



PEOPLE AND PLACES

KARA PENHALE

Kara Penhale moved to Terip Terip in March 2010 from Alexandra where she lived for ten years. She has been teaching at Alexandra Secondary College since 2003 and teaches Studio Art and Visual Communication and Design. Kara is also a coordinator of one of the four different house groups at the College. Kara looks after Blue group which is called Cumming House. Students range from years 7 to 12. Her job involves looking after her house group's general welfare and discipline issues. After nine years Kara still enjoys teaching, "working with teenagers is quite exhilarating as every day is so different. You never know what each day will present you with, which is part of the charm and at times part of the challenge of the job too!"

Kara was born in England in Red Hill, Surrey but she lived around Croydon for most of her life. She went to secondary school at Mount Lilydale Mercy College and always loved art and design throughout her own schooling years. Kara went on to do a degree in Fine Arts at Monash University and majored in Sculpture and Painting.

Since producing and exhibiting her own artwork, she became interested in picture framing and decided to do a short course in Nunawading to learn the skills. Kara has converted her studio area into a picture framing space and has started her own business from home.

It is all very new and exciting and Kara has already framed many pictures for people who have heard about her excellent skills around the Alexandra area. Now Kara is ready to expand the business and has placed an advertisement on the back of The Granite News. Give Kara a ring on 57904167 or mobile 0419131650 and talk to her about her new venture.



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Bonnie : For being a great role model and helper on the Shepparton excursion. Well done!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Allyson & Brett (Dixon/Mildren) on the arrival of Harrison William on Thursday 31st August at 6.30pm, weighing 6lb 6oz. All well.

Junior Aths Fun Day

This is an annual event where all Prep to Year 2 students from HPS, Yea PS, Flowerdale PS and Sacred Heart come together to participate in track and field events in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Last year the day was cancelled after several attempts to schedule a day with fine weather! This year the Junior Aths Fun Day will be held on Wednesday 14th September. Other schools usually arrive at HPS about 10am and students work in age groups to rotate through a variety of events. This is a great day and an opportunity to show off our school. Senior students organise the events and assist students throughout the day, so it is a 'whole school' effort. Parents are invited to attend to watch and cheer us on.



Kaylam, Lachie, Declan and Bonnie pictured on our whole school excursion to Shepparton which was part of our sports theme for this term.

WELCOME TO ISSUE 27

There will be no Granite News for the next 4 weeks from the 12th September to 7th October. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. There is an extra insert this week so that all the activities can be publicised.

HIGHLANDS LANDCARE

It is being proposed to merge the Highlands Landcare funds with the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative. If you have any objections to this proposal please contact Jono Rumbold on 57969344 or 0408969399 to register your concerns, thank you.

WEED CONTROL

Just a reminder to all that it's time to start spraying gorse, for any information on Landcare rebates that may be available to you please contact Simone Ulstrup on 57904146 or email hughescreek1@gmail.com

HIGHLANDS RAMBLERS


The 99% of Highlanders who were otherwise engaged last Sunday missed a day perfect for walking. The 6 of us who went enjoyed a leisurely stroll from 'Glentannar', down Beulah lane, across the fields, over Boundary creek to Don's hut at the base of Don's hill, where we stopped for lunch. The sun shone, the grass was green, koalas snoozed and the scenery was magnificent. After lunch we contemplated Don's hill, decided it was probably rather windy up there but very nice and warm down here, and if turned round now we'd be back in perfect time for a cup of tea with Peg. So we did. Five of us successfully avoided getting wet and muddy, though one of us managed to do both.

After a bit of a break the Ramblers are back in operation again, though temporarily leaderless. Whether you're a past Rambler or have never tried it, why not give it a go.

The walks are not difficult and it's a great way to get to know the district. Walks will be the last Sunday of every month except in summer and we'll be aiming at no more than about 6km in distance, maybe less if it involves a big hill. Suggestions for walks are welcome, so if you have a favourite walk, let us know.

Contact Louise Currie Ph 94371504 or mlcurrie@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY WHAT'S ON CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER 2011

Week beg 11th Septem-	WHITEHEADS CREEK- TARCOMBE RFB TRUCK Chris Head Jarrod Coysh
- until 18 Sep- tember	PAUL MARGOCSY ART EXHIBITION Water colour bird and animal paintings Venue: Old Post Office Seymour Gallery, Emily Street, Seymour Open Wed to Sun from 11-4 and Wed to Sat from 6-9pm until 18 September. 50 Emily Street, Seymour www.artseymour.com.au Phone: 5792 3170
Friday 9th September	'Drinks on the Deck' at Highlands Community Hall from 6.30pm. Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power.
Saturday 10th September	Black Market 10am - 12pm: Swap & sell your home produce at this local food exchange and "open garden". This month it's being hosted by Candi Westney & Vitto Oles, at Rocky Passes Estate, 1590 Highlands Rd, Whiteheads Creek. Contact Paul Macgregor on 5797 0229, diversity@diversity.org.au , or Candi on 5796 9366 for more information.
Saturday 10th September	 <p>1-3pm - Exhibition opening "All About Love" - paintings by Leone Gabrielle - Rocky Passes RSVP 57969366 or contact@rockypasses.com.au</p>
Saturday 10th & 11th September	Euroa Community Cinema – “Tree of Life” is the impressionistic story of a Midwestern family in the 1950's. The film follows the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, through the innocence of childhood to his disillusioned adult years as he tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father (Brad Pitt). Jack (played as an adult by Sean Penn) finds himself a lost soul in the modern world, seeking answers to the origins and meaning of life while questioning the existence of faith. Some of the creation scenes are awe inspiring and the childhood scenes will provoke powerful memories.
Friday 16th & Saturday 17th September.	MAD HATTERS RETURN <i>"Hilarious! I laughed out loud and you will too." (and that was just the first rehearsal!)</i> <i>Put these dates in your diary NOW - Then you too can enjoy the Mad Hatters' next vibrant production - "Where there's a Will." This year's must see production! Be there.</i>
Wednesday 21st September	TERIP TERIP RECREATION RESERVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The TTRR will be holding its AGM on at 7pm at the Recreation Reserve. All are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in management of the Recreation Reserve. Please contact Andrew Holloway (Secretary) on 57904080 or andrewholloway1@gmail.com with any enquires or apologies.
Thursday 22nd September	The next meeting of the Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative will be held at the Highlands hall at 7.30pm. All welcome
Saturday 24th September	Myrtle Beech Forests Revealing a “warts” and all story of cool temperate. Learn more about majestic Myrtle Beech trees and the impact of Myrtle-wilt, their relationships with Bryophytes and our efforts to understand their response to fire See examples up close and hear research being undertaken by: - Marianne Worley- Department of Sustainability and Environment - David Cameron- Arthur Rylah Institute 3-5pm Buxton Hall Maroondah Highway, Buxton Afternoon tea provided Please call 13 1963 to register for catering purposes A guided walk is also available on Sunday 25 September 10.30am-12 noon. BYO wet weather gear, sturdy shoes, drinks and lunch.
Saturday 24th September	The Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network and Fernhills Conservation Park present: “ Trees and Climate Change ” a talk by Greg Moore 2-4pm Where: Fernhills Conservation Park 254 Fernhills Rd, Sheans Ck Afternoon tea provided Enquiries and RSVP: landscapeart@fernhills.com.au Greg Moore is a much sought after and engaging public speaker with an extensive knowledge of arboriculture. He also has expertise in plant science, revegetation and ecology. Among other achievements Greg is a former Principal of Burnley College, University of Melbourne and Chair of the National Trusts Register of significant trees. He was the inaugural President of the International Society of Arboriculture , Australian Chapter. He serves on a number of boards and has published widely. Greg will address a range of issues associated with the impact of climate change on the trees of our rural landscapes. In what ways will climate change impact upon the trees that characterize our rural landscapes, from old paddock trees to the regeneration of seedlings in patches of remnant vegetation? What will be the effects on biodiversity? What actions can landholders and other landscape stewards undertake to minimize the adverse effects of climate change on trees?
Sunday 25th September	Highland Ramblers. Meet at Highlands hall 10.30 am Contact Louise Currie Ph 94371504 or mlcurrie@bigpond.com
8th& 9th October	Out of the Artist's Studio. Meg Heres painting exhibition “Dunedin” 24 Lyons Street Yea. 10am to 4pm Daily Enquires 04 00340279

Classifieds & Community Notices

MIND YOUR MIND

It is never too soon to prepare, it is never too late to start...

Join Alzheimer's Australia's Laurel Gourlay as she discusses symptoms and signs of dementia and what you can do to assist in reducing the risks of dementia onset. Mind your Mind is Alzheimer's Australia's dementia risk reduction program based on the body of scientific evidence that shows what we do, what we eat and how well we look after our health has an impact on our risk of developing dementia. Age is the biggest risk factor for dementia; the older you are, the greater your risk. Our genes also play a role in how likely we are to develop dementia. We cannot change either of these risk factors. Mind your Mind is all about the risk factors that we can do something to change.

Date: Wednesday 14th September
Time 1-2.30pm (including questions and afternoon tea)

Venue: Yea Library

Afternoon tea provided.

The library will have a collection of resources available for borrowing after the session. For bookings please contact Bridget Clarke 5736 0479
clarkeb@humehealth.org.au

DID YOU NOTICE?

Someone drove through the ring lock fence on the Highlands Caveat Road between Brigadoon Road and Peter Sands's gate on that long curve. It probably happened last Saturday afternoon 27/8/11. If you know anything about this could you please ring Frits on 0438969318

MESSAGE FROM THE RUFFY STORE

COOKING CLASS AND DINNER

Saturday afternoon 17th September. Hands on Thai/Lao cooking class with Mor Saykao the class prepares three courses \$85 pp and can be joined for dinner by friends/partners for a delicious Thai dinner additional \$45 pp. Approx. 8-10 in a class need to book.

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EXHIBITION

The Road to Ruffy and Beyond, an exhibition of paintings and dry point prints by Victoria Howlett until 2nd October.

BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

Help Monitor our Region's Rarest Bird: the Regent Honeyeater

Contact Cat Nield over the coming months. Be involved in monitoring one of our region's rarest bird, the Regent Honeyeater with the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Due to this species being on the cusp of extinction, a captive breeding program released 44 birds into the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park last year and so far this winter, four of these captive-bred birds have returned to the area. A fifth was observed in Holbrook NSW, over 100km from where it was released. This is great news as it confirms that the released birds are surviving well in the wild and some have even been observed pairing with wild mates. If you'd like to assist with the monitoring of the Regent Honeyeaters and for further information, please contact: Cat Nield on (03) 5723 8629 or catherine.nield@dse.vic.gov.au

If you happen to see a Regent Honeyeater please report it ASAP to the National Regent Honeyeater Recovery Coordinator on Freecall 1800 621 056.



Focus on Fungi – Presentation by Paul George

Friday, 9th September, 7.30pm, Strath Creek Hall The Upper Goulburn Landcare Network's Focus on Fauna project is holding a presentation on Fungi by Paul George at the Strath Creek Hall starting at 7.30pm. Paul is Convenor of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria's Fungi Group, and his talk will include an introduction to fungi, their lifestyle, role in the ecosystem, relationship with native wildlife etc, all illustrated with lots of photos. Paul is also happy to identify any specimens or photos. RSVP to David Wakefield on (03) 5780 1225 or email: focusonfauna@gmail.com



WHITEHEAD'S CREEK LANDCARE UPDATE

Just a reminder about what will be possibly the last planting for the season. We will be hoping for a big attendance on 10th September, at 10.00AM to plant out trees in the corridor along Lambing Gully Road, Whitehead's Creek.

This year, we will be planting out 2000 trees and understorey over the 9th and 10th September 2011. On the Friday we are organising to have children from all the Seymour Schools attend and be part of this project. On Saturday, 10th, Landcare members and friends as well as some organisations from the community will complete the project.

There will be lunch provided on both days. It should be a great day and we hope you can come and lend a hand and enjoy the company. This will be a highly visible project that will carry on the good work of our Landcare Group over the past 25 years. Hope you can make it, Carolyn
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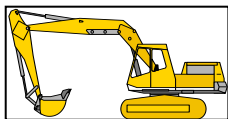
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