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Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

There is a wealth of artistic talent to be tapped in this area. There are musicians, painters, writers, potters, wood-carvers, to mention but a few. There have been some exciting moves as well. Not only is The Shed in Storey St up and running with pottery classes every Monday afternoon for adults and children, but also Todds Hall has had a new lease of life and now there are Theatre Workshops on Wednesdays at 6pm.

So, on Thursday the 8th of July a small group of people met in St Marys with the hope of forming a branch of the Tasmanian Arts Council. By the end of the energy filled evening, the basis of a branch was formed with ten members and duly elected office bearers.

We also had a name: Grassy Bottom Regional Arts!

The mover and shaker behind this development is Eo Greenstick, puppet maker extraordinaire and flautist, among her other many talents. She made enquiries and as a result, a meeting was organised. Siobhan Reed from the Arts Council attended to give an overview of the Who, What, Where, and How of the Tasmanian Arts Council. For those who are wondering..... why the name Grassy Bottom?

In 1842 a convict probation station was located at a site called Grassy Bottom, to build a pass through the Eastern Tiers to the sea. At the time, the local establishment did not like the idea of living near Grassy Bottom Pass and pressed for the name to be changed to St Marys Pass which it was and has been ever since. *Continued next page*

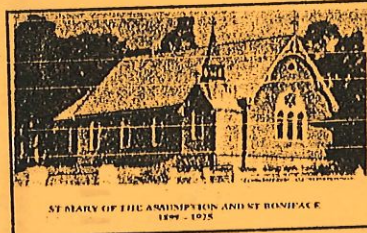
100 YEAR CELEBRATION

St Marys Catholic Parish celebrated 100 years of St Marys of the Assumption Church on Sunday July 11th with Concelebrated Mass at 10am.

Special guest at the celebration was the Coadjutor Archbishop of Hobart, the Most Rev. Adrian Doyle who confirmed 16 candidates from various parts of the Parish.

The Centenary and Confirmation Mass was attended by many parishioners and friends. Lunch followed in the Community hall and was greatly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all who participated in any way to make the occasion a wonderful celebration.

The Church of St Mary of the Assumption and St



Boniface which was destroyed by fire in 1975, was opened and blessed by Archbishop Delaney on 9 November, 1899

The present church was built in 1975 to replace the lovely building so much loved by the Catholic people of St Marys.

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Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

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Some twenty years later, a township was proclaimed and took its name from the pass to become St Marys.

As the name represents a part of the history of the Fingal Valley, it was deemed an appropriate as well as eye catching name for a regional arts branch.

The Tasmanian Arts Council is a statewide network of volunteers who work within their local communities to help enrich cultural life.

They organise and attend tours of theatre, music and dance. They run workshops and festivals, forums and seminars, fundraisers and parades.

Each branch decides what it wants to do, relevant to that particular community, and sets its own membership fees and has its own committee. Head Office then supports them in their endeavours.

Grassy Bottom branch fees have been set at \$5 a year.



To be a member of an arts council branch doesn't mean you have to be an artist. You just need to enjoy the arts, which can be anything that creatively represents and expresses who and what you are. It can be dancing, singing, making tapestries or a pot, or carving, acting, painting, etc. etc. The list is endless. As a member you become part of the cultural life of your community and can help make decisions that effect the type of activities occurring in your local area.

So how do you join?

Contact:

President Elaine on 6372 2663 or 6372 2372

Vice President Julia on 6372 2341

Secretary and Treasurer

Jen & Andrew- 6372 2066

Fixing the Break O'Day River

The Break O'Day River is in for some big changes.

On Wednesday night next week you are invited to a night of show - and - tell on how your community will be shaping a new future for the river system.

Environmental Consultant, Mr Daniel Sprod, will be presenting computer graphics, the results of extensive field work already undertaken, oral history research and physical modelling of the river catchment.

From the tiny brooks in the hills, through to the wet gorges and lowland streams the whole river will be analysed from Mt Elephant through to the Break O'Day island.

A number of issues will be discussed at the get-together including what are things like now in the river, how did they get that way, what do people want for the future and how can that be achieved.

Using virtual reality computer graphics, the catchment will be visited and the various issues explored - willows inching up tributaries and choking the floodplain channels; erosion chewing out the lowland streams and smothering fish habitat; pollution from the townships poisoning the downstream reaches.

People will then have the opportunity to talk about what is important to them in the river system - what they see as the best future, and ideally what different parts of the river would look like. Priorities will be set by considering what assets are most important and how they rank with each other. Once clear futures are decided, the workshop will then turn to methods of how to achieve these changes.

This very important issue needs everyone to be there to have a say.

Issues arising out of the planning workshop will contribute to the final rivercare plan for the Break O'Day River which is being developed by the Break O'Day Landcare Group.

Draft available at the St Marys Library — request your participation and perusal.

It is YOUR river - come along and have your say.

7 pm Wednesday July 21 at St Marys Hall

Everyone interested in any part of the river system is warmly invited to attend.

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What is to become of our 'Hospital'?

Does anyone know and more importantly does anyone still care?
I believed Mr Bacon, the vulnerable part of me still wanting to, but the reality isn't feeling too confident.

So, what can we do, what do we want to do?

We need to be making ourselves seen, heard and felt.

People from all areas, all ages and all manner of present health.

At present I am laying in a hospital bed. It's warm and cosy, the staff are friendly in a robotic state, I feel a thousand miles from home but thankfully I won't be here long.

Still, it would be great to hear Patsy laugh, see Sandra rushing about, smell Lyndal's cooking (yum!) and watch Robin wrestle the Vac, to say nothing of the peace of mind in seeing your regular doctor.

So, what is to become of our 'Hospital' ??????

WENDY

POST OFFICE NEWS

Have you seen the postcards ?

Last chance to see this colourful and interesting display of postcards that have been sent to the P.O. 'boys' by friends who have travelled to all parts of the world.

London, Buckingham Palace, Fiji, Peru, S.Africa, Spain and of course Tasmania and all around Australia.

As they warned, it is an uncensored exhibition so come see for yourself before the display is returned to the P.O. archives !!

Turning five.

Turning five is a momentous event, especially when you are the four year old.....Mollie was no exception. Thankfully she is easy to please so I anticipated no problems with her present as I thought of Barbies and baby dolls.

That was my major mistake.

Mollie and 'Me Dad' had already talked, she wanted Guinea Pigs and that was that.

I couldn't waver her one little bit. "No hutch" said I, "No food" begged I, "I can't wrap them" snickered I. Logic I learnt was no weapon.

I caved into the pressure and so commenced the Great Guinea Pig Hunt.

Two days to BD a woman takes pity on me as I ramble out my request, desperation now obvious in my hysterical sobs. (I lack subtlety)

A mad rush to town and we return triumphant from the Hunt.

Wrapping them ended up being easiest of all, mind you pushing their little legs down inside the milk cartons was a challenge.

Her face as she unwrapped the now very bewildered Pigs said it all, so did her choice of names.....

'Mum and Dad' — what else ?

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Also, what about laughter as an aid to health.

Consider this: laughing relieves tension and sends feel-good hormones flowing through your body. According to experts, the outlook for those who don't laugh is grim. Symptoms range from depression and low self esteem to much worse. An 18 month old child laughs on average 400 times a day. By the time we are 18 this has dropped to just 15 times a day.

Research has also shown that while smoking, drinking, poor diet, lack of exercise as well as genetic factors, contribute to heart disease, these only constitute part of the cause. A major cause can also be the lack of choices in life and loss of control.

So, get a pet and stroke it regularly, learn to look on the bright side of life as laughter is really the best medicine and join a group to have a sense of purpose and belonging.

New options available for having fun as well as social interaction are pottery classes at the Shed in Storey St. St Marys, (ring Elaine on 6372 2663 or 6372 2372). Theatre workshops Wednesdays at 6pm also in Storey St at Todds Hall. (ring Andrew on 6372 2 066)

Have you seen the Paper Tolle exhibition at the Health Centre? These exquisite examples are of the craft done at recent classes. If you are interested, contact Sandra Oliver 6372 2111.

Dental Mechanic Terry Adams would be interested in providing services at the St Marys Health Centre if enough persons were wishing to utilise this service.

If interested please ring either Terry Adams on 6344 8228 or the Health Centre on 6372 2111

DOCTORS WEEKEND ROSTER

July 17th and 18th — Dr Geniola

July 24th and 25th — Dr Shah

St Marys Community

Health Centre Phone 6372 2111

Dr Shah 6372 2311

Dr Geniola 6374 2288

Day Centre

In the last issue mention was made of Hayley Gilbert, co-ordinator of the Day Centre, who began work here in March this year.

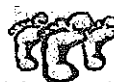
This week Hayley is the first Community Health worker to be featured.

Born in Launceston and currently living in St Marys, Hayley's first career choice was photographic journalism. She was attracted to the current position because of her great interest in working with people and the skills she could offer.

Since taking up the work of co-ordinator, Hayley has introduced new craft ideas and activities, creating an enthusiastic environment.

Hayley has been a welcome addition to the staff at the Centre. Her bright cheerful personality makes her popular with those who use the facility, and she has brought with her innovative ideas adding fresh vitality to the place.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE?



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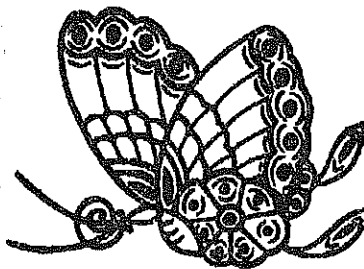
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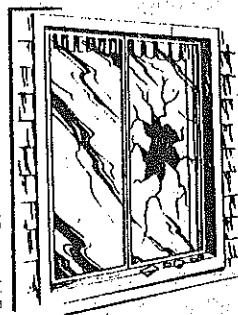
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Gilbert was born in a private home on Irishtown Road on the 30th March 1923. He was the only son of Ludwig and Edith Schier (nee Hughes). Until his mid teen years, he lived with his parents on a small hillside farm at Gray—now owned by Anne Hollingsworth who, in recent years, provided nursing services to Gilbert. At the southern end of the Elephant Range, the farm supported a milking herd and cheese making but it posed great problems for Gilbert's schooling. A three mile daily walk to and from the bus stop as a six year must have been a daunting experience. He left school in year six, did a little correspondence but derived a lot of knowledge of the bush, which would prove valuable later in his working life, by trapping possums and rabbits. As a teenager, he raised significant income from the sale of animal skins. Just prior to the second World War, he moved with his parents into St. Marys where Ludwig took a position as a Supervisor with the Council. Gilbert was employed at the garage (opp. the Top Shop) as a mechanic. The garage was owned by the Thorold family of Falmouth and both Thorold boys enlisted for war service. This left Gilbert on his own but his aptitude for things mechanical became apparent and invaluable. The horse and buggy days were fading as cars and motor cycles became more affordable. He mastered the art of fixing engines from bikes to cars—trucks, tractors and dozers. Just prior to his death at home in Falmouth on the 21st May last, he told how a chap had driven from Launceston to get him to fix his car "...as no mechanic in the city could find the problem." It was uncanny how he could find a problem with an engine without taking up a spanner but by merely listening to the engine.

In 1946 he married Jean Connelley of Pyengana and they rented a home at Falmouth. They purchased land, cleared it and built a home. The war raged on which made building materials both scarce and expensive. Undeterred, Gilbert hand made every brick in the home, taught himself carpentry skills and proceeded, in his spare time, to erect a home, laundry, dairy, smoke house (for bacon/hams), garage and a building to accommodate the Falmouth Post Office. Falmouth was a quiet seaside village in those days of only 10 permanent residents. Jean and Gilbert had the only young family on the township. They had six children all of whom were able to reach Falmouth before the funeral on the 28th May.

After the garage, Gilbert worked in the Irishtown mill of Henry Aulich before going out on his own as a Contractor. He acquired heavy machinery and secured a long standing contract with the HEC to provide power poles. He kept up his mechanics knowledge and became the Falmouth fix-it man. He was always comfortable in the role of helping the community providing his machinery and services free of charge on countless occasions. He served as an office bearer with the Miners Rifle Club and St. Marys Badminton Club, played in the St. Marys band and was a founding and Life member of the Falmouth Community Centre. He well served the St. Marys Lions Club and was on the vestry of the St. Helens Anglican Parish. He was a determined man, careful with personal opinion, strong with fairness and generous of spirit. In the later years of his life, he was badly incapacitated with rheumatoid arthritis. This affected his demeanour but on occasions, when feeling a moment of freedom from the crippling pain, many a resident of the Fingal Valley and East Coast were entertained with the stories of the past. Told casually but with a passion and unerring accuracy and always a wry smile, Gilbert could keep many an attentive ear. His quips were unique, comical and often endearing.

His passing attracted a large gathering at the St. Marys Holy Trinity Church where Break O' Day General Manager, John Brown reflected on his life, son John spoke of Gilbert's great sayings and daughter Valerie recited a powerful poem she had written which, like Gilbert in his life, left a lasting impression. Eldest son Michael (Falmouth) and sons John and Murray (both of Darwin) and Robert (Singapore) were joined as pall bearers by grand sons James (Brisbane) and Zac (Sunshine Coast). Jean was comforted by Valerie (Cairns) and son David (Shepparton). Gilbert's life was respected by the attendance of 280 people from all over the State who, in lieu of flowers, donated \$700 to the St. Marys Lions Club. Jean and members of the family have been overwhelmed by cards and calls the cumulative effect of which underlines the affection and regard that so many people had for such a warm, modest and generous man. After the service and burial in the Gray cemetery, the St. Marys Sports Club was packed with people celebrating Gilbert's life. It was, as he would have liked it, a happy gathering of old and yarning acquaintances and friends. Yet earlier in the day, as the funeral procession solemnly left the family home at Falmouth and travelled up the Pass through the bush which had nurtured Gilbert for most of his life, the trees on Millers Hill were standing still—like sentinels. He had passed harmoniously by them countless times in 55 years. It seemed apt therefore that as son John closed his address at the funeral service, he said,

"In the forestry of life, a big old tree has come down today."

JEFF HEADS OFF AGAIN *continued*

April 30

An early start at sunrise to climb Mt Sonder 1380m. With a water bottle and 2 Tassie apples we set off. We climbed rock steps up to the ridge and headed off on top of the West MacDonnell range. Bob Graham is a hardened bush-walker so I trailed along with my binoculars studying the birds.

At the final climb I gave up after 4 hours walking and rested to build up steam to rock hop home and after another 3 hours we made it. Yes, quite buggered but a great experience with the lovely Tassie cool breeze helping us. Up high in the rocks are tiny Cyprus trees similar to the Oyster Bay pines at Coles Bay. To finish the day I shuffled to the gorge for a swim, a lovely bath after 5 days on the road. Only Tasmanians swimming of course - too cold for the tourists. Again ham and perhaps a salad for tea but not until we became bogged in the sand after crossing the dry Finke river.

We decided to drive the horror stretch in the light and while looking for a camping spot - bingo down we went. My poor old legs had to bear up and carry flat red sandstone rocks on which to jack up the beast. The spade came out, shovelling, trying, jacking, the sun set, the moon came out and still no success. Then a brainwave — the load of 4 x 2 timber on the truck. We dragged out four lengths, placed them under the wheels and we made it.

Camping was a relief, near Glen Helen behind the lovely red rock outcrop. Tomorrow will be an easy day, bitumen roads, tourist gorges, swimming, definitely no walking - a rest day of sorts.

May 1

Pretty tired and the old bones are creaking after the mountain climbing and rock hopping so we have joined the tourist trail of Brits Campers, Hertz, Backpacker Rentals, NQ Campers but none of the whizz bang air conditioned stereo yobboes can match the dazzling Diahatsu from St Marys.

It took us most of the morning visiting and swimming in Ormiston and Serpentine Gorge, Standley Chasm. Simpson Gap was the only one where we had to pay \$4 to the Aboriginal custodians.

Back to the oil refinery to refuel, a little shopping then off up the highway to Ti Tree, to an agriculture research station growing grapes, mangoes, red grape fruit and asparagus, nearby is a large vineyard growing table grapes, artesian water and nice red soil. I had called there last year to buy some Mango Mist (champagne) and knew the set up so this year I was more successful. The champagne had to be the best at \$25 a bottle, it was saved until Kakadu. We bought fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, red juicy grape fruit and then started looking for a camp site, to our expert eyes we found another dry creek bed with decent trees to camp beside. Barrow Creek, not a busy day, still feeling a bit exhausted.

May 2

Left Barrow Creek before 8am and had a break at Devils Marbles.

I rested while Bob explored every nook and cranny. Refuelled at Tennant Creek, a gold mining town, then on past Three Ways where the highway to Mt Isa in Queensland takes off.

Know your neighbours

Menage a trois in St Marys!!

We share St Marys with possums, wallabies, echidna, bandicoots, platypus..... and with *GALLINULA MORTIERCI* - the Tasmanian Native Hen to most of us! "Mort" to it's friends.

There are always more males than females in the natural hen population, but this is balanced by about half their territories being held by two or more males mating with one female and holding the territory in common. It is suggested that these male are brothers sharing common genes, which is why trios rear more chicks than pairs.

While we are well used to this bird, which is prolific in St Marys, it is confined to Tasmania, and it is a delight to visitors whose first sight is often from a car with the 'road runners' high stepping it down the road at speeds clocked at 48 kph before disappearing into the road verge and across a paddock.

It is one of the few flightless birds in Australia (others are the Emu, the Cassowary and the Lord Howe Woodhen) and does not wander far - some may spend their entire lives within less than ten hectares.

They live in groups of two, three or four, in a large territory which they defend vigorously against other native hens. They use their powerful legs and feet for fighting when their aggressive display and harsh screams fail to deter a rival. This two syllable scream like a saw hitting a nail, is actually the male and female calling together, "duetting".

Mort grazes on short young shoots of grass and low herbs and seeds. They seem to need patches of grass which have already been grazed by mammals. The arrival of Europeans with cattle, sheep and horses provided extensive areas of this kind, so the native hen has flourished.

Although native hens feed on dry land, they always breed near water. As well as a concealed nest on which the eggs are laid, they build up to 5 other nests in more open situation where chicks are brooded at night after leaving the original nest.

The bird can swim and dive, and sometimes escapes bywalking across a stream under water.

So say "G'day" to Mort when you see him - it's the neighbourly thing to do.

[Acknowledgement to M.G.Redpath,
Division of Wildlife Research, CSIRO]

Continued

The countryside gets greener and the trees and forest gets thicker.

Into Packer cattle station territory, Helen Springs, Newcastle Waters near Elliott. Road trains of fat cattle were being shipped out to Darwin and Wyndham, we checked out Wyndham later. We kept plodding on through Daly Waters where you turn off to the 'Loo' - Borroloola, a great fishing spot on the Gulf. Next was Mataranka with it's hot spring but again I passed it by. Eventually we reached Katherine to refuel, check out the Gorge (crocs - no swimming) so just a short ramble in the heat but had to press on as we hope to get to Kakadu tonight to stay in luxury at a doctors residence. We turned off at Pine Creek and reached Jabiru at 7pm.

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Blues News

This last fortnight our club has been quite successful winning five of the six games played, our only loss was to ladder leader Bridport in the Seniors by 95 points.

Our Under 16's continued on their winning way to beat Bridport U16's who will be one of the sides in the finals, by 77 pts.

Final scores: Fingal 18.16 - 124 def. Bridport 7.5 - 47

All boys played well in a team effort with Clinton Woods with five goals and Josh Stingle with four, being the leading goal kickers.

The Reserves continued their build up to the finals with another impressive win.

Fingal: 14.7 - 91 def. Bridport 5.2 - 32 with all playing well.

Seniors were beaten, Bridport 25.13 - 163 def. Fingal 10.8 - 65.

Although beaten it was our best overall team effort for the past few weeks. Danny Woods and Justin Cashion received nasty injuries and I'm sure all members wish them a quick recovery.

July 10th our club played at home to Ringarooma.

The Under 16's was won by Fingal on forfeit.

The Reserves played Ringarooma, a side that they will meet come finals time. With their coach "Gandy" Turner back from a knee injury the boys started well and continued for the rest of the day, winning 11.8 - 74 to Ringarooma 3.7 - 25. Chris Turner in defence and Ricky Gale around the ground were two of the better players in a team effort.

The Seniors needed to win to hold their spot in the five and a chance to play in the finals. With a confidence not seen in the past few weeks our boys played with more passion to win a hard fought contest.

Fingal 16.18 - 114 def. Ringarooma 12.9 - 81.

Next weeks game against Winnaleah is a must win game also, to stay in the five.

Next fortnight: Winnaleah v Fingal at Winnaleah

Fingal v Lilydale at Fingal with a Cabaret to follow.



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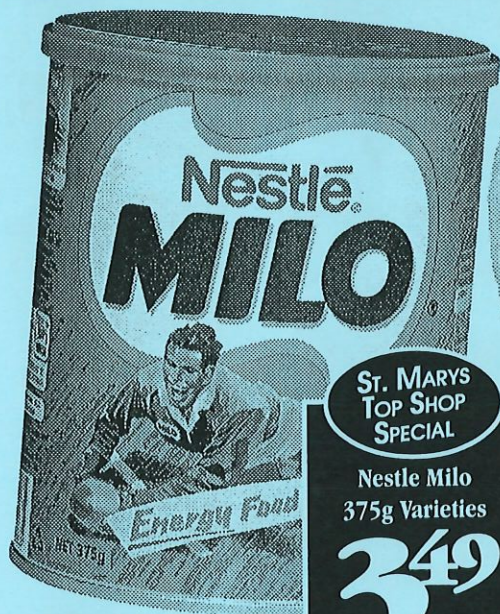
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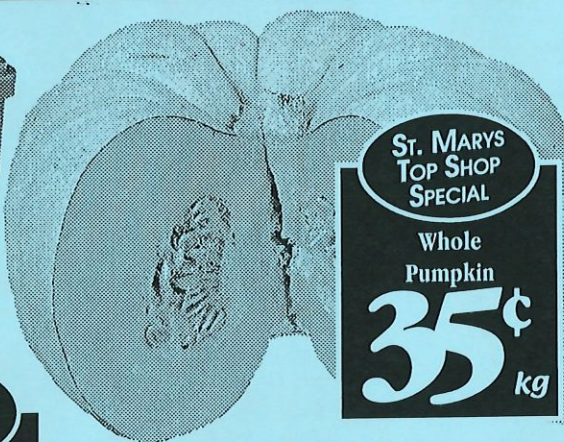
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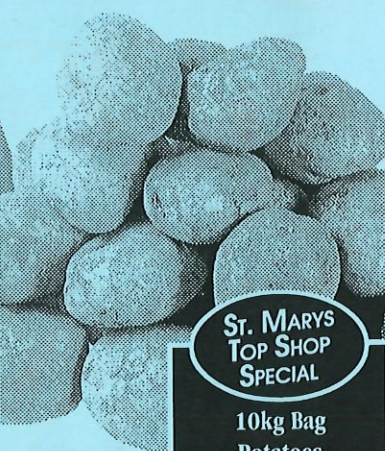
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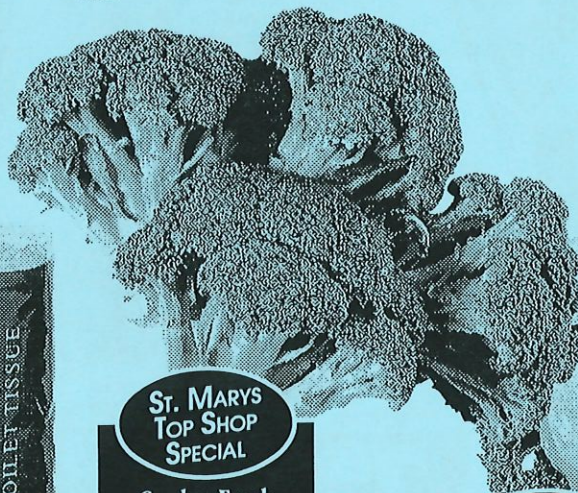
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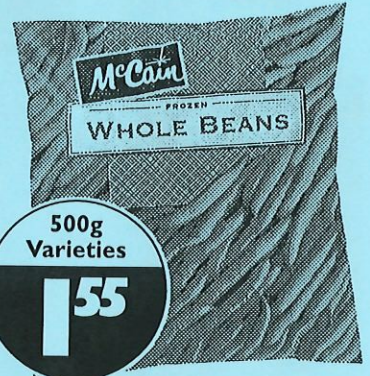
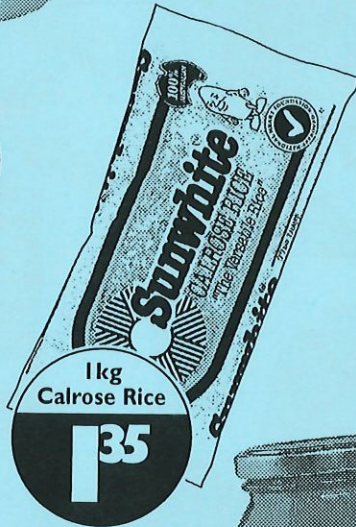
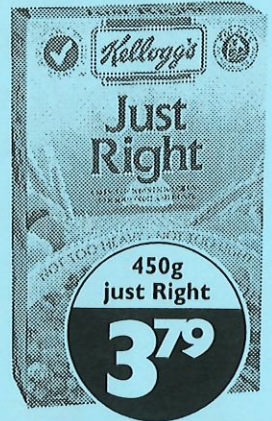
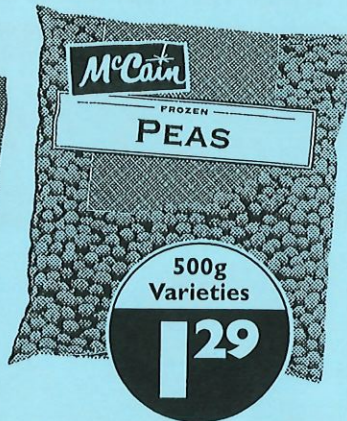
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are now getting towards the middle of term 2. The end of next week will see us half way through our school year. Things seem to get busier and busier. On Monday we had a visit from Mr Ian Rathbone who is now a computing consultant with the Education Department. Ian dropped in to check up on how the information technology roll out was going at St Marys. He was amazed by the excellent progress made by the school up to this stage and the quality of computers we have. He believes that we would be leading the state in teacher/computer ratios, which is wonderful to hear. It is quite clear to us that children can't be taught how to be computer literate unless their teachers have a clear understanding of the technology in place.

At this stage we have our computer laboratory up and running. Our ISDN line is in place and our library has been upgraded and onto a new library system. This has occurred without many major hitches. Our primary classrooms should see two new computers in place over the next couple of weeks and our year 11/12 centre should be cabled.

This is all very exciting, but it hasn't just happened by itself. Gary Barnes has been working a 7 day week for several weeks. His skills and dedication to our schools are amazing. We are extremely fortunate to have Gary on our staff. Roger Harlow has also been working extremely hard co-ordinating the roll out and the placement of computer hardware into our year 11/12 centre. Again, St Marys is extremely fortunate to have such a skillful and dedicated leader working with us.

Over the past two weeks most of our year 10 students have been out on work experience. Virtually every student gained an enormous amount from this time spent in the workforce, and I look forward to going over many of their reports with Kathy Lawson. Congratulations to all students who continue to build the high image of our school.

Our 5/6 students have also been involved in a worthwhile fundraising venture for their trip to Port Arthur. Mr Williams, Mrs Miller and Mrs Wise are most impressed by the committed involvement of their groups. Well done to all involved.

Our teachers continue to become involved in additional workloads in order to improve the educational opportunities for students at St Marys. Miss Freiboth, Mrs Miles and Miss Smith are taking part in a statewide numeracy program called "Count Me In Too". This program involves a great deal of research on each child in the class and all three teachers are working extremely hard on this project. I guess that one of the most important things about such a project is that we at St Marys can become just as involved as any city school.

Great news also in LOTE and Literacy. Mrs Kelly and Mr Ennis made a successful LOTE submission and were granted \$600 towards the school's LOTE Program.

In Literacy, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Miller, Miss Bryan, Miss Smith and Mrs Corby applied for a National Literacy Grant and were one of 53 schools to be granted \$500 for National Literacy Week. Congratulations to all involved. It helps to keep St Marys District High School on the map.

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- We have 17 primary students selected as hockey, netball and football representatives and they are presently training each week for their teams.
- The Annual Rock Challenge is only five weeks away. Always worth waiting for.
- Our yearly "Arts on Tour" takes off on the 27th - 29th of July
- "Streets Alive" an exhibition of the Arts will be held in Launceston during the last week of term and St Marys will be heavily involved. Watch out for more news on this one!
- Year 5-8 reports are nearing completion and these will be followed by Parent Teacher Evenings.

As usual, there are many, many things happening.

REGARDS, JOHN MARSHALL

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Recently the Kindergarten, Kinder/Prep and Grade 3 classes entered some work into the Campbelltown Show.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Amie Rawnsley (Kinder Miles) for a painting of "My House".
Naomi McDonald Kinder/Prep Gee) for a painting of "My Pet"
which both came second.

They received a lovely certificate and \$1.00 prize money.

Well done to both girls. A big thank you to Mrs Gee, Mrs Miles and Miss Bryan for submitting these exhibits!

UMESH PRATAP

Winner of an
Australian Fellowship
to study
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Umesh is the only Tasmanian teacher
chosen for this fellowship.

7/8 Girls

Creative Writing

Stars shine brightly in the big black sky
A lot of people sing songs by the lake and watch
The moonlight reflects off the water.
A cool breeze blows the autumn leaves
Around the spot where I lie
I stare at the clear sky and wonder when this
dream will end.

All seemed peaceful until 30 seconds ago -
Screaming moves up through my throat
Flaming red like fire.
I run, I trip, I know I am hurt
But my body is numb with fear.
Why is it like this? Why?
I seem to be running but I am not moving anywhere
This dream has turned in to a nightmare.
I turn around and see it coming
The thing is breathing heavily
I feel it on the back of my neck as I run
Then I start to float; I float in to a bubble
A bubble where no problems are known
I feel lifeless and colour drained.
My limbs are limp and my muscles are relaxed.
I drift in to another dream -
Hoping it won't turn in to another nightmare.

Then I wake and walk
I walk for hours.
I come to a place and experience something too
strange
I've been here before, in my dream
I turn and run all the way
Back to my nice warm bed.
Jacqui Evelyn Gd.8



Chilly fingers turning
blue
And black
The snow falls
Our streets are full of frosty fog
Little birds hide in their nests
Dumb people wear shorts!
Penny Byard Gd. 8



My Bedroom

Sleep

Peaceful

View of the sea

Desk full of bears

Escape from siblings

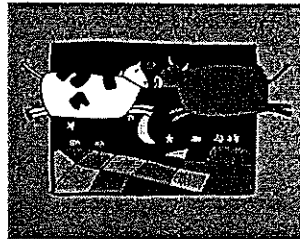
Pastel blue walls

Striped bed

Quiet

Mess

Hannah Gunson Gd.7



Sea Creatures

Seahorses

Enormous whales

Abalone and clams

Colourful coral

Rocky bottom

Eels and slippery snakes

Ant sized pebbles

Tiger sharks

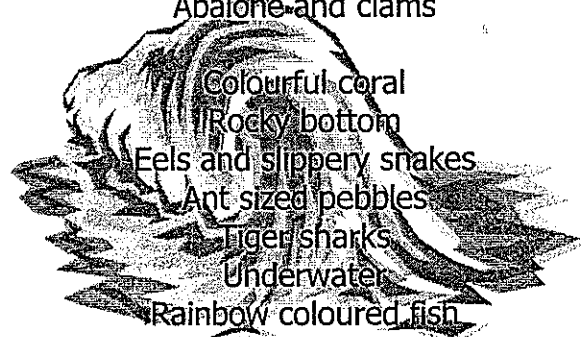
Underwater

Rainbow coloured fish

Extraordinary

Sea slugs.

Kaylee Nash Gd.8



My all time favourite book is
"Wind in the Willows". I have
read it so many times, the cover
has fallen off. My favourite
character is Moley but I also love
the way Badger is so kind but
gruff. I also love the pictures, they
are so detailed.
Amelia Mason Gd.7



For the Record

by Rodney McGiveron continued.

It would be remiss of me to not mention the A Reserve, formerly "B Grade" competition.

This began in 1960 and continues year in year out to have the closest finishes and in some cases most controversy. It also provides the fantastic grounding for all the best players when they first come on the scene. Most of our top juniors from all the clubs learnt their trade in A Reserve. It also provides the added benefit of allowing the A Grade fringe players to play pennant golf ratified by the NTGA which is great. Most clubs hope to make sure that the A Reserve continues for many years to come.

One of the highlights of our year is the Memorial Shield, initially donated by the Hughes brothers, Barney and Geoff. Both these blokes from Malahide are the doyens of the Association and quite apart from being very good players in their earlier years, they are the epitome of what we would all like to be, honest, hard working gentlemen and the prestige of the Memorial Shield reflects this.

St Marys are fortunate to have had the services of some exceptional pennant players over most of the past 50 years. I recall joining the team in 1977 and watching Kerry Davern and Steven Dawson practising one afternoon. These blokes asked me to join them and I'll always remember them telling me a few of the little things about matchplay prior to my first game. Both were and still are top matchplayers and have taken part in some major successes of the club. Don Holmes was the number one player for many years and similarly always helped new players wherever he could. I missed out on playing with Denzil Williams, David Hamilton, Baz Lehner, Neville Rist, Ray House, Alan Jackson, Duncan Grant, Father Manning, Ron Pinkard and of course Terry Bean as well as Basil King, Jack Smith and many many more excellent players from our club. Geoff Gill, Frank Singline, Clive Berwick were also well known for the matchplay skills and of course Matty Leedham was legendary for his deadly accuracy and ability to win crucial games in past years.

We all knew Ray Ridgers' abilities and after joining the club in 1986 he helped forge the current team that has done so well. Dale 'Roy' Ridgers has taken over a similar role now. Kerry, Paul, Peter and Chris Davern were and still are major contributors to the team. In the past decade Chris has played the majority of his games in the tough Number 1 position with great success. Steve Dawson likewise has been a daunting opponent. Shan Wilmot joined us after many years at Greens Beach. John Miles has taken over the mantle of captain in the past two years and is yet to taste defeat.

Let's not forget a few other players from a little while back who helped kick off our incredible run over the past decade and a half.

Andrew "Charlie" Wright, now a Division A player at Riverside grew up on our course and it was great to have a game with him recently. Similarly Drew Berwick was another essential player of the eighties, his main efforts now are mainly Division 1 Bowls. David "Smurf" Murfett captained the side in 1988 and 1991 and played with great distinction. Graham "Gracy" Dale and his legendary victory will never be forgotten. Gracy had a very unlucky year in 1990 as captain of the team. The side kept winning but Gracy just could not get over the line himself. In the last game of the year like always he put the team first and threw himself to the wolves. He played one of the games of his life and won a fantastic high class game. Craig Mitchell has had many seasons for us and was at his best under pressure. Kim Howe played with us for several seasons and is remembered for his great sense of humour as well as his golf.

Adam and Sean Fletcher, Tristan Clement and Scott Wilson have had a lot to do with our success over the last few years.

My player stats reveal that since 1986 we have had the services of 67 players, so I am unable to mention all. St Marys play pennant with a passion and all of us are proud to wear the green and gold colours. The following details are of club performances but it must be noted that it is the team fellowship that is always paramount no matter what the results.

A Grade titles

NEDGA/ECTGA: 21 (NTGA titles 3)

A Reserve titles: NEDGA/ECTGA: 15

Memorial Shield: NEDGA/ECTGA: 18

L.T. Wallace Shield NEDGA/ECTGA: 1

A Grade matches played since 1977: 164

Matches won: 124. Lost 39. Drawn: 1.

Win ratio is 75.9%

A Reserve: Matches played since 1977: 159

Matches won: 88. Lost 70. Drawn: 1

Win ratio is 55.6%

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JUNIOR FOOTY by *Kid Eager*

Matches v's St Helens were played on Sunday 27th of June. In the Grade 2, 3, and 4 matches East Coast and Fingal Valley Juniors had a comfortable victory in one match and a seven point loss in the other. The Grade 5, 6 and 7 saw St Helens assisted by several E.C. and F.V.J.F. players have a comfortable victory. Best for E.C. and F.V.J.F. were Lazauras Louis, Lee Gillies, Ben Miller, Richard Howe and Luke Casbault.

At Scamander the following week the Bombers jumped the Demons in the Grade 2, 3 and 4 match taking a five goal lead at quarter time. The situation was much the same at half time, however a strong comeback from the Demons saw them only 9 points down at three quarter time. Both sides went goal for goal in the last quarter with the Bombers hanging on to win by 7 points.

Scores: Bombers: 12.4 -76 def. Demons 10. 9 - 69

Best for Bombers: Troy Howe, Sean Cannon, Aaron Simpson, Rhys Pitstock, Todd Spilsbury and Will Rowlings.

Best for Demons: Brodie Stuart, Lachy Smith, Johnny Blair, Billy Jack Allen and Daniel Cooke.

Goals -Bombers: T. Howe 3, S. Cannon, A. Simpson, K. Miller, A. Midson all 2 goals, T. Spilsbury 1.

Goals - Demons: D. Cooke 3, M. Taylor 3, L. Smith 2, B. J. Allen 1, J. Blair 1. The Grade 5/6 match was a most competitive affair, both coaches were extremely pleased with the players efforts. It was decided not to record any scores. Coaches agreed that all played well with special mention to Daniel Rice and Luke McDonald.

Last weeks matches were at Fingal with the following, the only score available Bombers 11.6 - 72 def Cats 10. 10 - 70

Best for Bombers: S. Cannon, S. Pike, W. Cope, R. Pitstock.

Best for Cats: R. Street, A. Simpson, and Billy Jack Allen.

Goals: Bombers: L. Webb 4, S. Cannon 2, S. Pike 2, B. Faulkner, W. Cope, and R. Pitstock 1 each.

Goals: Cats: R. Street 3, S. Pike 3, B. J. Allen 2, A. Simpson 1, C. French 1. (*Shaun Pike played for both teams*)

Next weeks games will be at Bicheno followed by a bye.

OUR MATE RUTH

I am sure we would like to pay tribute to a friend of us all, Ruth Gill, who passed away last week.

If anyone ever truly earned and deserved her life membership, it was Ruth. The St Marys Sports Centre owed her that indeed and the members bestowed her the honour some time back.

Quite apart from everything else she was an absolute marvel organising functions, a great ambassador for our club and a major lynch pin in a huge part of the day to day affairs. Her tireless hours of work can never fully be recognised on paper but all can only imagine by knowing her that it was never ending.

While I was greenkeeper, she was Associates Captain and I occasionally used to be near the clubhouse at presentation time. Something that I will never forget was Ruth's ability to involve every player somehow into the results and give them a lot of encouragement no matter how well or how badly they had played that day.

There were no favourites with Ruth, well it might be more correct to say they were all favourites I suppose. Even after she moved to Scottsdale in 1996 she would regularly ring to see how things were going and encouragement was always forthcoming. She loved the club. Ruth also formed the caddies union with Mary King.

These two great ladies were the backbone of making sure the team had caddies, particularly new pennant players and kept a watchful eye on the proceedings. It cost 5 cents to join and every member was gratefully accepted into the union.

'Tee-ups' column in the Valley Voice was of course Ruth. Ruth's fortnightly words were always looked forward to by all. We will all miss Ruth very much, not just as a highly respected member, but as a true undeniable friend to all.

Rodney McGiveron.

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News by Old Tige

Seniors:

Our encounter against St Pats a fortnight ago turned out to be a predictable affair, the opposition too classy for our local line up. Although the team tried hard against a better opponent, we were no match at the final siren, going down by 182 points. Proof again, if needed, of the yard stick in the second division this season. Last week we travelled to Hagley to take on Evandale and after a reasonable effort in the first term with a couple of goals the difference, we looked powerless to stop an eight goal onslaught in the second term. This was the major deciding factor in the match, the team trying hard in the second half, best contributors, Keith, Barry, AD, Dougy and Jack. Play was fairly even around the ground, but our lack of key position players telling in the long run.

Reserves:

The Reserves assignment against St Pats would have been just as daunting, the side within striking distance at half time though. Many opportunities missed from close in hurt the team badly and it was disappointing to see the margin at the finish get out as far as it did, as it was not a good indication of a close fought game early in the day. The game against Evandale got off to an even start, but soon turned into one way traffic. The opposition too classy on the day, hard triers though were Cookie - having a great season the old champ, Dakes, Jamie and Jerome. Once again, some easy shots missed at vital times of the game. Old Scotch no easier assignment this week but we are on the old 'Dung Hill', hope we can improve and keep a finals berth in sight.

Under 16's:

The boys had another outstanding game a fortnight ago against the St Pats Green side, which was undefeated before this game. All players lifted and in a great team effort closed out the opposition to win by thirteen points, a lead at one stage in the last quarter of thirty points, showed just how well the lads played. One outstanding effort on the day was Greg French in the back line, who completely dominated and turned many attacking moves. Last week against Grammer Black could have been mistaken for a different team, although the boys tried hard, were no match for their opposition. Down a little bit on form this week but hope to see a better effort at home. **GO THE TIGERS.**

After every home game there will be a function, this week at the St Marys Hotel, come along and dance the night away with GYPSY ROSE from 7.30pm

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