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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Many people must pass MAFEKING PARK near the old Caveat Church and wonder what goes on there. For 20 years the Rover (ex -Scouts aged 18-26) Movement had a "Mud Bash" event at Big River near Eildon. In the early 1990s, they decided they needed a home of their own on which to run their off -beat motorsports. They bought 319 acres, 25% being bushland, and planted 1000 smore trees. "Mafeking" is the South African town, defended by Lord Baden -Powell (founder of Scouting) during the Boer War.

Mafeking Park is run by committees, and 1000s of hours of volunteer labour have gone into the infrastructure, Amenities block, a Hall, 4 bunk houses, offices, kms of roads, fenced arena for Mud Bash events, 2 dams and natural springs for water. The Rovers labour was supplemented by ex-Rovers providing their expertise, an accountant finding himself putting on plaster boards - (probably why the hall is not quite square!)

Six Committee members are accredited members of Highlands -Caveat CFA, and the park is a staging area in the event of a major fire.

The Mud Bash is held every Queen's Birthday weekend, this year showed a record attendance with 700 camps and 1000 day visitors. 11 events were run, with 42 vehicles involved, from 4 cylinder space frame homemade jobs to 6LV8 modified sedans and wagons. The Rovers usually have make their own mud, but one year they used tractor stop pull out tractor stop pull out vehicles!

Security is provided by members who are past or present members of the police force. Drivers, navigators and officials must be. 00 in the compulsory breath tests (conducted on all drivers at the end of the weekend)

The H -CCFA sells firewood to Rover Crews and conducts a tin rattle at the front gate to raise funds.

Most campers belong to Rover Crews from all over the State, and love the opportunity to camp in beautiful bush, away from the road, with congenial company. The Park is the venue for many and varied events throughout the year, and can be booked by anyone.

NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3

Our topic for term 3 is Civics and Citizenship. This will involve students looking at how they participate in society through local groups and networks, what makes a pe effective groups of people both within the school and wider community. This topic will also give us the opportunity to look at the role the government plays in our lives. We are looking forward to welcoming Peter Roberts back into the school in his role as Science and PE specialist. Peter will be working on Mondays from 11:30am. Kerry and Neil will be returning in their capacities as music teachers and Susan Bennet has offered to volunteer her time on Wednesday afternoon to assist with the production. We are also looking forward to seeing our regular community members Judy and Mavis who continue to come in weekly to listen to our students read, not forgetting Di, Miranda and myself.

School Production

Discussions have begun surrounding the school production for this year. As you should have read in the note that went home on Tuesday, this year's production is taking the form of a variety night titled 'Highlands Got Talent'. We envisage the night taking a similar format to the TV program 'Australia's Got Talent' without the aspect of judging.

Students have been asked to begin to think about what types of performance they would like to be involved in.

As in the past ALL students will be expected to be part of the evening's performances. There will be musical performances prepared as class groups as well as a whole school finale.

Friday September 5th is the date for this wonderful evening at the Highlands Hall.

Congratulations

to Lachie who has read an amazing 100 nights and to Kayla for reading 75 sup nights already this year!

WELCOME TO ISSUE 19

There will be two weeks break for The Granite News over the school holidays.

Last week the senior students researched the origins of superstition surrounding Friday the 13th.

Here is what I found discovered.

Friday the 13th is considered bad luck. The fear of Friday 13th is called paraskevidekatriphobia. Paraskevi means Friday in Greek. Dekatria means 13th in Greek. Phobia means fear in Greek.

Facts for Friday the 13th:

If a lady's birthday is on a Friday the 13th she will get married and have a baby in a year. It is also unlucky to get married on that day.

You shouldn't have 13 people at a table or one person can get very sick. You also shouldn't have your haircut on the 13th or some in your family will die.

A child born on Friday 13th must carry a rabbit's foot killed at midnight in front of a cross -eyed farmer or he will bring bad luck to everyone in his family.

Some weird things that you should do include:

If knives are crossed at a table it means a fight.

You should touch your collar if you see a ambulance.

Throw the salt over your shoulder if you drop some.

13 is significant to Christians because 13 people were at the last supper.

Student of the Week

MICHAEL SHAW

For role modeling positive behaviour during sport time, within the classroom and in the yard at recess and lunch times.



Community What's On Calendar—June/July/August

Weekbeg23rd	TeripTeripmowingroster AlanandBettyRenfreePeterShortandBettyJenkinsCarparkandall4courts
ArborWeek 23-29June 2008	InresponsetothedroughtArborWeekhaschangedfromMaytoJune.InpreviousyearsArborWeekwas focusedmainlyontreeplanting.However,inordertoprotectstandsofremnantvegetation, re-establishdegradedecosystemsandhabitatsandincreasebiodiversitythefocushaschangedtoincludeallnativevegetation.WiththisinmindthethemeforArborWeekthisyearis“CreatingHabitatsforallLivingThings”.
Thur26thJune	Secretmen’sBusinessCaveatChurchsausageandchatAllwelcomedespitethename.5.30pm
22 -28June	WhiteheadsCreek/TarcombeRFBTruckRoster.JohnWoodJamesMattersRobHaynesDarrenBrock
28thJune	TheBlackMarketatRockyPasses,, 10-12,1590HighlandsRd. Swap,buyorsellanyhomeproduce(low kilometre,healthyfood). IntheKitchenhasadoublebillthismonthwithMauro'DelFrate'sveryspecialrabbitstewandPaulBennett'ssocca(chickpeapancake). Allwelcome.Enquiries:Candi57969366.
29June -05 July	B.Bortalazzo -AnthonyWallis GaryRichards -RogerBroome
30thJune, 2008	CanvasesfromHiArtsConversation,November2007tobereturned.PleasecontactMarciaon57969256or StuartandJudyon57969358.
5thJuly,2008	CommunityCanvasses.10.30am.MorningCoffeoontheDeck,HighlandsHall.Canvasseswillbeon displayandcontributionsoughtforthebestwaytodisplaythecommunitycanvasses.
5thJuly	RuffyStore.PaintingsbyPruePlowman.Prueisawellknownartistinthelocalareaandbeyond.After5 successfulsoloexhibitionsinMelbourne,PrueisexcitedtobeexhibitinglocallyinRuffy.FindingherinspirationfromhertravelsandfamilyhomeErimbali,Prueisabletogiveaglimpseoftheplaceshe'sseenwithacanvasfullofcolourandpassion.Pruehasanartisticabilitytocaptureoursunburntcountryfrombeachside,torockyclainsandrighttoherbackyardoffarminglandandgardensewnpaths.Socomeandinspire yourselfwithatouchofcolouranddashoffun.
6 -12July	D.Cerda -Pavia -CandiWesley BrianTolley -RichardRobinson
Saturday5th July	RUFFYARTSHOW&SALERETURNS INNOVEMBER2008. Therewillbeaninformalmorningteaat 10.00amtodiscusstheformatofthisyear'sShow. Ifyouwouldliketobeinvolvedintheplanningofthis greateventcomealongandbringyourideasorphoneGlenon57904318withanysuggestionsifyoucan't makethemorningtea.
Friday11th July	'DrinksontheDeck'Thenextgettogetherfor'DrinksontheDeck'isat6.30pm.Comeandenjoya sharedmealattheHighlandsCommunityHall.
13 -19July	R.Chapman -GeoffBond PeterWales -StephenFord
Saturday19 July	TheFabulousSwingingSixtiesareComingtotheRuffyHall. 60'sSpicks'nSpecksMusicTrivia,Disco& Dancing.Lotsofprizes. Morenewstofollow. Tickets\$15eafromGlenPh57904318. Bookingsessential. Thissoundslikealotoffun.
20 -26July	R.Chisholm -ScottJames NedJeffery -LindsayHeffer
SATURDAY 26THJULY, 2008	TERIPTEIPCOMMUNITYDINNERCHRISTMASINJULYTHERECRESERVE 6PMFORSHERRIESANDNIBBLES7PMDINNERBYODRINKS&GLASS\$15PERPERSON \$5FORSCHOOLCHILDRENPLEASEBRINGCHRISTMASNIBBLESORDESSERTBESTCHRIST- MASPUDDINGCOMPETITIONRSVP,WEDNESDAY23RDJULY LUCRAVEN -57904011,FRANCESLAWRENCE -0432324929
Sunday27th July	HIGHLANDSRAMBLERSnextwalkwillbeinthevicinityofBlueTopRoad,spectacularrocksandviews. MeetatHighlandsHallat10.30am.ContactPegLade57969222.
27July -02 Aug	A.Coulson -RalphProven RichardWaugh -ShaunClarke
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2ndAugust, 2008	PreliminaryNotice:HiArtsConversation:“TheArtistandSocialResponsibility”.HighlandsHall,10 —3pm. \$10.00registration.Morningteaandlunchprovided.

Classifieds & Community Notices

YOUNG DRIVERS TO RECEIVE GREEN P-PLATES

GREEN P-plates are being distributed to all drivers and riders currently using standard red P-plates.

From 1 July 2008 a new four-year, two-stage probationary licencing system will begin across Victoria, replacing the existing three-year licence.

Mr Hardman said "Our GLS initiative is expected to save up to 12 lives each year and prevent 800 injuries caused by crashes each year. Young drivers account for over a quarter of all driver fatalities in Victoria but they only represent 13 percent of all licensed drivers."

The new system requires young drivers to have 120 hours of on-road driving experience, including at least 10 hours at night, before they go for their licence.

If they pass, young drivers will receive a one-year P1 licence (red P-plates) followed by a three-year P2 licence (green P-plates).

For more details visit www.gls.arrivealive.vic.gov.au

Highlands Ramblers

Sunday 22nd the Highlands Ramblers went for a historical walk around the huts of the Highlands Caveat area. There were 36 fit and eager people gathered for this walk. We started at Spaniards Rd and took in the Woolshed Creek valley, stopping at 7 huts along the way. Some local information along the journey gave insight into the past history of these huts. We finished our walk at Dropmore at around 3.30pm. A great adventure, with ages from 3 to 70's, led by Andrew Shaw and enjoyed by all.

FOR SALE

Silky Terrier cross pups for sale, 2x female, 8 weeks, great family dogs, very cute. \$220.00

Helen McKenzie (03) 57904211

FOR SALE

Staffordshire Puppies. 2 female, 1 male, white & black, white & brindle, \$2000 ONO.

Aluminium Tinny with 91/2 Johnson outboard. V nose. Flat bottom. 3.4m long \$700

Jeannie & Ken Webb PH 57976255

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lisa and Gavin Wruck on the birth of their son, Riley Cooper Wruck. Both he and Lisa are doing well.

CAE Reading Suggestions

Summer at Mount Hope by Rosalie Ham

(1936) 5 Stars

This was a highlight for our group. An amusingly good read. We enjoyed the Australian flavour. Wonderful characters and strong women!! Definitely the Aussie answer to Pride and Prejudice. Dingley: The Daisy Chain

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

(1961) 5 Stars

A Thousand Splendid Suns was an excellent read. It was a riveting story as well as giving such an insight into the lives of people living in Afghanistan. It was thought-provoking and generated much discussion in our group.

Terip Terip Rural Fire Brigade

Last Wednesday 18th June 2008, the Terip Terip Rural Fire Brigade took delivery of its new CFATanker. The handover and initial instruction session was conducted by Andrew Payne-Croston, Senior Wildfire Instructor and Steve Hill, District Mechanical Officer. Brigade Captain Geoff Penny said he was very pleased to receive the tanker and thanked the CFA.

Over the next few weeks all brigade members will have the opportunity to train on the tanker before it becomes fully operational and the old one, which has served the community so well for many years, is removed and sold.

(L-R) Very pleased with the new Terip Terip Tanker, Training Officer Daryl Cox, 2nd Lieutenant Ed Greenwood, 1st Lieutenant Ken Richards and Captain Geoff Penny.



BITS OF BOTANY AND BIRDS

GANGGANG COCKATOOS are not uncommon in our bush, but they are a threatened species, because of loss of habitat and tree hollow loss. They are grey medium-sized cockatoos, the male has a beautiful red head. Hawthorn berries are a favourite food, so if you have a hawthorn hedge, treasure it! Gang-gangs are nearly always seen in pairs or small flocks, and their rather growly voices when feeding in Eucalypts, are often the indication of their presence.



Landcare Brainstorming Night Follow Up

After an interesting evening on Friday 13th June looking at future directions for Landcare Cath Bott will use all the information gathered to produce a document for us to build actions from.

The five main areas of concern will be defined for future discussion. Interest groups will spring out of the main areas of concern and hopefully meet again to further explore our options in adapting to change.

Key areas

*The ethics of water use. Groundwater, Dams and Pipe Line Construction.

*How can we as individuals change what we do to improve our own future?

*What is the future of traditional farming? (Economically and demographically) Are there alternative farming practises that are profitable as well as gentler on the environment?

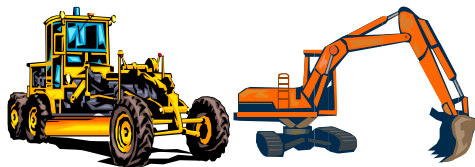
*How can we improve the resilience of our natural systems?

*Are there ways we can work together to achieve future security we want? For further information contact Janet Hagen PH 57904268

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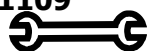
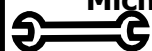


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