may
be lower than that of many mains water
supplies, however, providing systems as well
maintained the risk of harmful organisms
being present is low.

Is The Water Safe To Drink?

Generally yes. Providing the rainwater is
clear, has little taste or smell and is from a
well maintained system it is probably safe
and unlikely to cause any illness for most
users.

For those who are immunocompromised such
as the very young or very old, cancer
patients, people with diabetes, organ
transplants or those who are HIV positive,
disinfecting the water before consumption
should be considered. This can be achieved
by heating and holding at a rolling boil for 1
minute or more.

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BLOOPERS FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

Don't let worry kill you - let the
Church help.

Thursday night - Potluck Supper.
Prayers and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are
sick of our Church and community.

For those of you who have children
and didn't know it, we have a nursery
downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning
is to announce the birth of David Alan
Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs
Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting
in the South and North ends of the
Church. Children will be baptized at
both ends.

Tuesday at 4.00pm there will be an ice
cream social. All ladies giving milk
please come early.

Wednesday the ladies liturgy will
meet. Mrs Johnson will sing "Put me
in my little bed" accompanied by the
Pastor.

Thursday at 5.00pm there will be a
meeting of the Little Mothers club.
All ladies wishing to be "Little
Mothers" will meet with the pastor in
his study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask
Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an
egg on the altar.

The service will close with "Little
drops of water". One of the ladies will
start quietly and the rest of the congre-
gation will join in.

Next Sunday a special collection will
be taken to defray the cost of the new
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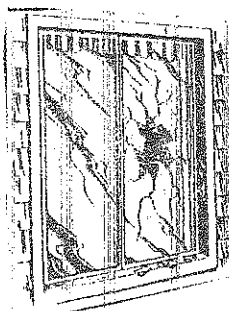
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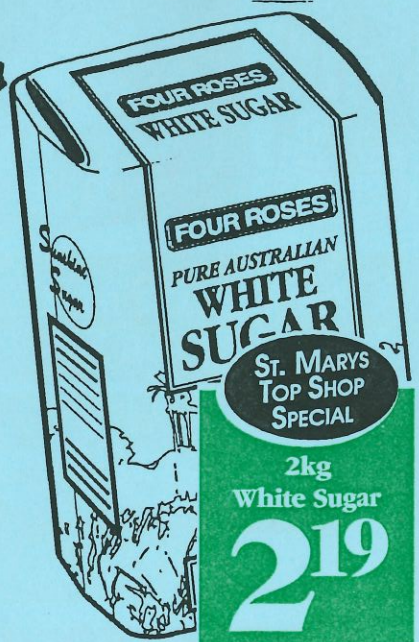
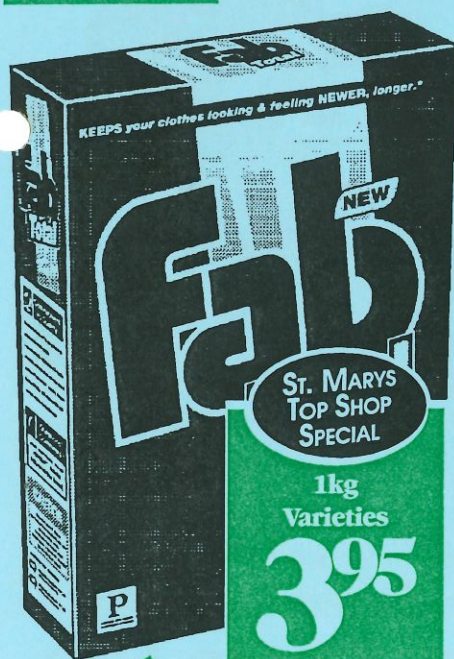


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Believe It!

St Marys Students Achieve!

We can all learn a great deal from the achievements that students at St Marys have made over the last couple of weeks. I, like many of you probably get sick to death of the continual gloom and doom reports in the media. For too long we have talked Tasmania down and for too long many have talked our community down. At the present time The Examiner is running a "Believe It" campaign, and our students have clearly shown that if you believe it you CAN achieve it.

Luke Faulkner is a wonderful example of this. He has given a lesson to us all. He has quite clearly shown that you don't need to live in Sydney or Melbourne in order to make it. A born and bred St Marys boy has shown that through dedication and hard work and belief in his own ability can take you to the top no matter where you live. We at St Marys District High School can not praise Luke enough for his outstanding achievements. Luke was selected as an U/16 football representative for his state and now awarded a scholarship to the Australian Sports Academy. A mighty effort. Well done!

Our second great achievement for the fortnight came with a rock challenge band. I not only had the privilege to go both nights, but was also lucky enough to spend a couple of days in Launceston with these eight fine young people. It was a time that I enjoyed thoroughly. Beaten for a place in the finals last year, this group took on the very best of school rock bands throughout the state both private and government. They not only showed that they could mix it with the best, but are better than most. Their fantastic performance on the first night took them through to the finals along with three other North and North West bands. On the final night we took out one of the four major prizes with Pete Cornelius winning the Most Promising Individual. Pete was supported by seven other great performers. Many, many congratulations to:

Jenny Brown. Kate Baldini, Jess Baldini, Rebecca Cooke - vocals.

Tyson Ward - Bass

Robbie Gunson - keyboard

Kyle Bennet - Drums

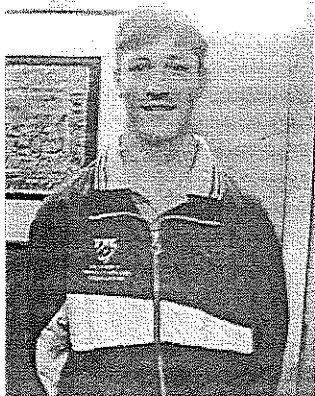
And a very special pat on the back to Pete Cornelius (lead guitar/vocals).

The entire St Marys DHS community should stand up and applaud the great effort made by these young people.

I cannot finish without thanking Debbie Manskey for her help and of course Nic Wardlaw who has worked for many years to raise the standard of music at St Marys to this level. Don't think that this is just a flash in the pan. Nic has many up and coming young stars waiting for their chance to represent their school. Along with the success of St Helens last year, we have shown that the East Coast must be placed firmly on the map when it comes to music.

As a final comment, it must be reported that only two high school bands during the two nights had girls taking part, and they were St Marys and St Helens. Newstead College also clearly showed that they recognise the outstanding ability of many young ladies by including two female lead vocals. This is great to see and it once again shows that we are leading the way in education in this state.

Our community and our state needs to stop knocking and realise where we can achieve, respond to how amazingly talented so many of the young people in our community are and for once and for all remember that you may come from a small community on the East Coast of Tasmania, but you can still make it to the top.

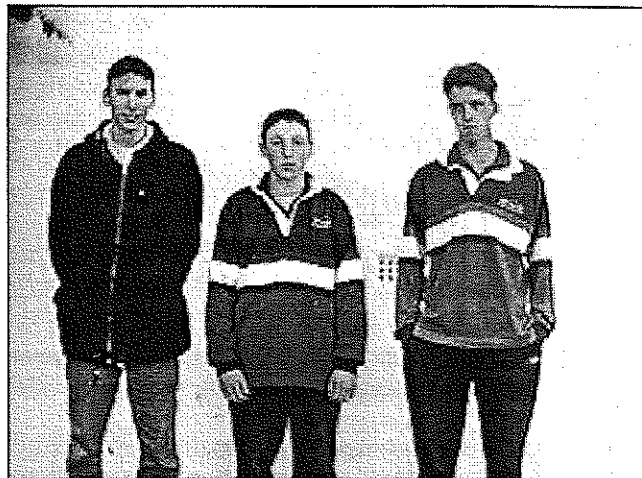


Believe It!

St Marys Students Achieve!

GOLF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to four of our students for their skills, dedication and consistent performances in their chosen sport. Tristan Clement (Gr 10), Adam Fletcher (Gr 11), Sean Fletcher (Gr 9), and Scott Wilson (Gr 10) are members of the St Marys Golf Club 'A' grade Team which has won the East Coast Tasmanian Golf Association 1998 Pennant. All four won seven of their eight Pennant Matches during the season, a result not bettered by any player from any club in the competition.



GOLFERS: Tristan Clement, Scott Wilson, Sean Fletcher. Adam Fletcher (handicap of 6) was unavailable for a photo.

It should be stressed that Adam (16), Tristan (15), Sean (15) and Scott (16) are all Juniors (under 18) but are playing in an adult 'A' Grade competition and rank among the leading golfers on the East Coast. As a measure of their achievement, all four have handicaps of 10 or less, and Adam (6) and Tristan are qualified to play in the next Tasmanian Open.

Congratulations also to Barry LeFevre who encouraged Junior Golf in recent years and also to the East Coast Golf Association for their encouragement of Junior golfers, helping them along the path towards the top levels of the game.

Gymnastics Competition 1998

On Friday July 31, approximately 170 students competed in the annual East Coast Gymnastics Competition.

The competition was held at our school this year and was a great success. All the competitors enjoyed themselves and the standard of performance was very good. In fact, every year our students and other students in the area become more and more refined in their gymnastic skills.

In the Individuals Competition, Tristan Clement performed well to be the Secondary Boys Runner Up, whilst Blake Faulkner and Lazarus Louis managed to be Equal Runners Up in the Grade 3 and 4 competition.

Overall the St Marys students did particularly well this year and managed to win the Grade 1 & 2 Mixed Team Trophy, the Grade 3 & 4 Mixed Team Trophy and the Secondary Boys Team Trophy. Well done Everyone!

Thank you to all our judges for being involved in the Competition and the large number of parents who came along to watch and support the children.

We look forward to next year's Competition.



FINGAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th August, 1998

CROSS COUNTRY

Our School Cross Country will be held this Friday afternoon, weather permitting. We will have a slightly earlier lunch and begin the Cross Country at about 1-15/20pm.

The order of events will be as follows:

- 1) Kinder (mixed)
- 2) Prep Girls
- 3) Prep Boys
- 4) Grade 1 (mixed)
- 5) Grade 2 (mixed)
- 6) Grade 3 (mixed)
- 7) Grade 4 Girls
- 8) Grade 4 Boys
- 9) Grade 5 Girls
- 10) Grade 5 Boys
- 11) Grade 6 (mixed)

If you are a Kinder and will be competing, please arrive at the oval at 1-00pm and stay with your parents until the marshall calls you. Attendance for the kinder race is optional.

There are 5 (mixed) events due to the small size of the groups or the fact there is only one participant of one sex.

Please ensure your children have their proper running gear which includes, sandshoes, socks, shorts and a top.

Parents are urged to attend and support all our students.

After the Cross Country you may take your children home if you desire, but please inform their class teachers.

Next week a squad will be chosen from Grades 3-6 to begin training for the E.N.E. Cross Country at Mathinna on Tuesday, 1st September.

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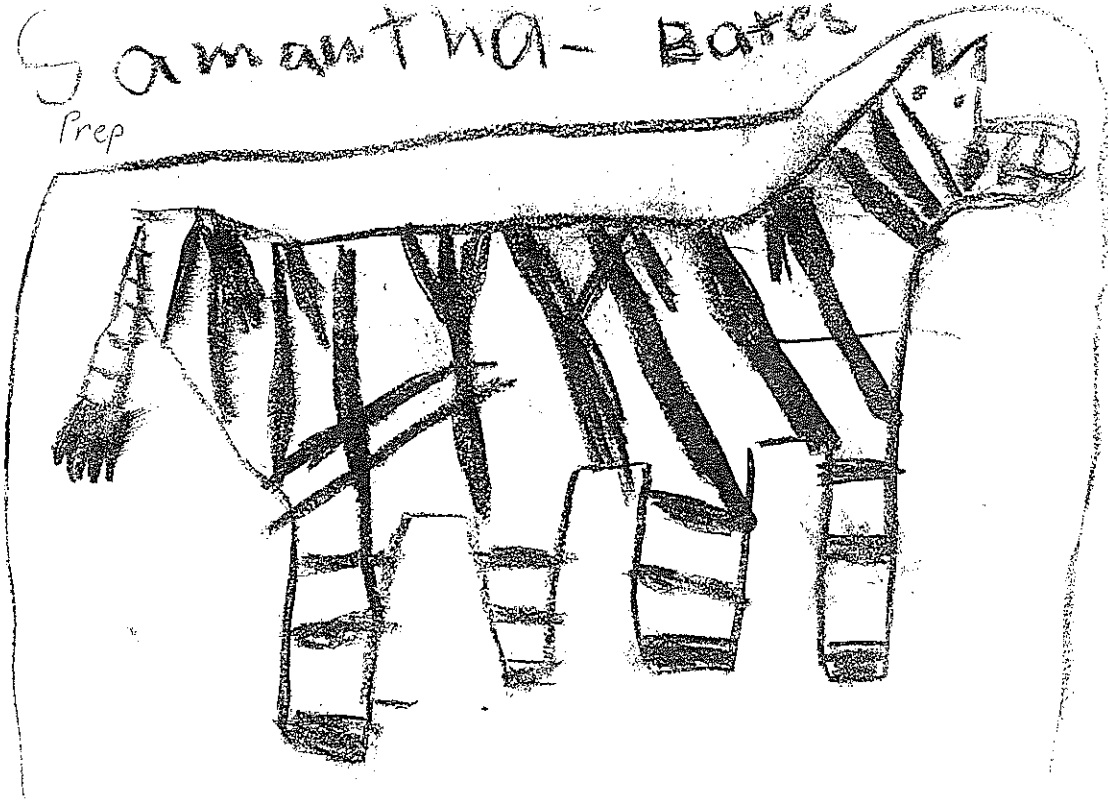
Next week, Emilee, Hannah, Laura, Melissa Casbault, Michael, Courtney Hall, Cameron, Ben Oates and Adrian will attend the Country Gold Carnivals. We wish them the best of luck and hope this is a tremendous experience for them.

IMMUNISATIONS (Hepatitis B)

These will be on this Friday, 14th August at 8-30am for Grade 6 and Staff.

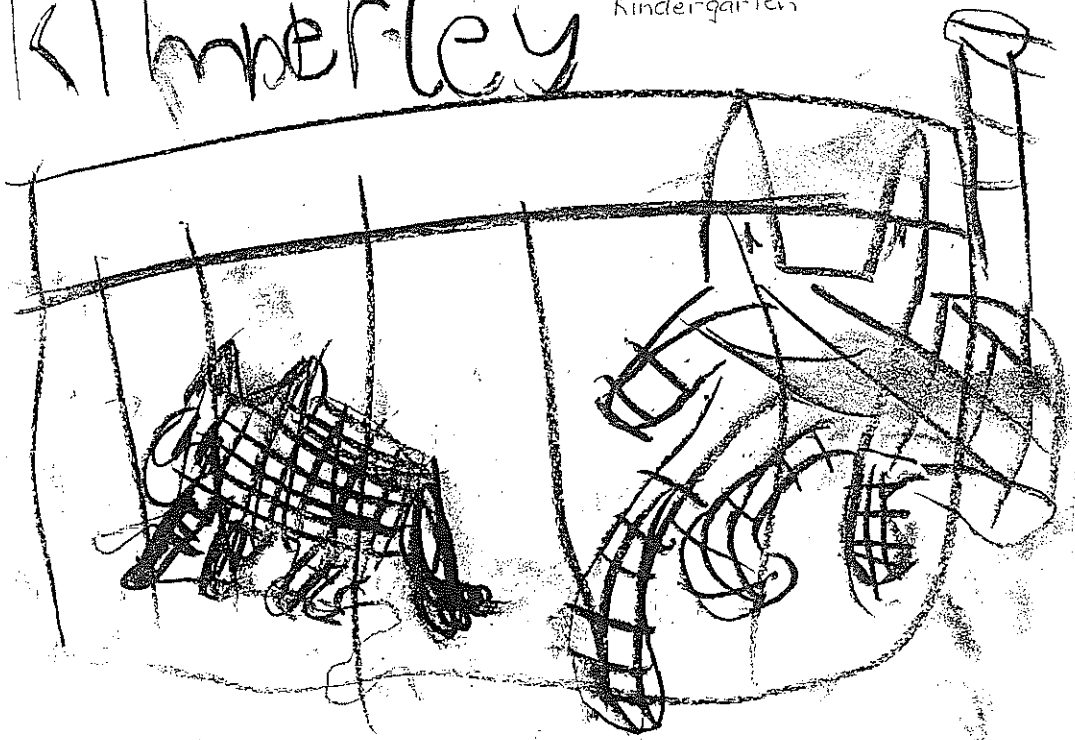
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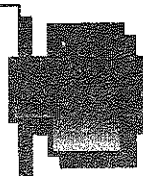
K/P/1 Charcoal sketches of
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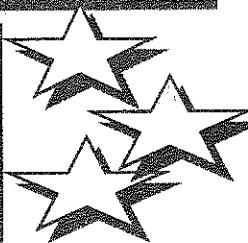
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Hello! We've got a big week in music coming up with the You Am I/ Tumbleweed Aussie tour rolling through Tassie next week. The Cruel Sea look like touring at least Hobart this month with support from Melbourne's own Snout. On a more local note I was lucky enough to see the second heat of the TMIA Rock Challenge for Tassie school bands on Wednesday night. Both East Coast fared well with St Marys band Jimmy Who making the finals the following night, though how the St Helens band never got in is beyond me but there you go. The music was mainly grunge and metal with a few surprises thrown in and the majority of the bands looking like they were having a ball. Prospect band Sclerosis took out the honours for best high school band and it was well deserved, an excellent stage presence and solid material got them through in the end. Nearly all of the bands performed well and what some lacked in talent they more than made up for in enthusiasm. Top marks to the organisers for appearing to put the emphasis of having a go and having a good time in front of winning, not only will it encourage other school bands in the state it also made for a great evenings entertainment.

MUSIC BUFF'S BRAIN TEASERS

LAST ISSUES ANSWERS 1. "Original Sin" - INXS 2. "St Louis" - Easybeats 3. "Glass On-ion" - Beatles The Aussie rock band who got their name from a vacuum cleaner were ACDC.
What songs do the following lyrics come from

1. "Ridin along in my automobile, my baby beside me at the wheel"
 2. "The gypsy woman told my mother, before I was born, you got a boy child comin, gunna be a son of a gun"
 3. "Father McKenzie writing the words of a sermon that no one will hear"
- What Cold Chisel hit song was initially banned by the Australian Broad Casting Federation because of the offending line "And their legs were often open but their minds were always

CD REVIEWS

Tonic - "Lemon Parade" LA based band Tonic's debut album is a well crafted basic four piece affair. Great guitar and excellent vocals courtesy of front man Emerson Hart and a driving rhythm section make for a tight sound. Lemon Parade contains both "If you could only see" and the brilliant "Casual Affair" both of which received nominal airplay as well as the new single "Open up your eyes". Produced by Black Crows producer Jack Joseph Puig the Cd has a real solid quality - raw and clear. With musical overtones of the '70s ie Zepp, Bad Co etc and hard edged '90s rock "Lemon Parade" is just the tonic for a good dose of rock'n'roll.

A real winner ****

These are the final Football Profiles as the footy season has almost come to a close.

My apologies to those players who were not interviewed, you were not omitted intentionally. Each and every player is as important as each other, but time and space did not allow me to feature all players. I hope that the Valley Voice readers have enjoyed meeting our local boys.

Diane Johnson.

Keith Gillies :Age 17 No 3 Seniors Rover

- 1 Q. Do you play any other sport ?
A. Basketball, Cricket, Volleyball, Hockey - all sports really.
- 2 Q. Who has been the biggest influence on your footy career ?
A. David Bain.
- 3 Q. What differences have you found from playing U16's to Seniors
A. Physical pressure, skill level of players, it's a lot harder.
- 4 Q. Who would you like to cuddle up to on a cold night ?
A. Pamela Anderson.
- 5 Q. What has been your greatest achievement ?
A. Winning Club and Association Best and Fairest and Leading Goalkicker in 1997. (Esk Deloraine Association Under 16's)
- 6 Q. Have you a future fantasy?
A. To play AFL for Adelaide.
- 7 Q. What makes you unhappy ?
A. People who don't do what they say they will do.
- 8 Q. What makes you happy ?
A. Winning a game of footy.
- 9 Q. What do you enjoy doing the most ?
A. Playing footy, driving my car.
- 10 Q. What do you dislike doing the most ?
A. Loosing a game of footy.

Sam Laycock Age 13. No 12 Under 16's Wing.

- 1 Q. Do you play any other sport ?
A. Basketball and cricket.
- 2 Q. What is your most valued possession ?
A. Cricket Trophies.
- 3 Q. What has been your greatest achievement ?
A. Kicking a goal at the MCG.
- 4 Q. What makes a great footy club ?
A. To think positive that we are going to win.
- 5 Q. What is your favourite food and drink ?
A. Sausage rolls and beer.
- 6 Q. Do you have a future fantasy ?
A. To play for St Kilda.
- 7 Q. Who is your best supporter ?
A. My Dad.
- 8 Q. Who has been the biggest influence on your life ?
A. My Dad.
- 9 Q. What food do you hate the most ?
A. Spinach and pumpkin.

Sam hasn't a girlfriend and said that he "doesn't want one".
Sam helps out when needed by doing the boundary for Reserve games and Runner/water boy for the Seniors (a good and valued clubman).
Sam's older brother James 18, plays for the Seniors.

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING

by Rodney McGiveron

You've heard the saying 'it's all happening'.

Well at St Marys District High this must surely be the case lately. In the past fortnight we have witnessed outstanding success in both the East Coast Gymnastic Championships and the TMIA Rock Challenge.

On July 31st the school hosted 180 Primary and Secondary students competing in the Gymnastic Championships.

St Marys P.E. teacher and qualified gymnastics coach Kristen Kelly ably assisted by fellow St Marys P.E. teacher Karen Bramich, ran a highly successful day packed full of action for competitors and spectators alike. Kristen was chief organiser and must have had logistical nightmares for weeks to have an event that ran so smoothly right from marchpast to presentations. Her experience in running this event while at St Helens truly showed out. The over-riding feature of the day was the emphasis on participation and the enthusiasm of the children competing whether they were going well or not. Surely another big congratulations must go to the St Marys District High students who gave their time to act as equipment safety spotters, team leaders, recorders, helpers with setup and dismantling.

The judging panel, Anita Haley, Julie Pyke, Amanda Pyke, Richard Smith, Tanya Stuart, Jane Smith, Phillipa White, Krystal Parker, Catherine Bryan and Kate McGregor were qualified in their field.

Let's not forget our intrepid Janine Midson (P & F) for her efforts in the face of adversity (electrical failure) by providing a sumptuous tuck shop in the foyer.

The sheer enjoyment of the day must surely have been summed up by the Bicheno girl who was runner - up in the individual event in Grade 5/6. Her joy in winning the medallion when she came back to her school group was infectious.

No doubt last week the whole school would have been proud of Peter Cornelius, Kyle Bennett, Tyson Ward, Robbie Gunson, Jess and Kate Baldini, Jenny Brown and

Gymnastic Championship results.

Winning Teams

Secondary Girls:	St Helens
Secondary Boys:	St Marys
Grade 5/6 (mixed):	Bicheno
Grade 3/4 (mixed):	St Marys
Grade 1/2 (mixed):	St Marys

Secondary Boys:

Individual winner:	Yunek Vonarburg(SH)
Runner-up:	T.Clement(SM)

Grade 5/6

Individual winner:	Amanda Salmon(B)
Runner-up:	Rachelle Pyke(B)

Grade 3/4

Individual winner:	Michael Simmons(SH)
Equal runner-ups:	Lazarus Louis(SM) & Blake Faulkner(SM)

Grade 1/2

Individual winner:	Alliesha McGee(SH)
Equal runner-ups:	Christian Seddon(B) & Elana Brockman(B)

Rebecca Cooke in doing so well in the TMIA 1998 Rock Challenge.

To reach the final was fantastic and even the usually unflappable and popular music teacher Nic Wardlaw was tickled pink by their efforts, not only with their obvious skills but the way they were terrific ambassadors for the school.

For Peter Cornelius to win the prestigious 'Most Promising Talent' award was truly deserved and the whole community should be proud of him.

As they say at St Marys District High --- IT'S ALL HAPPENING.

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COUNTER MEALS

Friday Night	6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday	12 noon - 2.00 pm 6 pm - 8.00 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 2.00 pm

Sports Centre News by Kackhander

First to bowls and the AGM was held last Sunday with a small but enthusiastic roll up of members.

The feeling was great that all wanted to make it a successful year and any fears that we might not get a team seemed to be pretty well dispelled.

All the committee positions were filled subject to confirmation of acceptance by one or two and I will publish those names next issue. Working bees to finish the necessary jobs will soon also be advertised.

It is also pleasing to report that numbers are increasing again for golf with at least 4 or 5 extra each week. This is good as the championships are very close, in fact Mens Foursomes are on August 22nd and already there are thirteen teams entered, which is marvellous.

Now to the critically important issue, that being the AGM on August 21st. Because of tough times ahead the outgoing Committee asks that any member who can attend on that night please do so. Most will receive a reminder in their letterbox, with a bit of luck.

Members input is very important to make sure that the new committee have clear direction on important financial issues that face all small clubs like ours.

PLEASE TRY AND COME TO THE A.G.M.

Friday August 21st 7.30pm

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

ST MARYS TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 27 August 1998 at 7.30 pm.

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St Marys Sports Centre Inc. notice of Annual General Meeting to be held in Clubhouse Friday 21st August 1998 at 7.30pm

Agenda includes:

- * Apologies
- * Previous minutes of 1997 AGM
- * Business arising.
- * Officers Reports: Mens & Ladies Golf
Mens Bowls, Club President.
- * Auditor and Treasurers Reports
- * Election of 1998/99 Office Bearers
- * Election of Patron
- * Setting of Annual Subscriptions
- * Setting of Honorariums
- * General discussion.

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Junior footy

The Fingal Valley and East Coast Juniors travelled to St Helens on Sunday 2nd August.

FV/EC Grade 2/3's took control of the game early in the piece. St Helens tried to play a run-on style game but this was not effective. After half time St Helens were more competitive, however the FV/EC Juniors ran out comfortable winners by 49 points.

Best for FV/EC Juniors were Billy Singline, Daniel Cooke and Kase Miller.

Goals: D.Cooke 4, A.Webster 2, B.Singline 1

In the Grade 4/5/6 match we saw the benefit of St Helens run-on style as the Swans dominated this match.

Despite many changes after half time St Helens had an easy 10 goal win.

Best for FV/EC Juniors were Josh Cooke, Alex Hortle and Lazarus Louis.

Last Sunday saw our Juniors travel to Launceston to meet the East Launceston Demons.

It was intended to play matches between two Grade 2,3 & 4 sides and one Grade 5/6 match. Several of our Grade 4's were drafted into the 5/6 team to make up the numbers. Our Grade 2,3 & 4 teams did not find the heavy conditions and bigger opponents to their liking.

Both teams were a little tentative and this was reflected on the scoreboard with both teams going down by fair margins. Billy Singline, Corey Floyed and Tyrone Blair were best for the Bombers. Brodie Stuart, Daniel Cooke and Kase Miller for the Cats.

The 5/6 match was a memorable clash with the FV/EC team just getting home.

The kids had a good time ten pin bowling and at Macca's and all were keen for the next trip.

This weeks games will be at St Marys

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far with my football to be able to represent my State, even though we didn't win our Grand Final. Because I had a fairly good Carnival, AFL talent scouts saw me play and I learnt a few days ago that I have now won a Scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport for the AFL Academy. I am very happy with my efforts and I am glad I had this opportunity, especially after all the hard work that was done prior to selection.

Luke Faulkner St Marys.

St Marys Football Club

Friday September 4

Under 16's Dinner at Clubrooms

Saturday September 19

Senior and Reserve Dinner
at Community Hall

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St Marys Cricket Club

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1998 State Tasmanian Under 16 Football

The Valley Voice asked Luke to write about his trip.

Over the past year I have been training with the Young Mariners in the hope of making the 1998 Tasmanian State Under 16 Football Team. The team was announced only weeks before we flew out and it was pretty tough work learning many of the boys names. We flew out to Melbourne from Hobart on Friday 24th July and played our first game on the Sunday against NSW/ACT. NSW/ACT got off to a pretty good start but to our credit we fought back and led by 3 points at half time. After half time NSW/ACT ran all over us and kicked 4 goals to 1 and led by two at the final change. The final quarter was a tight struggle and not many goals were scored. I was the only player to kick a goal for the quarter but it wasn't enough with NSW/ACT winning by 5 points.

The next game was against Queensland on the Tuesday and our coaching staff had done their homework on this talented side. It worked fairly well with us just scraping in to win by exactly 2 goals. After the game we were pleased as we had kept Queensland goalless in the last quarter when they were kicking with a strong breeze. After all, Queensland were the top team !.

We sang our team song all night and even our coaches got in on the act. After knowing that we needed to win by 102 points to make the Division 2 final, we fronted up to the Northern Territory two days later. It did not look too good at quarter time when we only led by 1 point, but we put that in the back of our minds and came out in the next 3 quarters and blew them out of the water. Our coach Scott Wade moved me into the forward line for the last half and it paid off as I had 23 possessions, 6 marks and 4 goals. I got best on ground that day along with a few of my other team mates.

In the end we won by 105 points and had the opportunity to have another crack at Queensland for the 1998 title.

The grand final got under way on the Saturday at 1pm at Punt Road Oval. After 5 minutes it did not look as if we would take the Cup back to Tassie. We were 25 points down at quarter time and 40 points at half time. After a few encouraging words at half time we came out firing and only trailed by 5 points at three quarter time. Half way through the last quarter when I had just threaded through one of my 3 goals, we were within 1 point of winning.

It was a fantastic effort to get back into the game but unfortunately we did not go on with it and Queensland ran out winners by only 10 points.

That night we had our annual State dinner and awards were given to best players. I was fortunate enough to get Leading Goal Kicker for the Carnival and I also picked up the 3rd Best Player award for Tasmania.

In between our games we had a chance to visit the Geelong and Western Bulldogs football clubs and met a few famous faces.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Melbourne and am glad I got that

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