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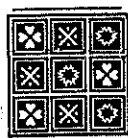
Efforts rewarded with Tidy Towns Awards

Three entries within the Break O'Day Municipality received awards at the Tidy Towns Presentation of Awards day held at Bicheno last week.

Congratulations once again to St Helens for receiving the Tidy Towns Award for their population category. The Wombat Walk Landscaping Group in St Marys were awarded a "Major Environmental Project Award for ongoing restoration & revegetation of St Marys Rivulet". An award in the Commerce and Industry Award section went to the St Marys Hotel for "Ongoing restoration of the Historic St Marys Hotel".

Latrobe was announced as the overall winning town and will represent Tasmania in the national awards in April next year.

The Bicheno community must be congratulated for the overall presentation of the day and guests were very impressed (and many were tempted!) by the wonderful penguins used in the beach theme on the tables.



Gone Rustic Quilt Studio

The Studio opened its doors this week in the Main Street of St Marys with about 30 people helping to celebrate this first stage of the renovations of the old garage and service station purchased by Ian and Rita Summers this year. Most of the renovations (including a new roof) were carried out by Ian in his spare(?) time, and the fresh blue and white color scheme compliments Rita's handmade quilts and the country-style décor. Ian's 1946 Ford Anglia also made a guest appearance!

After the opening the studio attracted several groups of interstate and local visitors that same day. Quilters from New Zealand and Queensland stopped to chat and view the display, as well as a man who came from the same province in the Netherlands as Rita's parents!

Leaflets were also given to interested quilters for a Christmas table runner class to be held on 9th and 16th December. For details contact Rita on 0409 289 997

NEW POLICE INSPECTOR

On Monday 16 November the new Police Inspector commenced duty at St Helens. The St Helens Policing area includes the stations at Fingal, Avoca and St Marys and the surrounding areas.

John ARNOLD was promoted to Inspector at Queenstown in 1999 and comes to St Helens via the North West coast, where he most recently spent over three years as the Inspector in Charge of District Support Services (which includes such areas as Traffic, Forensics, Crime Management, Licensing, Youth Services, Community Policing and Prosecution). In addition, he was the Inspector in charge of Western District Police Search and Rescue from May 2000 and has been heavily involved in the working party dealing with the introduction of the new family violence legislation.

John has almost 23 years policing experience including 7 years as a Detective in Hobart and 3 years working overseas with the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

"I was very keen to get the job down here and am looking forward to my family joining me before Christmas," Inspector ARNOLD said recently.

John has already had a guided tour of the valley with local crime fighter Terry CRICHTON and was pleasantly surprised by the friendly reception he received from all the people he has met.

John likes to have a walk around the place and a chat and he anticipates staying here for 3 to 4 years, so you will probably see him wandering about. If there are any specific problems or issues, groups or individuals would like to discuss with him, he can be contacted at the St Helens Police Station on 6376 1122.

Police report and holiday office hours next page.

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POLICE REPORT:

Goods stolen

This year we have had reports of two burglaries on remote properties in the Irishtown Rd, St Marys area. Both occurred during a period where the properties had been vacant for some time with the second only coming to light over the past week. In each incident, cooking utensils were the main items stolen. I would ask that if you live near or look after any property that is or has been left vacant for any period of time to be vigilant with any persons or vehicles seen at or near the properties.

Sometime overnight on 9 November a boat parked out the front of a home in Scamander was targeted, with a black Navman fish finder, 20L plastic fuel tank and a set of new flares stolen. On the same weekend a storage shed at the Scamander Sports Complex was broken into and a number of sets of golf clubs stolen. If you have any information that may assist police in relation to these matters you can phone the nearest Police Station or Crime stoppers on 1800 005 555.

This year, St Marys and St Helens Stations (office only) will be closed over the Christmas New Year period, hours will be posted.

This will be my last Valley Voice submission, with the family and I moving to Westbury next week. We have thoroughly enjoyed the almost two years that we have been here and will miss the area and its friendly people. To all of you that my family and I have come to know, we truly appreciate the efforts that have been made to make us feel part of the community.

Constable Simon Triffitt

ST MARYS & ST HELENS POLICE STATION CHRISTMAS PERIOD OFFICE HOURS

Thursday	23 rd December	OPEN
Friday	24 th December	CLOSED
Monday	27 th December	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday	28 th December	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday	29 th December	CLOSED
Thursday	30 th December	CLOSED
Friday	31 st December	CLOSED
Monday	3 rd January	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday	4 th January	OPEN (resume normal hours).

Police on duty as per normal roster



Township Funding & Small Grants Program 2004 – 2005

The Break O'Day council is currently seeking applications from local community organizations for the Township Funding and Small Grants Program.

All community groups that represent the ratepayers of their township/area are eligible to apply for funding.

An application must be submitted which addresses the criteria set out in the Township Funding and Small Grants program. Guidelines are available from Council and submissions can be left at the Council office or mailed to PO Box 21, St Helens 7216.

Closing date for all submissions is Monday 31st January, 2005.

For Further information, contact Chris Hughes on 6376 7900 or email:

chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au

AGM for Support Association

The Annual General Meeting of the St Marys District Hospital Support Association Inc. will be held in the Day Room of ST MARYS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE on Monday 6th December at 7 pm. All current members are urged to attend. Any others interested, are most welcome.

Please note new venue.

M Bennett Public Officer

Still interested or curious about woodwork?

Well there was a lot of interest from the locals about this subject. Nine people turned up, and a few phoned, at Reon and Wendy's home and the groundwork was set for the formation of a woodcraft guild.

Break O'Day Council has been approached for the use of a vacant building to be used as a club house and this looks positive.

The Fingal Neighbourhood House was approached for some funding and support. Unfortunately they felt that their interest lay elsewhere. However they have promised to send a letter of support.

The committee is already working on some projects for the future. Training courses will be offered as soon as the club-house is made suitable. We will be applying for funding from as many sources as possible.

We will keep you updated as to evenings and meeting times as they come to hand.

Things are really going ahead full steam. If you are interested and would like to know more please feel free to contact Reon on 6372 2094

Bulbs donated: Thankyou to Heather, Betty and Val for the bulbs you have given for Wombat Walk planting.

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Thumbs Down to the people
dumping their garden rubbish in
the bush.

Dr Ian Naidoo

A late night phone call we received on Monday night from Dr Dan Naidoo in Queensland brought with it some very saddening news for this community, it was to notify us that our once doctor, friend and mentor, Dr Ian Naidoo passed away on Monday evening in Perth W.A. where they had taken up residence only seven months prior.

In keeping with the family request to pass on this distressing and sad news, I do so both reluctantly and regretfully.

I will endeavour to provide more detail about their journeys and movements since their departure from our town and community in the next issue of Valley Voice. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Thunga, Darsh, Sunderen and their families.

Kevin Faulkner



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Ron and Bettie Sumner wish to thank the Doctors and all Staff at the St Marys Community Health Centre for their care and kindness while Ron was a patient in the Centre.

MINI-AUCTION CANCELLED

Due to circumstances that have arisen, the Mini-auction advertised for **TONIGHT** Thursday 2nd December has been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Major prizes will now be used in a 2005 Easter Raffle. *The TLC St Marys.*

UNDER-AGE RAGE Pyjama Party



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Community notices

St Marys Hospital Auxiliary meeting Monday 6th December at 2 pm at the St Marys Community Health Centre.

Christmas Party St Marys District Play Group at Falmouth Hall Friday 10th December 10-12 pm. Everyone welcome. Please bring a gift to the value of \$10 and a plate to share. Tanya 6372 2534 or Claudia 6372 5510.

The Feast ! Monster seafood feast at St Marys Sports Centre Friday 10th December, 7 for 7.30 pm. Cost \$20 per adult, under 16's \$15. All welcome, book early.

Tasmanian Lymphoedema & Laser Centre Inc.

Please note date of meeting is Monday 13th December at 10 am at the St Marys Community Health Centre. Members please bring something for morning tea!

Christmas Carols.



The Hospital Auxiliary and St Marys Lions Club are conducting Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the Community Health Centre on **Sunday 19th December**. Members of the community are invited to attend.

North East Bioregional Network meeting Tuesday 21st December, St Marys Online Centre at 4 pm.

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Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be 27 years or older on 26th January 2005.

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be under 27 years of age on 26th January 2005.

Community Event of the Year

Presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Health Initiative Award

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Healthy Community Project

This award is for an initiative that encompasses an approach to health and wellbeing including social, emotional, spiritual as well as physical.

Award for Outstanding Volunteer Effort (individual)

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre.

This award is for a volunteer who has demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication by contributing their time and skills to our community.

Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement (organisation)

Sponsored by the Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre.

This award will be presented to an organisation that has made a valuable contribution and can demonstrate their dedication and achievements to the general community.

Nomination forms are available from the Council office or by emailing chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au.

Completed forms should be sent to:

Australia Day Awards

Break O'Day Council PO Box 21, St Helens, 7216

or emailed to: chris.hughes@bodc.tas.gov.au

All nominations must be received by 5.00 pm Wednesday 22nd Dec. 04.

Calendar of Events January to June 2005

The Break O'Day Council is currently seeking information for its 2005 Calendar of Events – January to June, 2005.

If you are holding an event between January and June next year, and would like to advertise your event free of charge on the calendar, please contact Tim Faircloth on 6376 7900 or email: tim.faircloth@bodc.tas.gov.au and provide the following information:

Name of Event

Date of Event

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Information must be received by
Friday the 17th December, 2004



GUIDES
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Being a Guide is fun

Here's good news. The Association is interested in developing Guiding to support girls in St Marys. If you would like to have input into the future of Guiding for your daughters in any way please come to a meeting to be held in the school library on Monday 6 December from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. If you would like further information please contact Donna Coulson on 6376 1211.

Guiding has been part of the Tasmanian community since 1910 nearly 100 years and there have been many changes. These days girls in Guiding wear minimal uniform and take part in a wide range of activities suited to their age and abilities. Activities such as volcanoes, community service and environmental activities. The emphasis is on teamwork, leadership, development of skills and having FUN.

Guides Tasmania is part of Guides Australia, a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts - the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the world. Throughout the world there are over ten million Guides in 135 countries. Because of this there are endless opportunities available to Guides. As a member of a worldwide organisation members have the opportunity to participate in international events both in Australia and overseas, thus gaining an understanding of the wider world.

Guides encourages the development of girls and young women as responsible community members through a program of interesting activities. Girls aged from 6-18 years are offered a challenging program in a supportive environment and the program fosters the development of new skills and strengths and high self-esteem. These provide a strong foundation to assist girls and young women face challenges in the future. Nowadays, activities are planned and implemented by the girls, a method which encourages and develops cooperation, sharing, negotiation, accepting of differences and development of leadership skills. Above all, it means that they get to do the things they really want to do.

When your daughter starts work she will find that all of these skills are transferable into the workplace. Girls and young women who have been through the Guide program become responsible employees exhibiting a willingness to think for themselves and to go beyond what is expected. It also looks good on their resume if they are looking to enter University or College.

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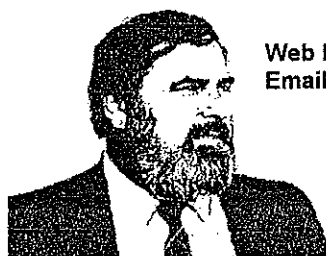


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Meals on Wheels Roster

December	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 6th	Audrey Wright	Carole Woods
Tue 7th	Ruth Aulich	Alana Johns
Wed 8th	Pauline Berwick	Janine McGill
Thu 9th	Liz Rice	Simone Walker
Fri 10th	Claire Bean	Julie-Ann Claridge
Mon 13th	Hannah Rubenach	Kaylene Sutton
Tue 14th	M& P Berwick	Prev Mills
Wed 15th	Pam Lynch	Christine Woods (P)
Thu 16th	Gail Gamble	Katrina Johnson
Fri 17th	Geoff Herrmann	Christine Woods (S)



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Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

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St Marys 10am

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5-12 yrs

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Break O'Day Uniting Church

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Sabbath School 10am

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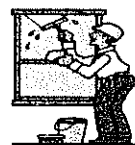
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Public Meeting

- * To organise a Festival to celebrate Australia's **ORIGINAL** St Patrick's Day.
- * To be held Thursday 17 March 2005 at St Patrick's Head and St Marys Tasmania.
- * St Patrick's Day was first celebrated in what would become Tasmania in 1773 by Captain Tobias Furneaux and his crew with the naming of the peak. This is the first Australian place to receive an Irish Name.

Public meeting

To gauge support, ideas and volunteers

3pm Saturday 4th December 2004

At e.ScApe Café Gallery – 21 Main Street St Marys

Lions Club of St Marys Christmas Party

This big Christmas event will be held on Christmas Eve in St Marys on Faulkner's Green which is opposite the St Marys Hotel.

HOPE YOU ARE ALL BUSY MAKING YOUR FLOATS FOR THE PARADE!

Children's Party with Santa 3.30 pm

Christmas Parade 5 - 5.30 pm

Followed by 'Party for all' - BBQ - Drinks - Games

Raffles drawn - Chocolate Wheel

Music by Kirk McGiveron of Gypsy Rose.

Monster Lions Club Christmas Stocking drawn at 7 pm.

More music will continue after the Christmas Party - across the road at the St Marys Hotel.



Movies ... Movies

Presented by Grassy Bottom Regional Arts

Saturday 4th December
St Marys Town Hall— Supper Room

The Day After Tomorrow

1.30 pm for 2 pm. M Action / Drama 123 mins

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal and Emmy Rossum.
Global warming triggers a sudden melting of the polar ice, setting off wild climatic change.

Movie - \$7.00 Snack Bar available.

Together. 7.00 pm for 8 pm

PG Drama 118 mins (subtitled)

Thirteen year old Xiaochun is a gifted violinist brought up by his hard working father Cheng in a small country town. In order to further Xiaochun's music studies, Cheng takes his son to Beijing, and the search begins, to find the right teacher.

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Letter to the Editor

A thumbs down to the 'Families of Returned Soldiers' who were so quick to criticise the apparent neglect of the local RSL Sub Branch to conduct a Remembrance Day Service in St Marys. There was a service planned, but due to illness the member who was going to conduct the service could not attend and a replacement could not be found on such short notice.

This is a very small Sub Branch where most of the members are in their mid eighties and no longer live in the town so sometimes even the best laid plans don't come to fruition.

The only other person who may have been available was already committed to attending a service at the St Marys District High School where a hall full of school children were treated to a wonderful ceremony and stirring address by two students.

We offer our sincere apologies to those who were inconvenienced but perhaps if those so quick to criticise were prepared to join the RSL or offer their assistance in advance instead of hiding behind anonymity and sniping, the service would have been able to proceed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Polly McGee Sub Branch Secretary

Maypole Day & Arts Festival in a Teacup

The Maypole Day went very well this year, and was an amazing cooperative effort by so many people in our community. A huge "thank you" to everyone who took part in making it a wonderful day!

I hope that everyone had a chance to call in at the e.Scape gallery for a look at the "Art Festival in a Teacup" exhibition - some truly beautiful work was created in the workshops leading up to the Maypole day, and it was a lively and colourful exhibition indeed.

Maybe you could tell by looking how much fun the workshops were?

We are fortunate to have several talented artists in the area who are willing to share their skills, so keep your "weather eye" out for posters, as there will be more workshops in the future.

If you have a skill that you would like to share, please contact Eo Greensticks on 0438 571 291 or Liz Dean on 6372 2034

St Marys Playgroup

We would like to thank everyone who has supported Playgroup this year. We have had a very successful 2004 with 16 families joining together for fun activities and new experiences over the year.

Many thanks to the businesses and St Marys District High School staff who have assisted us.

Our last playgroup at the Kindy will be Friday 3rd December. Hope all families can make our Christmas Party at Falmouth Hall 10th December 10-12 pm.



Please bring present for your child (\$10 or under in value) and a plate to share for morning tea. If you can help set up it will be at 1 pm on Thursday 9th.

Thanks again. See you in March 2005

More info: telephone Tanya 6372 2534, Claudia 6372 5510.

'Did you put on food?'

'If you put on tucker you increase the numbers who will attend enormously...' That must be the understatement of the year, I thought, half listening to the people at the next table.

This spring my garden was beginning to look just how I had envisaged it. A largish garden with plenty of fruit and flowers to pick and share with family, friends, even the furred and feathered varieties. I don't mind sharing in fact I rather like sharing, but it is getting ridiculous, I'm not sharing, I'm being taken over, and I'm not joining in with the fun.

A beautiful spring day and clouds of blossom and fresh green leaves were a delight. My white Iceberg roses were something to behold. Then one dark, though not even stormy, night there was a ruckous outside on the verandah. The dogs took to action, but it was too late. Next morning the damage was there for all to see. Blossoms and fresh green leaves eaten, branches broken and the roses chewed out of all recognition. Possums had taken up residence and were treating the garden as if I had laid the table for them with all sorts of delicacies for the picking, tasting and eating. Even a wheel barrow full of salad greens!

I remember once buying jars and jars of strong mustard and painting the eaves of our house with it, because one young fella was not to be deterred. He was determined to join us in our home. We painted the eaves with mustard, it worked. The possum did not like the taste of mustard, so he packed his bags and left. But... mustard on roses?

Idly flicking through an old magazine I came upon an article headed "Tea for Possums - if possums are treating your garden like it's a smorgasbord, maybe you should serve them a cup of tea."

A strong brew of lapsang souchong tea - they apparently hate it. I don't blame them, I prefer coffee, but it is certainly worth trying because their nocturnal visits are also very trying! Maybe they will find another restaurant, very soon.

Jan Sparkes.

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Management and Staff at the Community Health Centre would like to thank all folk who came along and supported 'The Fair' on the 6th November. Some on the money raised was spent buying new Christmas decorations, to get us all into the swing of the festive season. So please.... *feel welcome* to visit the Centre to see and enjoy the decorations and lights.

'WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE'

- 2nd Dec **Child Health Centre** with Lorraine McGee 9am-12noon. Afternoon appoint are available by phoning 0428 136 381
- 2nd Dec **Antenatal Class** 12noon-2pm. Held every 2 weeks and it follows the QV Programme. Phone 6372 2111.
- 4th Dec **Grassy Bottom Singing Workshop** 10am-4pm in the Day Room.
- 6th Dec **Weight Class** 10am CHC. Meetings will be weekly on Mondays. Phone 6372 2111 for further details.
- 6th Dec **Auxiliary Meeting** 1:30pm
- 8th Dec **Breast Cancer Chat Group** 2pm at the CHC.
- 8th Dec **Alcoholics Anon & Al anon (AA)** Anglican Church St Helens @ 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 8th Dec **Landmark Education** 7pm-10pm
- 8th Dec **Lightfoot Podiatry** with Perry Daly
- 13th Dec **Weight Class** 10am CHC. Meetings will be weekly on Mondays. Phone 6372 2111 for further details.
- 15th Dec **Alcoholics Anon & Al anon (AA)** Anglican Church St Helens @ 8pm every Wednesday evening. Phone 6372 5026 for further details.
- 19th Dec **Carols by Candlelight** with the St Marys Community Health Centre. *More details next issue.....*

CHICKENPOX

Are you immunised?



Chickenpox is a virus and is highly contagious. It mainly affects children under the age of 10. Recovery occurs naturally, because a virus cannot be killed by drugs.

The pocks come out in crops over 3-4 days, but patients are infectious for 24 hours before the pocks erupt and remain so until all the pocks are covered by scab and no new ones appear.

The blisters are very fragile and soon burst to leave open sores, which then form a scab and become dry. They can be very itchy.

Children should be kept home for 7 days or until all pocks are dried.

A vaccine against Chickenpox is now available and is usually given after 12 months of age to children.

Information brochures are available from the St Marys Community Health Centre, Child Health Nurse or ask your doctor for more information.

Information from this page was submitted by:

The St Marys Community Health Centre, Gardeners Creek Rd, St Marys, TASMANIA. 7215



St Marys Community Child Care Centre

Please note that the Child Care Centre will **only** be open **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from Tuesday 30th November to Thursday 23rd December. This is due to Staffing difficulties. CEO has forwarded letters to the parents.

THE FUTURE OF THE CENTRE IS UNCERTAIN

A **PUBLIC** Meeting is being held on **Thursday 16th December** in the day room of the St Marys Community Health Centre at **7PM**.

Please access by the external walkway

**The needs of this community and your opinions are essential
in determining the future of the Child Care Centre.**

Please come along and have your say.



Girl Guides

On **Monday 6th December** at **3.30pm** there will be a meeting / information session to be held in the library at St Marys District High School. Please come along with your daughters to discuss the organisation of a new guide unit opening up in St Marys in 2005. If you can't make this meeting but are interested in joining guides, please phone Donna on 6376 1211 to register your interest.

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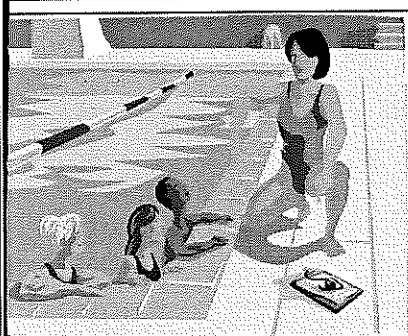
- A fortnightly payment
- A support worker
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Phone...6334 4545

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Summer Swimming Programme

The Parents and Friends will be running the **Austswim Learn to Swim and Water Safety Programme** if we have sufficient numbers of children aged 5 – 15 years. The programme will be run from the **24th January to the 4th February 2005**. The cost will be **\$60.00** for the first child and **\$50.00** for any other child/ren in your family. This will need to be paid no later than the 18th December 2004 to The Treasurer, Murray Bennett, 13 Gray Road, St. Marys, home phone - 6372 2371.

There will be an assessment day on **Thursday 9th December 2004** where your child is grouped according to ability. This will not be a full lesson and your child will only be in the pool for as long as required. Parental supervision is essential.

Children with surnames beginning **A – L** will be assessed at **3.15pm – 3.45pm** and those from **M – Z** at **3.45pm – 4.15pm** on **9th December 2004**.

This year the Parents and Friends may organise a Fitness Squad where the emphasis will be on developing skills and fitness. This programme is available to both adults and children. If you are interested in either or both of these programmes please complete the attached form and return to the school office by Monday 6th December.

Contact Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Child / ren: _____

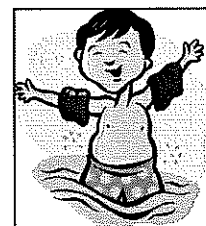
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Previous Level Achieved: _____

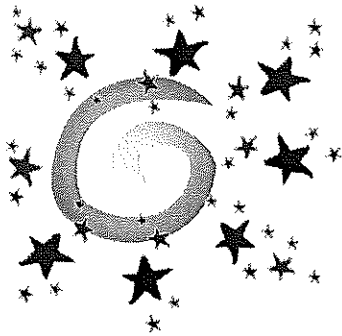
Learn to swim Fitness squad

For any further information please don't hesitate to contact Sandra Cook on 6372 3900.

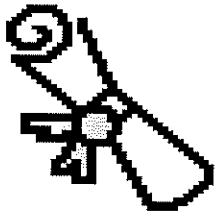


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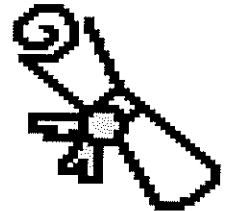
St Marys District High School Presentation Day 2004



Please join us as we celebrate
the achievements of our students
on Presentation Day

















Wednesday 8 December, 2004
Commencing at 1.00pm
in the school hall



Followed by Afternoon Tea



<div>  DECEMBER 2004  </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29th November	30th November	1st December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Camp  	2nd December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Camp  Grade 8/9 Camp Student Leader elections 	3rd December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 10am-12noon - Kindy  State Primary Athletics 
6th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Assembly 11.10 - Hall  Booklists home Prep / 1 Xmas Extravaganza  	7th December	8th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinder reports home Presentation Day  	9th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> References available 	10th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 10am-12noon - Kindy  Primary & Secondary Reports Home 
13th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8/9 camp  	14th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8/9 Camp  School Christmas Charity Fundraiser 5.30 - 7.30pm  	15th December	16th December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of school for students. 	17th December

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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- 2 Storey Street St Marys (Quinn's Garage)
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Inquiries to Ross Quinn
6372 2113

Cornwall Artist's First Tasmanian Showings

Tasmanian audiences will have their first opportunity to view works by Cornwall artist Elizabeth Turnbull in two exhibitions opening over the next week – firstly when she takes part in Hobart in the Contemporary Art Services Tasmania (CAST) Annual Members Exhibition and then in her first solo exhibition in Tasmania at the Burnie Regional Art Gallery.

With no formal art training, Elizabeth began painting in Brisbane in 1972. She has exhibited widely in solo and group exhibitions both in Australia and overseas where her work is represented in private and public collections, including the first museum of 'outsider' art in Spain.

Consisting of works done during time spent in Tasmania since 2002, or inspired by those experiences, the Burnie exhibition – entitled *The Ancestors* – features paintings and sculptural assemblages, the latter incorporating found objects from the Tasmanian natural environment.

Elizabeth comments "A symbol emerged for me in 2002 expressing thoughts and feelings I had held for a very long time of the concept of "The Ancestors" - as all humankind and all nature, present in all of us, in our very cells and in everything that exists, and also seeing us and all nature as being present in them – this resonates to me with many of the concepts of Taoism and, more recently, quantum physics.

"We are very, very old – the stuff of stars and the sea – yet ever new.

"The first appearance of this symbol in my work was in two contributions to the 7th International Festival d'Art Singulier in Provence in 2000, one of which – an artist's book *Self Portrait with the Ancestors* – is included in this exhibition.

"The other works have evolved since then from this concept and from the earth and nature of Tasmania."

The Ancestors opens at the Burnie Regional Art Gallery (Tel: 6431 5918) on Friday December 10 and continues until Sunday January 23. The CAST Annual Members Exhibition (Tel: 6233 2681) opens Friday December 3 at 6 pm and will be on view Wed– Sun 12 –5 until Sunday January 9.

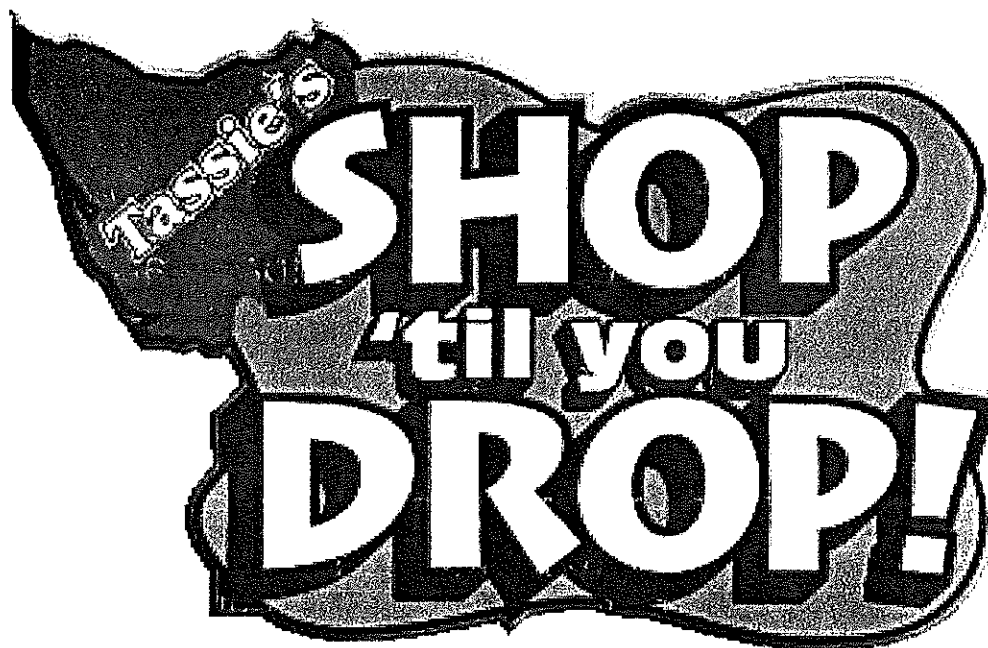
More information about Elizabeth and a wide and representative selection of her work is available on her website-
<http://www.elizabethturnbull.com.au/>

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THE CARPET WALK

**St Helens
Neighbourhood House**

Phone : 6376 1134 Fax: 6376 1733

Neighbourhood House will be closing on **Saturday 18th Dec.** and re-open **Monday 17th January.** Newsletter will be available February.

Natural Basketry

New dates: Sunday 6th and 13th February.
Cost \$30.

Leadlighting

Sat. & Sun. 11th & 12th Dec., and Sunday 19th December. Cost \$60

Digital Camera Operations

Saturday 4th December 10-2 pm. 4 hour course.
Cost \$22.

Internet Access

5 days a week, gold coin donation only.
Thursdays are free!

Indian Head Massages

Come away with me....relax and listen to the soothing sounds of the ocean whilst having a neck, shoulder and scalp massage with aromatic oils. A fabulous Christmas gift. \$10 concession, \$15 waged. Phone St Helens Neighbourhood House on 63761134 for bookings.

Basic Computer Training

Mondays & Thursdays. First lesson free, \$1 per person thereafter, no obligation!

Living Longer Living Stronger with Jacqui Geniola Tuesdays & Thursdays. Phone 0407 361 530

Women's Healing Circle

Mondays with Charon 10-12. Phone 6373 6199

Meditation & Visualisation

Wednesdays 2.30-4 pm.
Phone Jenny 6376 8333

Arthritis Laughs

- with Heather Donaldson Friday 17th Dec.
10.30-12 Phone 6344 8116

The Shed

Now open Monday 10-3, Wednesday 9-1,
Friday 10-3. Phone Dave 6372 5296.

Op Shop

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10-3 pm

Toy Library open Wednesday 11-12.30, Thursday 11.30-1 pm

Playgroup meets Wednesdays 10-12 pm at the Bungalow.

The Carpet Walk

Shop 4/5, 34 Quail Street, St Helens

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Garry Walker 0417 331 536

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St Marys Tennis Club News

Night Roster Function

There will be a BBQ and some refreshments provided to the Night Roster participants to conclude the current 'season' on Friday 3rd December starting at 6 pm. All attending are asked to please contribute a salad or a sweet. This function will include the presentation of the Night Roster prizes. Looking forward to a successful evening.

Christmas Raffle

The Club currently has a beautifully decorated Christmas cake (thanks to Linda Faulkner), chocolates and a bottle of wine to raffle. The tickets are \$1 each and are available from any Tennis Club member and the St Marys Newsagency.

Memberships

Tennis memberships are now overdue. People playing in current rosters who are not financial members are asked to pay the Club Treasurer, Drew Adam. Additional invoices are available from the Club.

Spring Fair

Many thanks to all who supported the Tennis Club stall at the recent Spring Fair. Congratulations to the winners of our raffles: Wood raffle - Len Miles and Chocolate Mud Cake - Michelle Menz.

Key System

The Club has had a new door placed on the clubrooms. The court key now accesses the toilets and the lights for those members who wish to use the courts outside normal rosters.

Special Meeting

A special meeting will be held on Thursday 16th December at 7.30 pm at the Clubrooms to further discuss the Championships format and Christmas Eve Chocolate Wheel. All interested are encouraged to attend.

PAINTER

Ray Rosskelly

Phone 6372 2218
St Marys



The Say by Cagerattler

I realise some of the people who glance at my scribbles occasionally will say 'here we go again, pie in the sky'. So be it.

Have you ever noticed how much infrastructure we have in regard to sports and recreational opportunities in the region? Have you also noticed our fantastic summer weather, no one would disagree?

In the light of how many visitors to the municipality we have to our area in summer, how would it be if we held a Sports/Activities Festival over about a week.

We already have well established outlets for golf, tennis, cricket, netball, bowls, fishing (all sorts), diving, waterskiing, canoeing, wind surfing, surfing, swimming, shooting, abseiling, climbing, bushwalking, trail bike riding, horse riding, junior athletics, gold prospecting, trotting and many more summer activities.

All towns, big and small, within the municipality could participate with some of these activities. Obviously the bigger towns would have the majority of events but everyone could play a part.

For an idea like this to work, much coordinated planning through Council, Sport and Recreation Department and our local Tourism Association would need to happen.

Maybe then an East Coast Festival of Sports and Activities could showcase our region, people and climate. Our government and experts keep telling us we are becoming less healthy and unfit and this might be a way of doing our bit. I hope someone will respond to this, give their opinions and say if it bears any thinking about for a year or two down the track. What do you think?

Thank you to those who contacted me with support and of similar experiences of meeting big vehicles on the Pass.

DINGO MINI DIGGER

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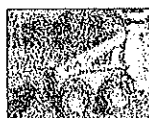
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URGENT NOTICE

St Marys
WATER SUPPLY
is under threat
from the proposed logging of South Sister

The St Marys bore is related to a major fault line
which runs through coupe NI114A
Any logging could result in changes to
water quality and quantity

Break O'Day Council has called a public meeting on
Wednesday 15th December, 2004
at the St Marys Community Hall at 6 pm.

PLEASE COME



St Marys Sports Centre News

by Kackhander

Fantastic effort by the Bowls Pennant team last weekend with the two games in two days and victories both times. Against Bicheno it was reasonably comfortable on all rinks but on Sunday everyone had to dig deep with about 7 players out to win on 2½ rinks by only 3 shots. This secured top spot for at least one week. It's been a long time since St Marys has sat astride of the ladder this far into the season. This week we also have a fair few out and must travel to Swansea. Let's hope for a good effort to try to retain at least 2nd spot.

The Singles and Pairs are well underway at the moment with already some tremendous games taking place. At this stage singles need to be completed first as the East Coast finals are sooner.

This Friday night 3rd December there will be a game of night bowls, hopefully mixed fours or triples depending on numbers. Please try to be there about 7.30 - 7.45 so we can organise teams.

With golf it's a bit quiet on the western front apart from chicken runs, however that's about to change this upcoming Sunday 5th December. Glen 'Macca' McDonald golf event, the first of our Sunday Comps will be taking place. Most weeks you can play either the 9 hole event or the 18 hole event depending on how energetic you feel.

Start times will be available at the club each week so we hope to have some good days including the Black Sunday Trophy regularly. Provided we have enough support it should be terrific over the Summer.

The Monster Seafood Feast is on Friday 10th December, 7 for 7.30 pm start culminating in our 2004 Trophy presentation after the Feast.

The wares of the sea will have to be seen to be believed. Last count there were about 8 different varieties of seafood from clams to scallops to you name it, we've got it! This is not to forget Jeff Peacock's famous seafood chowder which has to be eaten to be believed.

We'd love to see some new faces that night and there'll be plenty to keep the night going. Numbers have to be kept to about 60-65 so booking a place at the club or by seeing John and Mark at St Marys Value Plus early is essential. Cost is \$20 Adults, \$15 Under 16's, all you can eat together with salads and some vegies also. Can't wait, see you there.

The Club is calling for expressions of interest from any person who would like to be involved with a Work for the Dole Scheme which we hope to have running after Christmas.

What we need is someone for at least 26 weeks to be our Occupational Health and Safety Officer to ensure the required standards are met for the scheme. It will be a paid position but the person must have the appropriate certificate of machinery and personal protection equipment O.H. & S. capabilities. Anyone interested could express their interest briefly in writing by December 17th 2004.

One of our members of many, many years is crook at the moment. We all wish Craig Mitchell well and hope that he'll soon be feeling much better and on the road to recovery. Best wishes Craig, see you soon.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.



The Historic St Marys Hotel

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Live music

Saturday 11th December

The Vasco Era - won the years Australian Uni best band comp. A great new OZ band playing right here. \$10.

Christmas Eve



Collins Pocket will be rocking the ol' pub again this Christmas.

New Years Eve. Ray Singline and the Trawl Dogs playing all 'ya favourite original tunes.

- ♦ Lounge will be closed for private function on Thursday 2nd Dec - TONIGHT, 6 to 7.30 pm.
- ♦ Sunday 12th Dec. no meals will be available.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Stock up for Christmas with these specials

2 bottles of Erin Cream	\$20 or \$11 ea.
Glenfidich	\$46.99
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Hahn Ice blocks	\$31.99

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lions Club of St Marys will be conducting their Christmas Parade on 24th December between 5 pm and 5.30 pm. Some detour and minimum delays may be experienced.

Parade participants please assemble in Newman Street at 4.30 pm