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## BOTANY, BIRDS & CREATURES

### Autumn is the Season for Spiders.

See if you can find a Golden Orb Silk Weaving Spider like this large female, who had built a strong wheel shaped web from sticky golden threads suspended between two shrubs.

Golden Orb Weaving Spiders are found in dry open forest, they prey on flies, beetles, grasshoppers, moths and cicadas.



Sometimes their strong webs manage to trap small birds or bats.

The spider will wrap them and feed upon them. It is common for a number of tiny (6mm) males to live around the edges of a female's web, waiting for a mating opportunity.

After mating, the Golden Orb Weaving Spider wraps her single egg sac in a mass of golden silk, which is hidden in foliage away from the web disguised within a curled leaf or sprig of twigs.

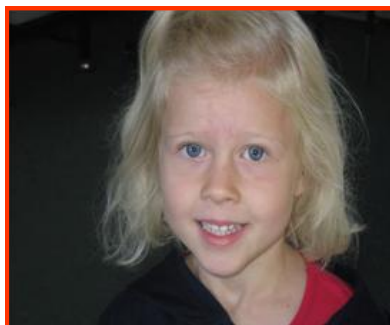
Orb weavers are reluctant to bite and their venom is not poisonous but I find the females frighteningly large and I try to avoid getting tangled in their stringy webs.

By Janet Hagen

## NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### STUDENT of the WEEK

*This week's student of the week is Ada Hayes.*



*Ada receives the student of the week award because she has been making an outstanding effort during PE sessions. Well Done Ada!*



*On Wednesday we were fortunate enough to have a visitor in our yard at lunchtime - this is not the first time our friendly echidna has come to school to visit us.*

By Maree Moyle—Acting Principal,  
HPS



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## LOCAL GOINGS ON

### It's All Happening At The "G"

When Ruffy started playing Highlands at Strath Creek all those years ago, who would have thought we'd end up playing at the MCG?

Surrounded by enthusiastic fans (actual spectators and barrackers) we felt warmly welcomed at the Molesworth Cricket Ground, set in a bend in the Goulburn River, Aussie flags waving madly in the wind, surrounded by caravans, tents and the best of classic Australian motor car manufacturing, this year's do or die struggle was a very different setting to Hume and Hovell, but it was a hit.

Highlands got away to a flyer in the first innings scoring 80 before Ruffy hit out for a first dig total of 52. The second innings saw Highlands continue to 163 before a spirited Ruffy partnership of 35 between Harry Sleigh (24) and David Sleigh (1) extras (10) was snuffed out when the allotted number of overs expired.

The synthetic pitch played better than we did and the outfield slowed the ball to our pace, although a couple of the younger members did find that extra yard or two.

Harry Sleigh's direct hit run out of Brent Kelly was worthy of the other "G". However the quickest thing on the day was Fred's mouth which went into overdrive after lunch thanks to a few pots of sledge-juice at the Molesworth pub.

The match was played in the exact same spirit as the recent India vs Australia Test series. In the second over Paul Hildebrand bounced Noah Hildebrand, catching him under the ribs and bowling him. Unremarkable in most games but Noah is only 10 years old and Paul is his Dad. Noah being an intelligent 10yo, milked it for all it was worth, got the sympathy vote plus a no-ball and continued on to make

a face-saving 5 runs.

The Highlands stand-in 'keeper Alan Jarrott copped the sledge of the century from his teammate (which unfortunately not one of us can remember exactly - could be an age thing) but it went something like this.....

Jarrott "I'm not conversant with that situation"

McCooley "Just like you're not conversant with the wicket-keeping situation".



All good friends after the Match

Fraser Welch, that born again cricketer, provided the game's highlights when he decided to think about the game too much. Firstly, in an effort to speed up the game he ran out his skipper thus earning himself a lifetime ban from all forms of cricket. Thinking (which he shouldn't ever do) that the ban was immediate, he himself was out, hit wicket, the very next ball.

(Of course the none too impressed captain missed this because I was busy destroying the change rooms after being run-out).

Normally, as was the case with Warwick Carter whose last shot should have been a 4 but unfortunately he stood on his wicket and disturbed middle-stump whereas

Fraser on the other hand, thinking (that word again) he was doing the team thing decimated all three stumps by emulating Jack O'Toole from World of Sport's Wood-chop and with a smile on his face he walked off.

(it didn't happen quite like that but he did run me out and I'm into revenge).

The Molesworth Hotel turned on a fine lunch and after-match entertainment which culminated in a bus ride up the Molesworth-Caveat road.

Injuries: John McMaster-Highlands (hamstring), Fred Haig-Ruffy (larynx)  
Best for Highlands - Neil Van Buren and our two ring-ins  
Best for Ruffy: Harry Sleigh, Doug Mclean, Craig Murphy

Man of the Match: Rob Haub

Man of the series went to Brent Kelly, who is sure that Shona would love a honeymoon at Beechworth this April to watch the boys play cricket against The Riverines.

Highlands won by a fair (?) bit but as usual the trophy, like The Ashes, is not allowed out of the sight of the Lords of Ruffy, so it was not presented on the day.

Report by Scott McKay



Ruffy's Harry Sleigh congratulates Scott McKay the victorious Highlands Captain

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## Provincial Precipitation

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
February	55.6 mm	69 mm
<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>104.4 mm</b>	<b>134 mm</b>
Feb Rain Days	5	4

# COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR MARCH 2015



**CFA ROSTERS  
W/C  
March 8th**

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe.....Driver: Geoff Halpin Assistant: Rob Wales
- Ruffy .....4th Lieutenant Matt Ulstrup's Team
- Highlands/Caveat .....Driver: Rick McAlpin Radio: Tom McCooey
- Terip Terip.....1st Lieutenant Ed Greenwood's Team

**TODAY!**

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Sunday 8th March From 4:00pm	<b>THE RUFFY PRODUCE STORE</b> Come along and enjoy a relaxing and laid-back afternoon of Live Music with "The Hairy Lasso's" Bookings would be a really good idea <b>Contact The Ruffy Store 5790 4387</b>	<b>Music Afternoon &amp; Evening</b> Nolans Rd Ruffy
Monday 9th March 9am—2pm	<b>SEYMOUR-GOULBURN LIONS CLUB LABOUR DAY BUSH MARKET</b> It's On Again.....with the Great Duck Race at 1.00pm Carnival, Entertainment, Food, Market Stalls — Gate Entry \$2, Under 16 free Site Bookings or Enquiries: Betty 5796 9295 <a href="mailto:seymourgoulburn@lionsclubs2015.org">seymourgoulburn@lionsclubs2015.org</a>	Goulburn Park Seymour
Monday 9th March 8:00pm	<b>TABLELANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE@RUFFY</b> Monthly Committee Meeting, but everyone is always welcome. <b>Contact Justus 5790 4268</b>	Nolans Road, Ruffy (Old Ruffy School)
Thursday 12th March 9:30am-11:30am	<b>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP</b> Morning Tea will be provided as will some structured (and of course FUN) activities for the children. All families and community members welcome! We look forward to seeing you all there!	at the Highlands Primary School <b>Contact 5796 9208</b>
Friday 13th March 6:30pm	<b>'DRINKS ON THE DECK'</b> 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. <b>Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</b>	at Highlands Community Hall
Saturday 14th March 8:00pm Sunday 15th 4:00pm	<b>THE EUROA CINEMA</b> An imaginative children's film about a young Australian boy's passion for flight and his challenge to compete in the World Paper Plane Championships in Japan. More suited to older children rather than the very young— this highly acclaimed Australian movie has managed to gather a large and appreciative audience since its recent release and there is sure to be a local audience of all ages that will also take it into their hearts	<b>"Paper Planes" 96 mins (G) 4 stars Drama / Family</b>
Saturday 21st March 9:00am-1:00pm	<b>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET</b> "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. <b>Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331</b> <a href="http://www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org">www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org</a>	Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa
Saturday 21st March 7:30pm	<b>RUFFARTZ CAFE CULTURE SERIES "Sound of Silent"</b> This 5 piece Dixieland style jazz band recreate an authentic silent movie experience from the 1920's by providing live music accompaniment to the Buster Keaton silent film feature "Steamboat Bill Jr." Tickets \$25 Adult <b>Contact Verena 5790 4309</b>	at the Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road
Sunday 22nd March 4:00pm	<b>"BLOWN AWAY" Italian Fire &amp; Virtuosity</b> Held in the home of Peter Hagen just out of Broadford and part of his well-established yearly concert series, the atmosphere is authentically presented as chamber music should be; in intimate surroundings in a large room. <b>Bookings on</b> <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/FZZD">http://www.trybooking.com/FZZD</a>	at Peter Hagen's Studio, Broadford
Thursday 26th March 5:30pm	<b>SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS</b> Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks	Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
Saturday 28th March 9:30am—6:00pm	<b>TERIP TENNIS TOURNAMENT &amp; GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS</b> The Annual Terip Tennis Tournament is back AND it will be played on the fabulous new ModGrass courts. Come along with family & friends for a Teripific day. BYO Picnic Lunch and a BBQ tea will be available after the tournament for \$10. <b>For further details Contact Helen 5790 4211 or Sue 5790 4277</b>	at the Terip Recreation Reserve

