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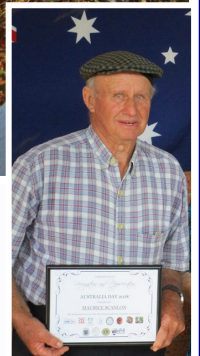
ARTC AND THAT BRIDGE

The Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group and Wandong History Group continue to meet with ARTC and Mitchell Shire regarding the proposed new bridge over rail at Wandong. It appears ARTC have the Planning Ministers signature on their preferred option for the bridge but have not disclosed the impact on Wandong streets and landscapes. Despite efforts to get local councillors involved and looking after the interests of residents, the last meeting was again held without any councillors.



FAREWELL TO ANOTHER WANDONG CHAMPION

Wandong has lost another of its elderly community leaders. Maurice Scanlon has passed away and joined recent deaths of leaders Gwen McIntosh and Allan Ryan, all sadly missed. Turn to pages 6 and 7 for the life of Maurie Scanlon.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER

If you are young, elderly, retired or working, please consider joining a community group and enjoy the rewards of volunteering. Three community groups operate in Wandong Heathcote Junction and they would all welcome new members.

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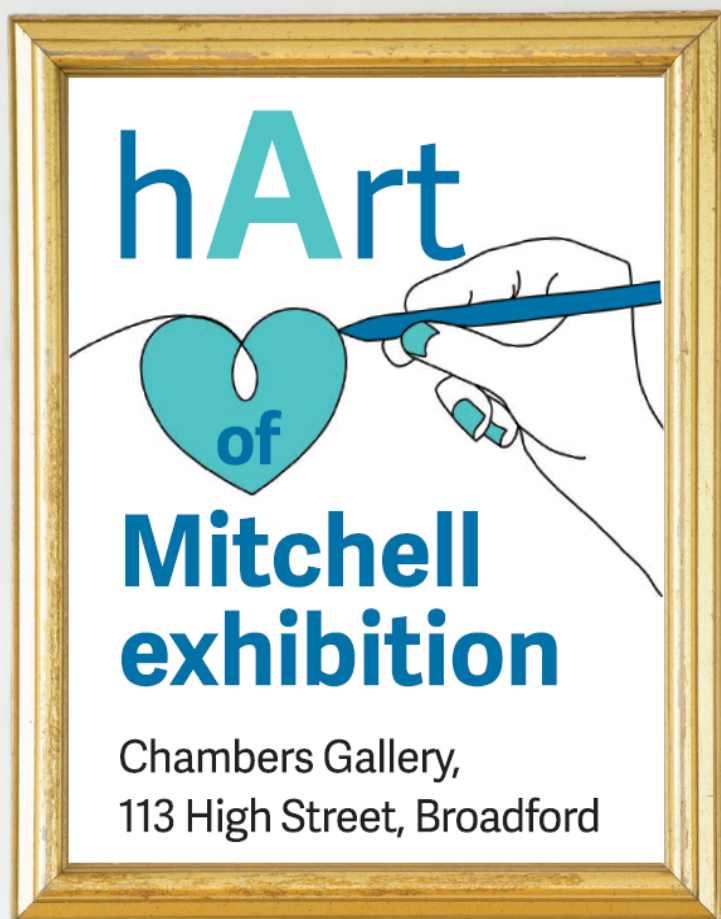
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birthday

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13 Jun	Heather Waldie	W
13 Jun	Terri Burns	HJ
13 Jun	Kate Smith	W
14 Jun	Murray Carter	HJ
14 Jun	Christian Bellomo	HJ
14 Jun	Fletcher Thomas	B
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15 Jun	Peter Gough	HJ
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16 Jun	Sandra O'Connor	HJ
16 Jun	Natasha Mitchell	HJ
17 Jun	Lindi Leddin	HJ
17 Jun	Phil Waite	W
18 Jun	Gary Watson	W
19 Jun	Luke Villanti	HJ
20 Jun	Chloe Belfiore	HJ
20 Jun	Carol Ryan	KE
23 Jun	Jordan Cole	B
24 Jun	James Dennis	HJ
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27 Jun	Cathy Lancaster	W
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3 Jul	Adam Dennehy	HJ
3 Jul	Taylen Limbrick	B
3 Jul	Tyler Cole	B
4 Jul	Melissa Watson	W
5 Jul	Lyn Peachey	HJ
5 Jul	Nicholas McIntyre Ellis	W
5 Jul	Andrew Brown	UP
7 Jul	Grace Hannemann	W
8 Jul	Laurie Lancaster	W
8 Jul	Rosalie Dove	W
9 Jul	Grant Pearce	W
9 Jul	Kane Pearce	W
9 Jul	Elizabeth Humphries	W
9 Jul	Beth Gutterson	W
9 Jul	Rhonda Cole	B
10 Jul	John Dean	W
11 Jul	Haylee Dennehy	HJ
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New members are welcome at playgroup.

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then it's \$5 per family
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Playgroup is for parents, guardians,
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GIFTS FROM GOD

Every good gift comes from God above, so children must be just that! For the majority of mums to have already been busy playing this nurturing role, tucking in their dolls and their teddies from when little. Hearts of mums can also come alive after their children have been safely placed in their arms.

We gratefully continue sharing more from our two guest mums Katy and Catherine and their large families totalling 17, Catherine with another baby on the way.

Both mothers tenderly remember their first child arriving, every child being precious.

Katy being delighted said her maternal instincts soon kicked in with her first child. Catherine shared how for the next 2 years she could not believe that God could give this beautiful little person for her to nurture and love. Drawing on their own upbringings, reading and learning from the Word of God as they rear and home-school their offspring.

Just one day at a time, one child at a time, all different and all at their own pace, some needing to be encouraged and spurred on with some now having successfully reached adulthood.

Both devoted mums switch off by playing the piano, napping when they can and enjoying their various hobbies and spending precious time with their husbands.

My own experience, God gave me 2 gifts. The first through adoption, then a successful pregnancy despite falling at 7 months. Both mother and child protected by God.

So whether created in our wombs or handed to us, God says that He knows the plans and purposes to prosper us, to give us a hope and a future, whilst the days in which we are living, some still make their own choices not to become mums.

So bless all of those who care for children's welfare. Merle Croskell.

If you would like to read the previous months interview with these two mums go to webpage; www.wandong.vic.au/local-news/whats-news Looking forward to Shirleys' next article.

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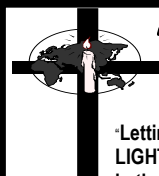
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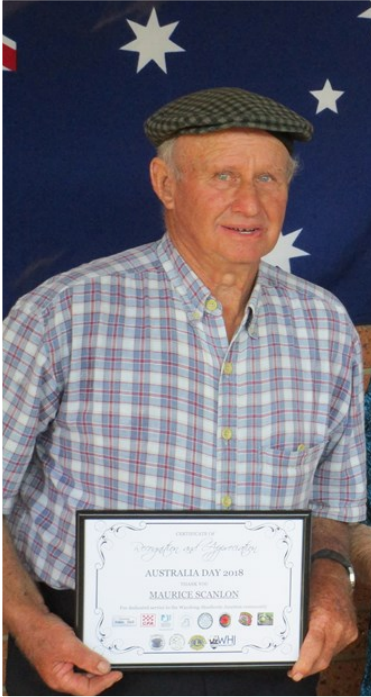
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REMEMBERING MAURIE SCANLON



It is with great sadness that we record the death of life time Wandong resident Maurie Scanlon. He will be greatly missed by the Wandong Heathcote Junction community and we send our sincere condolences to Marj and family. We now publish Maurie Scanlons life story as related in his own words:

"I came to Wandong as a four year old with my parents in 1938 when they moved to help my grandparents who had purchased a rough 156 acre block on what is now known as Scanlons Road, which was then only a horse and dray track winding through the trees. The block was mainly trees and bracken fern with a few acres cleared around an old house with a small poor orchard of mainly apple and pear trees. The soil was very poor and grew very little, especially with the hordes of rabbits infesting the property. Rabbit was always on the menu.

1938 was a major drought year followed by the Black Friday fires in January 1939. We had no dams for water, so an old underground well that soon ran dry was our only source of house water then it had to be carted from Epping. World War 2 started in September 1939 and money was very scarce, with food, clothing and petrol rationed. My parents gained a meagre living, like many others, by cutting and selling wood, and also fruit and vegetables, which had to be grown behind wire fence netting due to the rabbits. Wood was cut with an axe or cross cut saw which was exhausting, slow and not very productive. The modern chain saw has revolutionised wood cutting.

Two or three cows were milked for our household, and we ran quite a few pigs and chooks. We also had one old draught horse which we used, with much time and effort, to clear the trees and stumps so the poor land could be cultivated to grow some thin crops to feed the horse and cows. I started school in 1940 at Wandong State School, where there were perhaps 35 pupils. I had to walk to school each day about two kilometres across the paddocks. In the winter it was often raining and Dry Creek was sometimes difficult to cross. It was war time then and there were very few motor vehicles in the district, with still a few horses and carts for transport. Most Saturday nights saw a dance or concert held in the local hall which, along with the railway station, was the hub of the town, with most of the families, adults and children attending. Most times my father brought us to these events in his old truck but, when petrol was short, we had to walk through the paddocks with a hurricane lamp. Prior to 1946, the Wandong school went to Grade 8 when most children left as secondary schools were too remote to attend due to lack of transport. In 1946 a free bus began operating to Seymour High School and I was among the first to make use of this bus. By this time I had a bike to ride down the hill to the store where the bus stopped. The ride down was about fifteen minutes but the ride home took up to 45 minutes as I had to walk and push the bike up the hills. In the winter it was dark leaving and dark coming home, with only kerosene lamps in the household. I did this for four years, gaining the Leaving Certificate in 1949 before going on to study Agricultural Science at Dookie for three years, gaining a Diploma of Agriculture there. In 1947 Wandong reformed a cricket team which became a major social attraction in the town. The cricketers had to travel to Wallan, Darraweit, Kilmore and Broadford to matches. As there were no cars in the town, the team and supporters rode on the open back of Bob Ryans tray truck, rather rough and cold, but it was the way it was in our day. I was big enough to play in the team in 1948-49 continuing on with cricket for three years at Dookie before returning to play again at Wandong and Country week for the association. Living with 120 boys at Dookie, I gained a liking for many ball sports, playing golf (Dookie/Kilmore), football (Dookie/Wallan), tennis (social), rifle shooting (Dookie) and table tennis, as well as cricket my major sport, once scoring a century against the old enemy, Kilmore.

I returned to the family block from Dookie in 1953 and set about trying to build it into a viable farm. Money was very short as it was giving little or no product. Trees and stumps had to be removed, bracken and rabbits controlled and the poor soil rectified. This work had to be done with a small amount of machinery, an old steel wheeled Fordson tractor, an antique horse drawn mower, an old plough and harrows, a hand operated cable winch to pull stumps, with much of the work being done with a mattock, pick, shovel, axe and cross cut saw.

With my scientific knowledge gained at Dookie and experimentation in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, the trace element molybdenum when applied at two ounces per acre once every six to eight years, along with yearly applications of phosphate and potash fertilisers, has enabled reasonable crops and pastures to grow. Around 1958 we purchased an old bulldozer, a Fergy tractor and a chain saw, which meant the old method of clearing, cutting wood with the axe and cross cut saw became much easier, although still hard. After purchasing this better equipment I was able to do some outside agricultural contracting for landowners to supplement my meagre income.

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More land was added to make 625 acres. Most of this land was cleared, ploughed and sown to pasture to run mainly ewes and lambs with a few cattle. Bracken was still a problem, having to be cut several times a year which was very difficult on the steep hills. Many chemical sprays were tried with limited success until the late 1980's when Brushhoff was developed to be an effective spray. Sheep and lamb raising slowly changed to cattle production due largely to stray domestic dogs killing the sheep.

Socially, my school days revolved around events at the Wandong hall, then cricket every Saturday and often Sunday afternoon in the summer for many years until later years numbers dropped off and we were unable to field a team as young ones moved off for work after leaving school, and also more people were getting cars which gave them scope to enjoy other forms of entertainment. I played football for Wallan for many years, it was very hard for Wallan to field a team in the 1950s and 1960s. On Saturday nights, along with other local youths, we went to dances at Kilmore, but at other times at Wandong Wallan and Broadford, or any other local hall where we knew there was a dance, we attended many Friday night balls in the same venues to 2am or 3am.

I met my wife Marjorie at a dance and we married in 1966. This meant that I had to build another house as I had already built a house with the help of my father and uncle to replace the original old home that was on the property. Together we have three children who also attended Wandong Primary school where in 1972 there were only 30 pupils, then they went on to Broadford High school. Kerry, the eldest, is a special care nurse with three boys. Leisa, at Leongatha, is a secretary and a farmer and has a boy and a girl. Greg, a builder, built a house on the corner of the farm and with a boy and a girl, helps with the farm when he can.

The farm has had me tied down with no time for holidays. Wandong formed a fire brigade in 1962 and I was its captain for 32 years. I also served on the Wandong Primary school council and the Broadford High school council for a number of years and had sixteen years as secretary of the Wandong Recreation Reserve. More recently, I had ten years on the Mitchell Shire Environment Committee."

R.I.P. MAURIE SCANLON

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This had to be in by Saturday so I'm late. I had better get on with it.

We had our usual monthly meeting but numbers were down so we couldn't pass much business. We are going to do a bbq at Mitre 10 this month and use our you-beaut trailer which hasn't been out of the lockup for a couple of years. We went up to the lockup at Wandong yesterday and checked every thing over and got the trailer ready for its big outing.

We had a lunch at Magpie and Stump and met Peter's family. It was a great success and we hope to have a few more in the future. We have tentative plans to build a reflective garden at Kilmore Hospital. We will need to obtain some grants for this. The hospital has a new CEO and we need to discuss this with her. Tania is still looking after the mints and the Lions donation buckets that you see around the place

Tania and Steve are going north again. I can't understand people who keep trying to escape our balmy weather. This is the opinion of a jealous bloke who can't manage to get away. Steve loves camping. He was sleeping in his car at Tooborac and freezing his toes off when only forty minutes' drive away he had a warm bed in a warm house. What was he thinking?

Marilyn is home now. She was in hospital for a long time and she still has to wear a back brace. Her family have purchased a Michelin man suit for her. She can now bounce down the stairs without any danger except perhaps for the cat

Dave and Sonia have sold their house and are moving to Geelong. He will be a great loss to the club. He has recovered from his heart operation and is now getting about slowly. If he had taken the Dove Riley option he would be running marathons by now. I don't know why he is moving to Geelong the weather is no better there.

Bill took his family to Bendigo to stay the night and take in the Elvis exhibition at the gallery. Not only could he not get accommodation but the exhibition was booked out. It is called forward planning Bill.

Vivian has been busy sorting out what he calls antiques at government house. Now I know that Vivian is an expert on this sort of stuff but I hope that they don't mistake him for just another ancient exhibit and put him on display with the rest.

Cliff Stanford, an ex-lion, deserves a mention. He obtained a quote for some concrete work and misread it for 48000 instead of 4800. The tradesman was prepared to drop everything and come start straight away. He was even prepared to decorate it with gold edges. The same fellow was stopped at the boom gates at Heathcote Junction and tried to open them with his home remote. He only woke up when the train went past. Well done Cliff.

This will do for now. I would tell you how my wife throws my clothes all over the floor so that I have to walk around them but she might hit me

Catch you next time

Clyde Riley

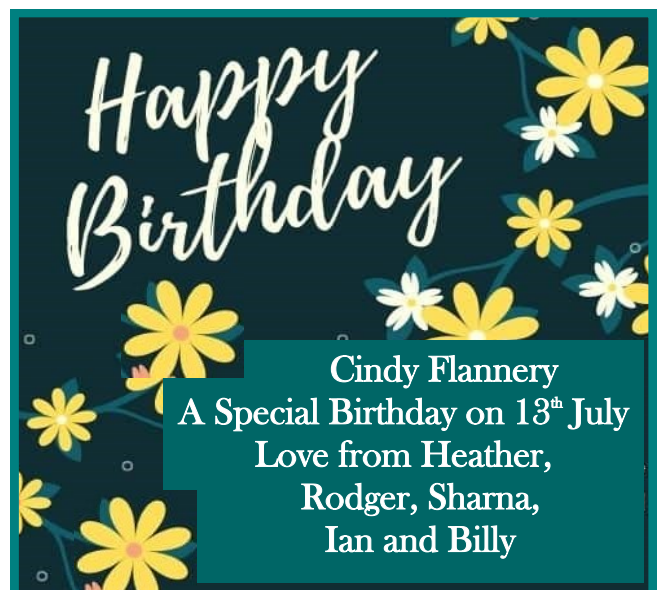
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GARDEN SCENE WITH GAIL

We have entered our Winter months with the shortest day this month, and this is a great season with pruning, planting, new garden beds mulching. Our deciduous plants are starting their well-deserved sleep slowing their sap flow and nestling in for the colder months. This is a great time to assess your mulcher, if you're lucky enough to have one, your gardening tools, perhaps your secateurs need some sharpening or your loppers, hedge clippers, but what about your spades, wood splitters and chainsaw? If we can provide general maintenance annually our tools will reward us with quicker action, smoother cutting and digging and because time is so important it's well worth it. Let's not forget our personal wear either while using machinery, amongst other tools. Heavy duty footwear, protective eye and ear wear and good quality gloves help us stay out of trouble while tending to our gardens however big or small they may be. Winter gives us shorter days to carry out our chores, but the weather is conducive for the work we need to do. If you can't or don't want to get down to the weeds, turn the soil over lightly to expose the roots of the weeds, pour hot water over them or just leave them for a day or two and then apply mulch over the area. Cross your fingers and toes and hope those particular weeds won't grow again. Using this procedure always keep the forking of soil shallow so you don't damage roots of the surrounding plants. Lots to do this month, get the holes ready for new plantings, about twice the width and depth, mix in well-rotted cow manure to enrich the soil and provide the new plantings with a fantastic start to the big world. If you are planting bare rooted plants, prune the roots lightly to enable the new developing fibrous roots an easy start into the soil. Our bulbs are sprouting through and will grow strong if you can liquid fertilise them weekly / fortnightly as they grow and keep them weed free to allow any sun and/or light into the plant to encourage as many flowers as possible. Allowing plenty of air and sun to our plants helps their growth. Pests have an uncanny way of finding shelter in sheltered areas of plants as in clusters of leaves at the base of branches where they fork. You can find good examples of this happening in forms of Tea Tree where tiny pests create shelters that will keep not only the elements at bay but also birds that may fancy feasting on them. You may have noticed that if you haven't pruned a hedge regularly, when you do you can only prune about a third of the plant because there doesn't appear to be green growth any closer to the stem of the plant, that is because the air and light hasn't been able to get into the plant to encourage more growth. Lavender in particular doesn't do well if its pruned hard back into the dead looking stems.



You can have a lavender plant for many years but if it's pruned hard, it may not appreciate it and it may turn its toes up. Rule of thumb is prune back to growth but no more. Don't forget that this time of the year our wood fires are pumping along so when we clean them out keep the ash/coal for applications to our fruit trees in July and our roses, indeed any Spring flowering plants. Actually, if you can collect some now, mix it with water and apply to Daphne, and again in about three weeks, they will love it and it may even help produce more flowers.

A Have a wonderful month and happy gardening.
Bye for now!

Gail Mains Kendrick (your local real estate agent)



WANDONG TENNIS CLUB

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We have just started our winter tennis season. Juniors play every Saturday morning and seniors are playing a Fast 4 round robin every Saturday afternoon rotating between the local clubs.

Coaching is available at the club and cardio tennis sessions are held both morning and evening sessions available contact Karl on 0423 611 317 or kv.tennis@hotmail.com

Night tennis concludes this week with grand finals just to be played.

The next night tennis season will commence in August.

New players very welcome.

Wandong Primary School



EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATION – 150 Years of Wandong Primary School

1871

In 1871, our school was first created. We were called Lightwood Flat Common School. Our school was a tiny, one room wooden building with a dirt floor. It had 51 students and one head teacher, named Mr Scott. We were one of the first state schools in Victoria. This is where Lightwood house gets its name. In those days, there was no running water, flushing toilets and no heating at school. Students would help collect water and in winter they would stack wood to keep the little fire burning. This was the only way to stay warm.

1882

In 1882, our school was moved to the centre of Wandong town. The Headmaster was Mr Fay. He taught the students as well, because the school was so small. For the first time, running water was connected to the schoolhouse. In the past, Wandong was a very different place. The name Wandong is an aboriginal word for ghost. The first people to live here were the Taungurung and Wurundjeri People. Settlers moved to Wandong because it has big pine forests to be used for wood. The first buildings were the sawmills and the railway line for moving timber to the city. Then the post office, school, church and hall were built. At first, the town had less than 200 people. It was only half the size of our school. The students planted 400 trees each year to help out the town.

1911

In 1911, our school got its first playground. That was over 100 years ago. Playgrounds back then were not like our Little Fort and Big Fort today.

1968

In 1968, the old school was knocked down. The only building left from this time is Little Land. You can still see this today! It is the old wooden building next to the basketball court. It has been there for almost 60 years. The principals at the time, were Mr and Mrs Rogers.

1991

The brick office building was built and opened in 1991. That was just 31 years ago. Since then, lots has changed!

2022

Now our school is much bigger! We have 450 students, and our principal is Mrs Morrow. Our buildings and our learning look a lot different than 150 years ago. Sometimes we still learn about what school and life used to be like in the past and this is a great week to remember how much things have changed.

Shared with you by students Deegan Fearn, Jayde Hall, Jax Martin-Jones, Aubree Maggs and Mackenzie Gomez.

Kaitlyn Hall & Jaclyn Adams - Teachers, Wandong PS.

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KILMORE GOLF CLUB



The Club is trialling a shotgun start at 10.30 with registration at 10.00. This enables players to meet together after the game and share some food and a drink.

The Men's Pennant team made the final but lost on the day to Broadford, while the Ladies team did not fare so well this year. However, there is always next year.

The offer of Voucher booklets still applies: 10 vouchers for \$100 which enables a person to play 9/18 holes at any time providing it does not interfere with competitions. This offer ends June 30th. So, take advantage of this cheaper way to play golf before the colder weather arrives.

They might be useful for a birthday present or Fathers' Day in September

Check out our website for more information about our club: kilmoregolfclub.com.au or call the golf shop and leave a message: 03 5782 1123 for further information.

Kilmore Function room is available for hire for birthdays, weddings, funerals. Contact the club or email: info@kilmoregolfclub.com.au

Two other important offers are also available at Kilmore Golf Club

JUNIOR COACHING CLASSES RESUME FOR TERM 2

Classes start SATURDAY 7TH OF MAY and run for 4 consecutive weeks. Coach is golf professional Nathan Roberts and sessions are:

- Juniors 5-9 years old - 12pm 'til 12:45pm
- Juniors 10+ years old - 12:45pm 'til 1:30pm

All equipment can be provided at no extra cost

To register: mygolf.org.au

Any questions please call Nathan Roberts 0405 327 427.

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The golf shop is open each Saturday if you wish to seek further information.

Junior Scholarship Girls.

KGC were successful in applying for The Australian Golf Foundation Scholarship Program. Six girls applied and they are now completing their second round of lessons for Term 2. The program offered free 12-month membership to KGC, 24 golf lessons by Nathan Roberts, free uniforms and caps. We hope to see them on the course very soon.

HUME AND HOVELL REVELATION FOR WANDONG AND WALLAN

Recent research just published by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria has revealed the path of Hamilton Hume and William Hovell in 1824 in this region and revealed that they travelled straight through the middle of Wandong.

Reverting backwards a few miles in their journey, Hume and Hovell approached Mt Piper, Broadford, on the afternoon of the 12th December, 1824 on a compass bearing of nearly due West to the lay person. They camped that night at the junction of Sunday Creek and Dry Creek, Broadford. Next morning they went seven miles nearly due South, to Waterford Park to find the first passable crossing of Sunday Creek.

The party was short of food and were desperate to get clear of the mountain ranges. Hume led them through a series of natural low passes, briefly South-West, then generally South along what later became the Wandong-Broadford road. It took them straight through the middle of Wandong, across Arkells Lane and up to the watershed peak on the Great Dividing Range that is 1260 metres South of Arkells Lane.

Having crossed the peak Hume continued to ride in front along Eastern Ridge, Wallan (Happy Valley) to about the now Emelia Court intersection, according to the accurate measurements left by William Hovell.

Hume led the party off the ridge to the left in a South by East direction and they camped that night on the Merri Creek at about present-day Kelby Lane, Wallan.



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Contact: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

As autumn segues into winter and we gird our loins in readiness for the chilly Kilmore weather, the U3A committee is working hard to keep classes running smoothly. We encourage members to participate safely and be mindful of looking after themselves and others in these continuing times of Covid and rising Flu cases.

Most classes are maintaining steady if not startling attendance numbers and people are being encouraged to try something different this term. There are many and varied classes available so please contact the convenors if any of them takes your fancy. Take up a new challenge or just broaden your social circle and front up for a chat and a coffee. If you want to try your hand at Sudoku, darts, creative writing or arts and crafts, we have the class for you. Or join the luncheon club who meet at a different venue each month. Information about all these activities is on the website.

The U3A gardening group in particular have had some stunning visits to local gardens, the latest on May 12th to Mt Macedon. The weather was kind, a lovely garden lunch at the café was enjoyed by all and it was topped off by a visit to a nursery. Gardening has many health benefits for seniors in that it helps mobility and flexibility, improves strength and endurance and reduces stress levels. People who engage in gardening activities also report better mental health. Go Gardeners!

(Photo from Mt Macedon Gardening group visit)

Family Care in Shepparton has reached out to U3A regarding a peer support group for carers in the community, those looking after a family member or friend living with disability. Many of our members care for a loved one who has a medical condition or is frail due to advancing age and it can be an isolating experience. Many people do not understand the challenges and a peer support group will be an opportunity to discuss common issues and concerns and share ideas for managing challenges.

I would like to remind members about the Morning Tea to be held on the 17th JUNE in the John Taylor Room at 10 am. The guest speaker will be from Fisheries and Wildlife Victoria and there will be a "Best Fishing Photo or Story" competition with Prizes. Bring them along on the day. It should be an informative and enjoyable session.

For further information email: info@u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au

Or check out the website: <https://u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/>

Cheers, Amanda Oades



THE SHACK IS BACK

After a 5-year shut down caused by fire, the Upper Plenty Community Hall "THE SHACK" is open for hire. For more information and bookings call Susan or Wayne on 5783 1456.

If not answered leave name and number and we will return the call.

Address: 1240 Wallan - Whittlesea Rd , Upper Plenty



BENDIGO BUCKS CAMPAIGN - ends 30th June 2022

Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford Community Banks launched the Bendigo Bucks campaign back in November 2021, an initiative to support small local businesses following the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Plastic cards valued at \$10 and \$20 have been handed out to members of the local community to spend at participating businesses.

PLEASE NOTE!!

This campaign will end on 30th June 2022 and all remaining cards need to be redeemed before this date.

Don't let yours go to waste.

Participating businesses can be identified by stickers on their front windows as well as a card beside their tills.



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Support your community to become safer, stronger and more resilient in emergency events.

Wandong and Heathcote Junction Community Emergency Information Session

Wandong Public Hall

Saturday 16 July

11.30am – 1.30pm

Grab a coffee and snack and chat with members and staff of the CFA, SES, VicPol, Mitchell Shire Council and DELWP, who will be running Phoenix Fire Modelling scenarios to highlight fire risk to your community.

Complete the survey online or hard copy by **Monday 18 July** at **www.engagingmitchellshire.com** or using the QR code



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Wandong History Group

Now that we have moved our stuff back into the church we are busy organising and finding homes for things. This process will take some time and there is a lot of sorting and cataloguing to be done. We are grateful to be back and able to spread ourselves out again.

The next project is the airmen families day, this will be a day to invite the families of the airmen who were remembered last year with the installation of the plaque at Mt Disappointment. Due to Covid regulations only a few local families were able to come and so we will have a smaller event around the families who are very keen to see where their loved ones died.

Hopefully this event will help those families many who live interstate to understand the terrain in which the crashes occurred and give them some closure.

We are looking for suggestions as to how Wandong should celebrate the anniversary of the Hume and Hovell expedition and we would like ideas to come from the community for this great event.

Stay safe everyone

Karen

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SEASON UNDERWAY

Wandong Warriors has played 5 games so far this season with three age divisions, under 9, 11s and 13s. Well done to all our warriors who have been taking to the field. The under 9s are learning more and more each week under Shannon and Salv, the under 11s and 13s are getting stronger as teams.

Thanks to all the parents who filled a role the team managers asked of them, special thanks to Lois who filled in as team manager for the 13's against Alexandra. A very special thank you to Lisa Lou from Buds & Branches who supplied the flowers for all the mums/carers to celebrate mothers day.

The season started well for the Warriors, with lots of players on the field despite Easter break. We encourage everyone to keep training or let your coach, assistant coach or team manager know if you can't make training.

CANTEEN

At home games the canteen is fully stocked, and eftpos is available. Thanks to Allen Hall, Shelley and Steve Kilroy, Karen Christensen and Clyde Riley for their ongoing support and the important job of running the canteen.

TRAINING

Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-5:30.

SOCIAL EVENT:

Stay tuned and watch out of facebook for upcoming social catchup.

All players and families will be warmly welcomed by the new committee members including all recently appointed coaches. If you are interested in becoming involved as a player, please take advantage of this opportunity to become a part of our great club.

We look forward to meeting new faces, bring your friends, come along and have some fun!! All welcome.

Please contact the Club via email wandongjfc@gmail.com for further information.

Or, search our face book page or Team App page by typing "Team App Wandong Warriors".
Go Warriors!!



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Hi from the WHJSC Committee,

The L.B.Davern Reserve is open to all our community, so please come down and enjoy this great facility. Join the various clubs, just walk through along the Say G-Day trail, take the kids down to play on the play equipment or just play and exercise on the oval.

Winter has certainly arrived and with the cold wet conditions be cautious of the wet trails throughout the reserve and be aware the creek can flood at any time. Don't let the cold and wet weather stop you from coming down to the Reserve to enjoy everything there is to offer.



It's good to see the Reserve full of life with our community back in supporting their groups and other activities enjoyed by those who participate.

Walking the dogs
kids in the playground
individuals/groups doing their fitness workouts
mums with the kids in the pram
riding bikes
playing football
passing shots in netball
shooting hoops at the basketball ring
riding the horses
training dogs to behave
Wandong primary doing their sporting activities on the Oval
Wallan basketball in the Stadium

Continued developments at the Reserve will complement our sport groups and community. We are very lucky to have a Reserve that has character and bush ambiance to complements our communities.



Looking north



Looking south toward the oval

The Wandong Tennis clubs Entoucas courts 2012-current location of Stadium carpark and playground.

If anybody in our community would like to share any photos of History of L.B Davern Reserve for us to share on what's News please send to kooraw@bigpond.com

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Summary advice for the Reserve:

Please check in with the Mitchell Shire Web Site for all updates as new stages unfold: www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/COVID-19

There are no immediate changes to current rules at this point for Regional Victoria-Mitchell Shire.

Note: With all updates please confirm with your Sporting Groups, Committee contacts and Council for confirmation of rules as they do change.



Did you know?

Our Community building is also a great asset to hold kids parties, family type events and private functions of all sorts.

Please consider when planning a function.

Contact our booking officer Darlene Gunter
0418 312 762.

Get in quick as bookings are coming in fast.

For all L.B.Davern Reserve Bookings to either:

-Oval Bookings, Stadium bookings and enquiries -

Mitchell Shire Council Recreation and Open Space unit ph. 5734 6200.

-Community Centre and Sports Pavilion contact:

Darlene Gunter Booking Officer for the WHJSCC on 0418 312 762



To our community, we need your help;
We need to catch any persons vandalizing our Reserve!!!!

If Residents notice anything out of the ordinary please contact the police on

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It is in our community interest that we all keep our Reserve safe for all to use!!

Rob Telfer
(President, L.B.Davern Reserve Committee)
12 Dry Creek Cres
P.O.Box 303, Wandong 3758
Mobile 0408 393 250





IN PERSON PEER SUPPORT

From Jason Watts, Program Leader Carer Support Services

- Do you regularly look after a family member or friend who is ill or has a disability?
- Do your caring responsibilities affect your ability to work, study or socialise?
- Are you looking for some support to make your life easier?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then the Carer Gateway can help you. When you are a carer, it's important to take time for yourself to rest and recharge.

Carer Gateway is the Australian Governments national carer hub providing reliable services, supports and advice specifically for carers.

Services and supports include carer support & planning, counselling, In Person Peer Support, carer coaching, carer skills courses, and access to emergency & planned respite.

Carer Gateway is the best place to start to help you navigate the many services and supports available for carers through Federal, State and local government and non-government providers.

Each caring situation is unique and we encourage you to reach out to the Carer Gateway to help you get the support and skills you need for your caring journey.

Carer Gateway offers a national website at www.carergateway.gov.au or you can phone 1800 422 737. Familycare Shepparton are the local provider of Carer Gateway services. I would be pleased to speak with any community groups and can be contacted via email jwatts@familycare.net.au or by calling 5823 7081 for more information.

Kind Regards
Jason

WANDONG PUBLIC HALL

The hall was used for the pre-polling of the federal election, and I think the volume of use of all the pre-polling centres took everyone by surprise. WE would just like to thank residents for their patience during the two weeks of fairly intense use and we understand it was difficult at the busy times of day. On the up side a hire like that gives us funds to continue upgrading the hall and maintaining it for all so short term pain for long term gain.

We are making progress on all our projects. The new lawn on the top tier is now fenced off to allow it to settle. A sprinkler system has been installed in this tier and we plan to install similar sprinklers in the second tier in the near future.

The playground is taking shape and we hope to add a few more features soon. Sharon Delaney has agreed to paint a landscape on the pipe tunnel.

Our regular user groups are always keen to have more people come along they are listed below:

TAI CHI BACK AT THE HALL

Commencing Tuesday 26th April Tai Chi Classes started Term Two at Wandong Hall

Tuesday and Friday mornings. 9.15am for 45 minutes. \$10.00 per session/ \$120.00 a term.

Contact Donna Douglas 0438 765 335 for more information

The Craft group attend every Monday, it's an informal group, bring along some lunch, and something to do if you feel like it.. There is always someone on hand to help with crafty questions in the group and this has been our longest running group.

The Lightwood Flats book club meet monthly - contact is Annie Beaman Ph: 5787 1698

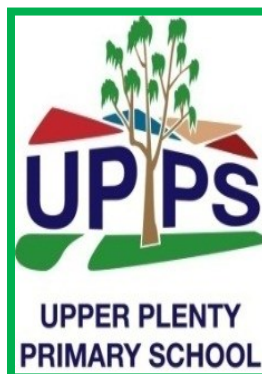
Wandong Country Knitters also meet monthly, contact is Coralee Souter. Ph: 0479 163 548

Wandong Heathcote Junction Community Group hold a monthly meeting Ph: 0413 832 411

Wandong History Group Monthly meeting – Di Vidal Ph 57871314

The hall is available for hire phone Christine for bookings on 0448 604 770. Christine has an answering service so please leave a message if she cannot answer the phone, she will respond to all enquiries promptly. Stay safe, Karen

We have had a very busy and exciting month at Upper Plenty Primary School. We commenced our wellbeing program 'The Resilience Project', which has already taught us the importance of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness to be happy. The engaging lessons revolve around these three key pillars proven to cultivate positive emotions. At UPPS we participate in these sessions weekly across the school, as well as daily GEM chats to keep wellbeing at the forefront of our priorities. These are two-minute questions that are designed to facilitate positive conversations, for example, "What is something you are looking forward to tomorrow?".



To conclude Term 1, students participated in an Easter Hat Parade to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. Families enjoyed working together to create some unique, imaginative and creative masterpieces. These wonderful works were showcased at the school assembly, which was a wonderful opportunity for students to display their creations and to have the school community back onsite.

To kick off Term 2, we spent the week focusing on commemorating ANZAC Day. Each class explored different aspects such as symbols, stories of soldiers, facts and information regarding the history of ANZAC day. As a school we had a service at the Lone Pine tree that we are fortunate to have at our school. We listened to grade six students read personal recounts of local past veterans and completed a minute of silence to show our respect.

At UPPS recently, we had farewell assemblies for two of our staff members. One of our ES workers, Amanda, has taken up a new career path and our Grade 5/6 teacher, Miss Soufan, has taken maternity leave to have her beautiful baby. We are very much looking forward to what the rest of Term 2 has in store.

Kindest,
Violeta and Tilly

WANDONG-HEATHCOTE JUNCTION COMMUNITY GROUP

P.O. Box 242, WANDONG 3758 Tel: 0413 832 411



WEBSITE

In May the <www.wandong.vic.au> website received 888 visits. If any business or group has noticed any change which needs to be corrected to their entry, please let us know. To add your business or group email: whatsnewswhj@gmail.com.au

VALE MAURIE SCANLON

We were saddened to hear of the death of Maurie Scanlon, another of our elderly institutions recently lost. He joins Gwen McIntosh and Allan Ryan recently departed. They all leave a huge hole in our community. We offer our sincere condolences to Marj and family.

ARTC AND THAT BRIDGE

The WHJCG continues to meet with ARTC and Mitchell Shire regarding the proposed new bridge over rail at Wandong. Despite our efforts to get our local councillors involved and looking after the interests of residents, the last meeting was again held without any councillors.

GHOSTS, GOLD & A WHITE ELEPHANT

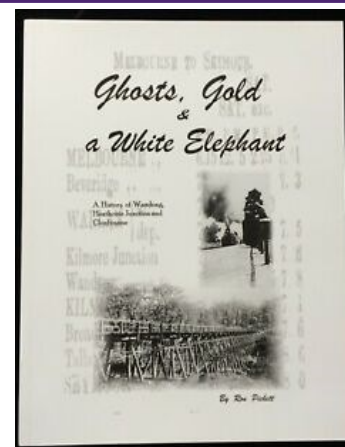
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Farm Security Best Practice

- Put up signs - plain metal signs, reading "Trespassers Prohibited" or "No Trespassing" will deter trespassers but signs indicating that the farm has security or CCTV cameras will be more effective against criminals;
- Create physical barriers – the most obvious is a fence and good gate, but hedging, thorny bushes, or even old immovable farm equipment can be used to create barriers which prevent stock or equipment from being stolen;
- Make your gates secure – this is useful for your personal security. Automated gates are convenient but remotely operated gates can protect you and also give you the ability to screen persons coming onto your property;
- Install a security system – this can include installing motion sensors around farm buildings and the perimeter of your property. It is best to connect these to CCTV cameras, alarms and security lights. If wifi connections aren't available, then connect your CCTV with SIM cards.
- Ensure a regular power supply – this can be achieved with solar devices or a reliable backup generator to ensure lighting, security systems, etcetera, operate even if the power is disconnected;
- Keep your property well lighted with suitable floodlighting around all buildings and entry points – this will deter thieves and should have motion detectors
- Install safety alarms – these can cover smoke, fire, carbon monoxide or other potential hazards.
- Keep good records of all of your farm assets – this includes all machinery, vehicles, tools & stock. Records can be in the form of photographs, recording manufacture, model type, and any other distinguishing details, and marking (engraving or UV pen) the equipment with 'V' + your licence number;
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THIS MONTHS QUIZ

Answer appears on Page 28 but no cheating!

1. Which planet has the most gravity?
2. How many times does the heart beat per day?
3. What is the longest-running Broadway show?
4. What year was the first-ever Wimbledon Championship?
5. What is a female donkey called?
6. Which element is said to keep bones strong?
7. John F. Kennedy was assassinated in which city?
8. What was the name of the Egyptian God of the Sun?
9. Which insect symbolizes good luck in Europe?
10. Where did backgammon originate?
11. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
12. In which country was Buddha born?
13. What was Superman's birth name?
14. Which animal is the Porsche logo?

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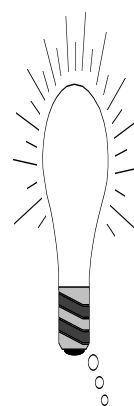
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The COVID merry go round continues, you never know who is going to turn up for anything anymore! We keep smiling regardless! It's cold and probably time to find a quiet inside pursuit to keep your spirits up!

Community Meals

Big Blokes Brunch is a great way to start each week at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre on Tuesdays! Bring a mate the food is great:

Tuesdays 11.00am - 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Ladies Lunch -join the ladies who lunch each fortnight at the Whittlesea Community Activity Centre

Thursday June 23rd 11.30am - 1.00pm \$2.00 per person

Crafternoons

Join us each week on Mondays and dabble in all sorts of crafts! Coming soon handbags and covered boxes with the Boomerang Bags team and Granny squares (intro crocheting)!

Mondays each week during Term 1.00pm - 3.00pm \$2.00 per session

Welding for Beginners

Learn to weld - TIG, MIG and ARC

Wednesdays for 7 weeks from October 26th 6.00pm - 9.00pm \$50+\$40 materials

Ukulele for Intermediate Players RETURNS!

We are pleased to welcome an intermediate group back to the House in 2022

Mondays from May 2nd 11.30am - 12.30pm \$50 per Term (\$40 concession)

Tune Up your work skills in 2022

Time to take the plunge and get things moving at work with these work ready courses:

First Aid

(CPR, Provide First Aid & Provide First Aid in an Emergency in an Education & Care Setting)
We are running blended learning First Aid and Mental Health First Aid during the first half of 2022. Online learning + face to face Saturday August 13th \$85/\$150/\$195

Boat Licence

Don't wait until summer - get your Boat Licence NOW. Children 12+ are eligible, PWC endorsements are available to students aged 16+

Saturday June 18th 9.00am - 1.00pm \$130 per person

Wills and Wishes

We are once again accepting expressions of interest for our Wills and Wishes program. Have a Will and Powers of Attorney written for you by our Latrobe University Law students (in conjunction with Whittlesea Community Legal Service). It's FREE to anyone in the community! (Please note that we cannot assist with Family Trusts). Appointments are on Fridays at Whittlesea Community House. Call 9716 3361 to book!

Fix It Friday RETURNS!

Fix it Friday is back face to face! Sweep your problems into a pile and bring them to our experts for real help that doesn't involve a queue or a call centre!

Meet experts from Whittlesea Community Connections, Social Worker, Espresso Legal, Uniting Financial Counselling, NDIS, Centrelink and Lift (Mental Health Program), Victoria Police, My Aged Care, No Interest Loan Scheme and heaps more! Solve lots of drama at one place on one day!

Power Saving Bonus applications have been extended to June 30th, 2022 and a new round of these bonuses is coming soon to all community members not just pension card holders. If you are eligible and yet to apply for your \$250 rebate we can help you over the phone.

Stay tuned for announcements about the next round too! Call 9716 3361.

Call 9716 3361 to register in advance, it's FREE.

Friday June 24th 10am - 1.00pm

A more comprehensive list of what is coming up at the House can be found on our website www.wchi.com.au or you can call to book any of the above on 9716 3361. See you soon!

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**Weather Report -
May 2022**

Wandong/Heathcote Junction

The last month of autumn passed without any problems. It was a typical autumn season with an occasional spell of winter weather which kept the home fires burning and wearing of winter wear. Rainfall of 37 mls was light when compared with the previous year and we did not suffer any of the storms or damage of the northern states.

Our Sunday Creek dam was recorded on 23/5 at 70%, an increase from 65% in April. If the bureau's predictions of a wet winter eventuate, the outlook for spring and summer appear good.

However, we now have winter to confront so whatever will be, will be.

	Stats	
May 2022	-	37 mls
Previous year	-	101.5 mls
Average prev 10 years	-	77 mls
Total this year	-	271 mls
Total prev year	-	318 mls

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QUIZ ANSWERS (from page 26)

1. Jupiter
2. About 100,000
3. The Phantom of the Opera
4. 1877
5. A jenny
6. Calcium
7. Dallas
8. Ra
9. Ladybug
10. Persia
11. A towel
12. Nepal
13. Kal-El
14. Horse

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SOCIAL CONFLICT or AGGRESSION ...

By Anne Zelvys IACP-CDT

What is the Difference !!!

Dealing with Conflict: Most dog owners have trouble dealing with conflict.... ANY type of conflict. So when a dog growls or barks the human will often misinterpret the situation and often becomes emotional themselves. The human may then respond in one of two ways.

1. Human becomes overly protective and try to settle the dog by patting and stroking. Their aim is to reassure the dog "Everything is Alright" and use soft voices and continue to pat and stroke even thou the dog is still reactive. They might even try to distract dog with treats or toys.
2. Human starts to worry that their dog might be aggressive, so will try to avoid situations which seem to trigger the dog. They might take the dog for a walk late at night when people are not around. Perhaps when their dog sees a strange dog he starts barking and growling, so the owners turn and avoid this situation as well.



Neither of these approaches are likely to help. Instead you are just displaying to the dog that YOU lack confidence and are worried about the situation. Dog then feels that if his owner is scared then of course he should be scared as well. Really we need to show the dog we are confident and BLOCK the dog from using the mouth.

Define Aggression: Aggression is not a trait, this is a behaviour. For a dog (or human) to be aggressive means that ALL their energy is focused on being aggressive and thus never do anything else. It is obvious that this is not possible. It is however correct to say that a dog can show aggression under certain circumstances. If we can assess what situations a dog is likely to show aggression we can work out how to handle this dog.

Define Social Conflict: Mostly our domestic dogs use a form of **Social Conflict** when they want to get their own way. Perhaps your dog meets a new dog and wants to keep a toy. They might growl and snap and if this is successful, will continue to use this method. But then they meet a different dog and this new dog uses a different technique and snaps back and perhaps even pin your dog down. Your dog has suddenly learnt a new lesson, because it is thru trial and error that dogs learn to compromise.

Social Conflict VS Aggression:

Both Social Conflict and Aggression show similar behaviours: growling, pushing, stand over tactics or even one dog pinning another dog to the ground with their body.

So the question is - how do you know what is normal dog behaviour and so leave them to sort it out....and then... how do we know when something is wrong and then step in and make the dogs stop....?

Most of the time dogs will make a bit of noise, pushing and shoving but their teeth are usually not connecting, at least not for more than a nip where perhaps a bit of fur is pulled out - this is when we can stand back and wait - leave them to sort it out. This is Social Conflict and is how dogs learn to think thru and solve their own problems.

Scenario Example of Social Conflict: Two dogs meet but are not comfortable. Perhaps Dog 1 is being pushy - Dog 2 growls and stands his ground and might even make a grab to show he is not happy. Dog 1 adjusts this unwanted behaviour and steps back - then Dog 2 eases off. This is NOT aggression. **This is normal social conflict** where the dogs are working out what is acceptable. In fact humans should view this as constructive and try to stay out of the process.

Scenario Example of Aggression: If we consider the same scenario however this time when Dog 2 growls and pushes back Dog 1 does not adjust the unwanted behaviour but keeps pushing and escalating the bad behaviour. Now Dog 2 may continue to push back, however this is when we might have problems. This is not acceptable as there is no learning involved, just that Dog 1 is being a Bully and Dog 2 may feel he has no option but to retaliate and then both dogs fight.

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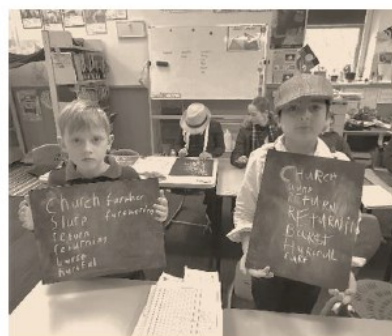
Darraweit Guim Primary School News



This month Darraweit Guim Primary School celebrated Education Week. Now in its 78th year, Education Week celebrated the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector. This year's theme was *'150 Years of Public Education'*, to go along with this Victorian milestone. Education Week 2022 was an opportunity for our students to commemorate the past, celebrate the present and imagine the future of education in Victoria.

As part of our festivities, our school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by Australians is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, homes and children's facilities all over the country and the world! This year's book was *'Family Tree'* by Josh Pyke; a story that shares the beauty of life through the growth of a tree, one that unites families and communities around the world, spreading joy, love and spirit – and it all starts with one seed.

And finally, you cannot celebrate 150 Years of Public Education without looking into the past. All students were encouraged to dress in old times fashion and participated in many different experiences during the day. We played indoor and outdoor games that children played years ago and made small dolls out of pegs. Lastly, we all went outside and made damper by the fire.



2023 ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for 2023. We would love you to come along and see what we do.

Please contact me,

Carol Booker - Principal, on 5789 1234 to arrange a tour

Mitchell Shire Concert Band

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Mitchell Shire Concert Band regular Saturday Bingo sessions at the Band Hall at Chittick Park, Seymour, have been suspended until further notice.

The Band has now resumed rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 9pm.

Any new players will be given a warm welcome

Preventing Fires in the Home

KITCHEN

The kitchen is the most common room where residential fires start. Unattended cooking causes most kitchen fires. 6-7pm is the peak time that fires caused by unattended cooking are reported to 000.

Cooking in the kitchen is the single largest cause of fire in the home. A fire in your kitchen can cause extensive damage. Kitchen fires are responsible for a high level of personal injury. Pay attention in the kitchen-

- Never leave cooking unattended; Stay in the kitchen.
 - Keep stove top, griller, oven, range hood and cooking area free from built up grease, dust and oil.
 - Combustibles such as tea towels and paper towels must be kept away from cooking and heat sources.
 - Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and in good working order.
 - Always supervise children in the kitchen. Keep them away from the stove and oven.
 - Keep pot handles turned in.
 - A fire extinguisher and fire blanket should be stored within easy reach but away from the cooking area.
- The CFA recommend that you only use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket if you feel physically and mentally are able to use this equipment safely.

SLEEPING AREAS

Many residential fires that result in fatalities and/or serious injuries start in sleeping areas. Most of these fires are caused by mechanical failure of heating systems, appliances and equipment.

The risk of dying from fire is greatest at night when you are asleep. When we sleep, we lose our sense of smell. Without a working smoke alarm, you may not wake up in time to escape.

Smoking in bed is very dangerous. Never smoke in bed.

Ensure powered electrical appliances like phones, hairdryers, hair straighteners and laptops are not left on bedding.

Turn electric blanket on 30 minutes before getting into bed and turn off as you get into bed.

Keep electric blankets flat with controls at the side of the bed.

Regularly check for broken or worn wiring and discolouration.

Keep electric blankets flat with controls at the side of the bed.

Stored electric blankets should be rolled and not folded.

Never sleep with the electric blanket on. It causes hot spots and may result in a fire.

Always have a working smoke alarm fitted to the bedrooms' ceilings.

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