

What did the Neighbourhood House decide for Lancefield's future?

Well it's not quite that strong but the House committee did have a forward planning day in February that has resulted in a lot of projects for the Neighbourhood House to undertake.

Below is a list of projects that the Neighbourhood House will be working on over the next three years;

- Distributing a new 'residents welcome' kits
- Improving swimming pool entry
- Researching a community transport/driving service
- Developing a Volunteer Training Package
- Establishing a Gym
- Starting a Community Exchange Scheme
- Installing a Massage Chair at the Townhouse
- Running Health Information Days/ Men's Health issues/Alcohol & Addiction support
- Creating a Website for Lancefield including a community calendar
- Supporting a Skate Park

Some of these projects have already started - visit the Townhouse to enjoy a wonderful massage in our new chair and while you're there find out all about how the Macedon Ranges Community Exchange can make a difference in your life by visiting www.mrce.net.au.

Some of the projects identified are part of the Community Action Plan created by the community in 2008/9. As there is no longer a Shire Community Planning Officer the Neighbourhood House hopes to continue to progress the Plan by supporting existing projects and investigating those yet to be started.

These projects will be on top of what the Neighbourhood House currently undertakes;

Running hobby and vocational classes

Internet access, photocopying and other office services - these are now available in our Townhouse which is developing to be a place where local information and resources are available as well as being an outlet for purchasing locally produced items (and of course our massage chair)

Managing the Op Shop, Farmers Market and Mens Shed

The Op Shop will continue to pay for young people to undertake driver education when they get their licence and funds will support community projects. We are currently working with both primary schools and discussing ways we can assist through these funds.

You are welcome to join any of the House projects as a volunteer. If you are interested in being part of the dynamic committee our AGM is on the third Thursday of October each year.

Finally, but most importantly, I want to thank Michelle Balthazar for convening a very productive session. Also the Committee of Management need to be recognised for their dedication to making Lancefield a better place for us all to live. Each committee member has joined and volunteers their time for the community. A few members give an incredible amount of their time each week to sustaining the existing House projects and working on new ones.

Of course none of this could be done without all our other wonderful volunteers and the support of you, the community. We should be a very proud community.

ANZAC Day Commemorative Service

Thursday April 25th 2013

The Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub Branch wish to advise that the 2013 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service will be conducted in Main Street, Romsey on Thursday April 25th. Marchers are requested to assemble in front of the Laundry in Main Street at 0815 hrs – the Service begins at 0830 hrs. All families and individuals are invited to attend this most important day in Australia's history, particularly the school children. Your attendance would be most appreciated. Refreshments will be served after the Service - all welcome. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call John Lynch on 0417 393 396



C.W.A Snippets

With the colder months nearing, now is the time skilled crafters and seasonal crafters alike usually think about knitting or crocheting something warm. Not always do we finish our projects but the thought is usually there.

Why not bring your project to our April craft get together. Friday April 12th at 10.30am we will be meeting at Mad Gallery to have a cuppa and chat. Please feel free to come along, everyone is welcome.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to phone Meaghan Keogh on 0439 381 977

Designing a Wildlife Corridor

What works and why...

Join Connecting Country for an evening discussion about wildlife corridors; find out what works and why, with a focus on phascogales and gliders. Key note speaker is Dr Rodney Van Der Ree, Deputy Director of the Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology at the University of Melbourne. In addition, the organisers of the community-based 'Superb Parrot Project' will share their experience and knowledge gained from 20 years of creating wildlife corridors in northern Victoria. This event is jointly presented by Connecting Country and the North Central CMA's Kyneton Woodlands project.

RSVP's are requested to assist with catering.

Event details:

Date: Wednesday 10 April, 2013

Time: 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Place: Elphinstone Community Hall, Bendigo-Sutton Grange Road,

Elphinstone

Cost: free

For more information and to RSVP contact:

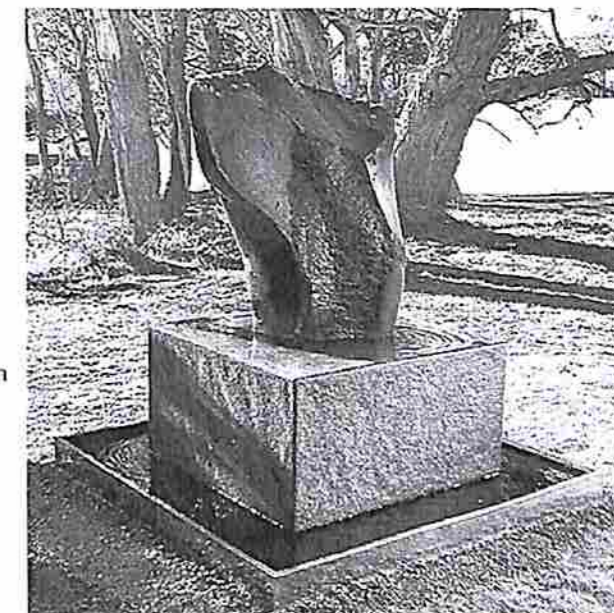
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Artanica – A Fusion Of Art And Garden

With a 90 year history of promoting horticulture, the Mt. Macedon and District Horticultural Society Inc. will present Artanica on the weekend of Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of April at Lewisham, 305 Mt. Macedon Road, Macedon. Artanica is an opportunity not only to see a beautiful garden at its autumn best but to also enjoy and purchase garden sculpture

crafted by some of Victoria's leading artists. Featured artists include locals Padma and Ashika, Dawn Robinson and Kathryn Portelli who will be joined, among others, by Gillian Govan (current President of the Association of Sculptors of Victoria), Rudi Jass, Yvonne George, Richard Kloecker and



David Dawson. Works on display are crafted from stone, steel, iron, bronze, copper and wire and range from hanging bird baths to kinetic wind sculptures. Admission is \$10 (children under 18 free). This is a great opportunity to enjoy a community environment. Food and drinks will be available and of course you can acquire your own piece of art direct from the artist or talk with them about commissioning your own unique piece. For more information visit the events page at www.mtmacedonhort.org.au or call Jan Sherry on 0409 022 331

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Vanessa's garden

Autumn will be firmly upon us by the time you read this, although whether Mother Nature will pay any attention to a calendar devised by humans – who knows? At time of writing it is still hot and as promised, here is the concluding set of tips about gardening when water is scarce.

Last month I explained how to go about establishing a thriving 'low-water' garden in our area by selecting appropriate plants (I recommended plants that evolved to cope in dry Mediterranean types of climate) and by planting in autumn and early winter, rather than spring. This month I want to tell you about some other things that will help you get the most out of Mediterranean-style planting. These tips hold good for establishing suitable native plants too.

Water Gradient

You may well have some plants already in your garden with higher water requirements and you will probably want to keep some, if not all of them, depending on their water needs.

One solution is to establish a water gradient. This isn't a literal gradient, just a way of saying that it's more efficient to group plants with similar water needs near to each other for easier watering. For example it probably makes sense that plants near the house or close to your garden water source are the ones with highest water needs. As you move further away from the water source establish plants with progressively lower water needs and furthest out is the place for those plants which don't need supplementary watering (once they are established).

Shade

If there is little shade in your garden, it's worth seeing what you can do to create a bit more, as shade helps reduce evaporation and cools breezes.

You can do this quickly with shade sails and the like, but a more long term solution is to plant a tree or two, although you'll need to bear in mind the cossetting required in early years, in terms of water and feed. And while I hate to discourage anyone from planting trees, around here you do need to make sure you're not increasing your fire risk by planting a big tree in your garden.

An alternative solution, and one which might show faster results in terms of shade, is to put up a pergola or similar and train a summer climber over it.

Mulch

I'm sure I don't need to repeat the benefits of laying mulch in spring before the weather gets too hot.

It can significantly reduce watering needs, as well as smothering the weeds that might otherwise steal precious food and water from the plants you actually want.

Organic mulch helps improve the soil but could be a fire risk if it dries out, so inorganic gravel-type mulches might be a better option close to the house.

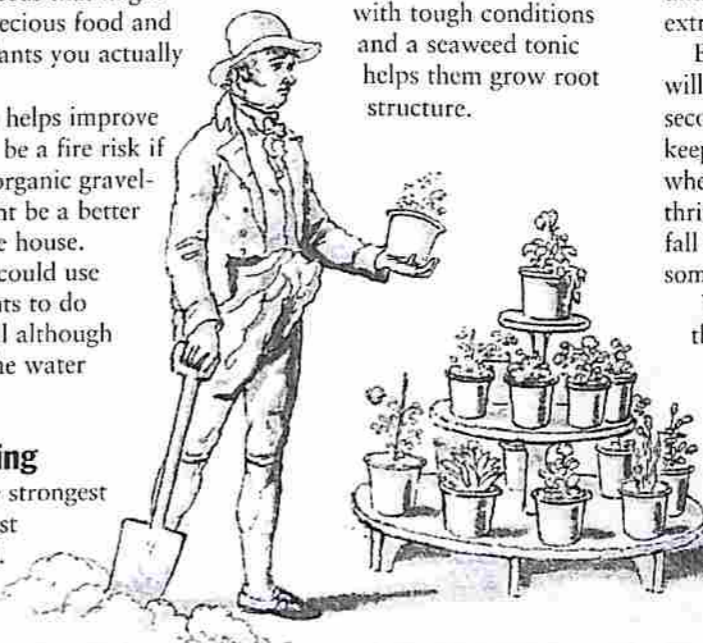
Of course you could use ground cover plants to do the job just as well although they will add to the water requirement.

Soil and Feeding

In tough times the strongest plants have the best chance of survival. Give your plants

a fighting chance by attending to the structure and drainage capacity of your garden soil.

The simple way to do this is to regularly add compost and organic matter. A dose of organic fertiliser will greatly help your plants cope with tough conditions and a seaweed tonic helps them grow root structure.



Watering

Finally, although we are focussing on cutting water use in the garden, you'll still need to do some watering. The point is to make sure that not a drop is wasted and to understand that young plants need extra water while they establish.

Even drought tolerant plants will still need a bit of help in their second season but as long as you keep the soil healthy and feed where appropriate, they should thrive pretty much on natural rain fall thereafter (as long as we do get some rain of course).

When watering remember the rule of thumb that a deep soak once or twice a week is preferable to a splash every day as it encourages deeper rooting. Water at the base of the plant rather than wetting foliage and keep your fingers crossed for some more good soaking rain.

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Lancefield Fire Brigade

The weather has turned cooler and we have had some rain but we as a community should not allow ourselves to become complacent about the fire risk which is still present. Over the holiday weekend a fire at Benloch appeared to have started on the side of the road in that area and could well have been started from a passing vehicle. This needed the attendance of at least three Brigades and was able to be controlled before it became a major fire involving the Cobaws. The flare up of a stump the next day also required the attendance of our Brigade. Deliberate or careless this fire could have had severe consequences and if anybody sees anything that could be taken as contributing to such an incident please report it to the police and obtain a vehicle registration number if possible .

There has been no progress, other than the removal of the old station building, on the construction of the new Station and we all survey the site at regular intervals but there is no change at this stage .

Operations continue from the temporary premises in Oakley's Lane and will obviously continue from there until further notice

THE BIENNIAL BRIGADE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE ON 2ND APRIL AT 8PM ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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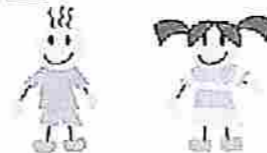
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Thanks to the hard work of our secretary Natasha Boucher and Emma Stevens of Red Door Books of Lancefield, we have the pleasure of introducing award-winning journalist Sara James. Sara will be talking about her book, experiences as a mother and a writer. "An Extraordinary School" is a must-read book for educators, parents, carers and therapists of children with special needs. It challenges the re-modelling of how special education is taught to ensure all our children fulfil their potential.

Guest Speaker: Sara James, author of "An Extraordinary School"

Where: The Romsey Hub - 98 Main Street, Romsey
Date: Thursday 18th April 2013

Time: 6.30pm arrival for 7.00pm start

Event open to public - Gold coin donation

RSVP by Tuesday 16th April to Natasha Boucher - info@rrwn.com.au

For just a gold coin donation we would like to invite you for an inspiring night of discussion, wine & nibbles. This event co-insides with some additional things happening in Romsey this month paying tribute to World Autism Awareness Day (2nd April),

including Romsey "Light It Up Blue". Any donations towards Autism Awareness Victoria on the night are also most welcome.

Our groups' mission is to bring women together to share ideas, connect people with common interests and support women in our rural community to pursue their dreams. It is a genuine celebration of the spirit of friendship and the natural networks women form.

Whether you need to connect with local women to network in a business/professional sense or just need a social outlet, please come and join one of our monthly meetings. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to give women an opportunity to take some time out from their busy lives of an evening and stay connected.

Please come along to join us for a glass of wine, a chat and have some laughs!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Weather Comment 17-3-13

Storms one week, Heat the next!

There has been no doubt about the diversity of weather that we experience in these parts. The storm that caused me to write the postscript to last month's article was followed by rain periods and more storms to give a total of 95mm which has turned the country from brown to green in a matter of days.

This was followed by a spell of hot days that continued for an unusual time and proved very hard to put up with. It was not conducive to outside work and many tasks were put on hold until things became cooler. In direct contrast is today which has an element of Winter or so it seems with misty showers and a cold South wind which has been absent for the last weeks and takes some getting used to after the heat of the previous weekend. Never satisfied, are we?

When the cool change arrived I took the opportunity to drench the ewe weaners and to put them back on the lucerne paddock which had responded to the rain and grew 150mm in two weeks and eased the feed supply situation as far as they were

concerned; also there has been some response in the rest of the paddocks.

In a perfect world some follow up rain would have been most welcome but we are thankful for what we have had and any future rain will be of value as far as pasture growth is concerned. Selling some of the cattle has also made a difference to the amount of feed available to the sheep.

The other cattle have come through the Summer in good condition so a further break in the weather should see them continuing to gain weight.

The rain revived the garden to a certain extent and some of the flowers are still blooming and it certainly looks more colourful than last month but is an in between time now as the Autumn flowers appear.

The vegetable garden revived a little but is not providing much, carrots mainly, so it is time to look to next Spring to get some fresh produce from the garden.

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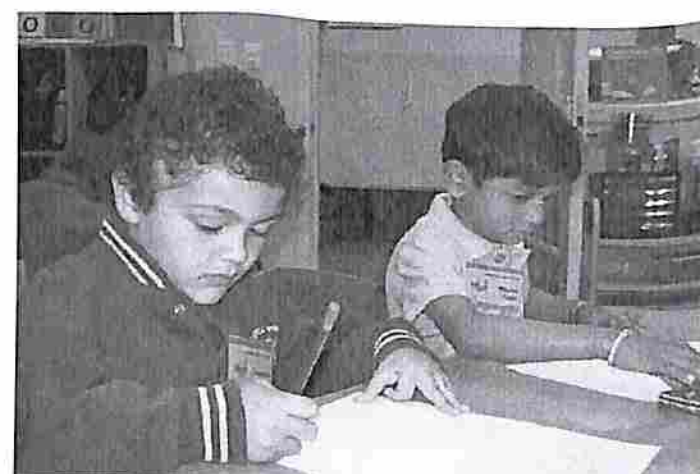
Values program

At the beginning of each year we have a whole school values program. The program focussed on our school values – Learning, Excellence, Diversity, Creativity and Respect. There was also a focus on our Buddies program, Bounceback, belonging, inclusion, caring, resilience and getting along with others.

Bounceback

The Bounceback acronym provides some simple strategies for resilience and getting along with others.

- Bad times don't last. Things always get better
- Other people can help if you talk to them.



- Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.
- Nobody is perfect, not you not others.
- Concentrate on the positives.
- Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection
- Blame fairly – how much of what happened was because of you, how much was because of others and how much was bad luck or due to circumstances?

- Accept the things you can't change, but try to change what you can.
- Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.
- Keep things in perspective. It's only one part of your life.

Enrolments

This year we have seen a big increase

in our enrolments. With 32 Preps starting it has taken our enrolment up to 167 students.

Our new playground

As a result of a great deal of fundraising last year the school community raised around \$17 000 towards new playground equipment. There has been a great deal of excitement since our first new piece of equipment was installed.

Tchaikovsky at Lancefield

Students in the senior classes have been learning to play Tchaikovsky's "The Sugar Plum Fairy" on keyboards and using apps on their ipads. The use of technology has helped to engage students with Tchaikovsky's pieces.

Anti-Bullying Week

During anti-bullying we continued our school focus of "being a friendly school where people get along". In all classrooms activities focused on



the correct definition of bullying and helping children to understand that quite often the problem is conflict between two parties and not actually bullying (repeated or continued attacks against a person).

Our school values and positive relationships are fostered through our wellbeing programs – Bounceback, Restorative Practices and our highly successful buddies program.



Romsey & Lancefield Districts
Historical Society Inc.



Email: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com
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The Society has been very busy

The Society has been very busy over the last month. We are working on the new Walk Booklets for Lancefield and Romsey which are due to be printed by September.

There are other groups that need some help with the 1915 WWI centenary with information and pieces from the papers of the time. We have just been reading when the War Memorials in Lancefield and Romsey were unveiled. Next year 2014 is the centenary of Red Cross in Australia and we are looking for information for them. If you have anything that pertains to the early days of the Red Cross we would like to have a look at the item and with permission may photograph it for our records.

The Lancefield Courthouse Archives is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. or at other times by appointment. We now have newspapers from Lancefield & Romsey 1870 - 1920 on DVD and Romsey Examiner 1921 to 1948.

The Rates Books from Romsey Shire, intermittent dates, these are also on DVD. The Victorian Births, Marriages and Deaths on CD, there is a collection of several thousand obituaries available, this is a collection that is growing as we read more of the papers.

The Courthouse is also a Place of Deposit for the Public Records Office.

Update on the medals that we mentioned last month - the set of five medals were sold for approximately \$920 and were bought by a collector from Dublin.



Seymour Cottage will be open during the weekend of the Antiques and Collectables Fair in Romsey as well as its normal Sunday open day. It is the Bi-centenary of Sidney Seymour's birth and the Centenary of his death in November so the Historical Society will be holding an event to celebrate the occasion and also to unveil our Heritage Victoria plaque.

We are also going to try to make this a Seymour Family reunion. To keep up to date with what is happening with the event please email seymourcottage@gmail.com and you will be included on our mailing list.

Or you can follow the cottage at Seymour Cottage on facebook to keep up to date with our activities.

As always we are still looking for helpers both at the cottage and court house so if you have some free time please contact us.

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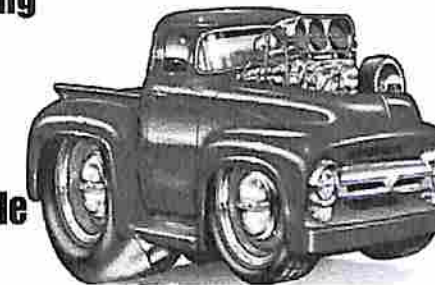
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Shares in the company which operates the Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank branches are now available for public trading. The chair of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services, Tim McCarthy, said the Australian Securities & Investment Commission had given approval for the shares to be bought and sold on the Low Volume Market. Previously, people who wanted to buy or sell the shares had to negotiate directly with each other, he said.

"This is great news for our shareholders as it will make the

market framework for the trading of our company shares simpler and more transparent," Mr McCarthy said.

People interested in buying or selling should go to the website, www.bendigobank.com.au/Lancefield and download a form after going to the "Trading Shares" section listed on the left side of the page. The completed Register of Interest form should then be emailed to Company Secretary Dave Plunkett at LancefieldMailbox@bendigobank.com.au or mailed to PO Box 30 Lancefield, 3435. The company's

constitution contains limits on shareholdings and provides for Board discretion to refuse to permit a transfer of shares. Mr McCarthy said the company was established in late 2000 to provide the vehicle for local residents and businesses to invest in shares and provide the working capital to realise the dream of opening a community-owned franchise of the Bendigo Bank in Lancefield. The Lancefield branch opened in May 2001. Further shares were issued to provide the capital to finance the Romsey branch, which opened in August 2005.

Everything's De-Lovely For Film Society



Joan Buchanan offers Penny Roberts some supper after a fine film.

At the March meeting of the Macedon Ranges Film Society, members were treated to a film about one of the most gifted people to grace the musical field in the twentieth century.

The American songwriter Cole Porter is the subject of the film "De-Lovely" which commences with the elderly Porter looking back over his wildly creative working life and his unusual personal life. Kevin Kline plays the part of Porter with a convincing blend of bonhomie and complexity.

The lovely Ashley Judd plays Porter's wife, Linda, who tolerates

her husband's unconventional approach to their marriage.

The film is peppered with twenty-eight of the most memorable songs of the time, all written by this talented man.

The film for April is of quite a different genre. The Lemon Tree is a 2008 Israeli drama about a Palestinian widow who must defend her lemon tree field when a new Israeli Defence Minister moves next door to her and threatens to have the trees destroyed.

In the midst of the angst set up between these two characters, the widow develops a bond with

the Minister's wife. This further complicates the matter, especially when the dispute over removal of the lemon trees or otherwise gets as far as the Supreme Court. This film will be shown on April 10th.

The Macedon Ranges Film Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre.

Film notes are supplied and for those who wish, there is discussion after the film with refreshments kindly supplied by members.

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Call to help preserve Lancefield's water resources

Western Water is calling on Lancefield residents to conserve water as dry weather continues after the state's hottest summer on record.

"Lancefield may be placed on water restrictions or be switched to 100% bore water for its drinking supply if water use remains high and there is not significant rainfall soon," Western Water's Managing Director, Neil Brennan, says. Garden Hut Reservoir, which supplies Lancefield's drinking water, has dropped to around 50% of capacity, or 58 million litres, down from 100% in mid-November. During summer Lancefield residents used an average of about 20 million litres of water a month, or around 235 litres per person per day.

"All reservoirs have an amount of unusable water, known as 'dead storage', as water quality drops as the water level falls," Mr Brennan says. "It would take a couple of months of good rainfall to get Garden Hut Creek flowing again and for the reservoir to start recovering."

Lancefield received 93.4mm of rain over summer,

most of which fell in late February - around half of last summer's total of 179.7mm. Western Water began adding bore water to Lancefield's drinking supply earlier this year, and is regularly monitoring the water supply to test levels of hardness and ensure it meets all drinking water guidelines. Bore water is typically harder than reservoir water as it contains higher levels of dissolved minerals. This can reduce the effectiveness of soap and detergents, and can have an impact on some household appliances. It's a good idea to check the manufacturers' instructions for your appliances for advice on hardness (also sometimes referred to as "german hardness"). More information about hardness can be found at

www.westernwater.com.au/wsservices/Pages/WaterHardness.

A group of Lancefield customers are now taking part in a trial of a product called Spot-X, which is designed to help remove staining that can be caused by hard water. Please contact Western Water on 1300 650 422 if you are interested in taking part.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday:
6.00 p.m. Lancefield
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
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2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
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Flu Vaccinations Now available at Romsey Medical and Lancefield Medical

The 2013 Influenza vaccine is now available. The vaccine does not contain any live viruses and therefore cannot cause the illness. It is important to have an influenza vaccine each year because the virus changes from year to year and immunity last only one year.

FREE vaccination is available for:

- Everyone 65 years of age and over
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If you are not eligible for a free vaccine, there is a fee of \$21.00 payable on the day of vaccination. The administration of the vaccine is bulk billed.

Throughout March and April we provide clinics at the Romsey Medical Centre and Lancefield Medical Centre for the administration of flu vaccination and we invite you to call us on ☎ 5429 5254 to book your appointment.

Telehealth Consultations Available

Telehealth consultations from the medical centres with your Melbourne based specialist is now an option, this saves patients having to travel long distances for review appointments. Speak to your doctor to check if this service is available to you.

Quick Clinic Appointments

Bulk billed quick clinic appointments are available every weekday at both centres, for urgent/lost repeat prescriptions, re-referrals and some vaccinations.

On the spot Medicare Claiming

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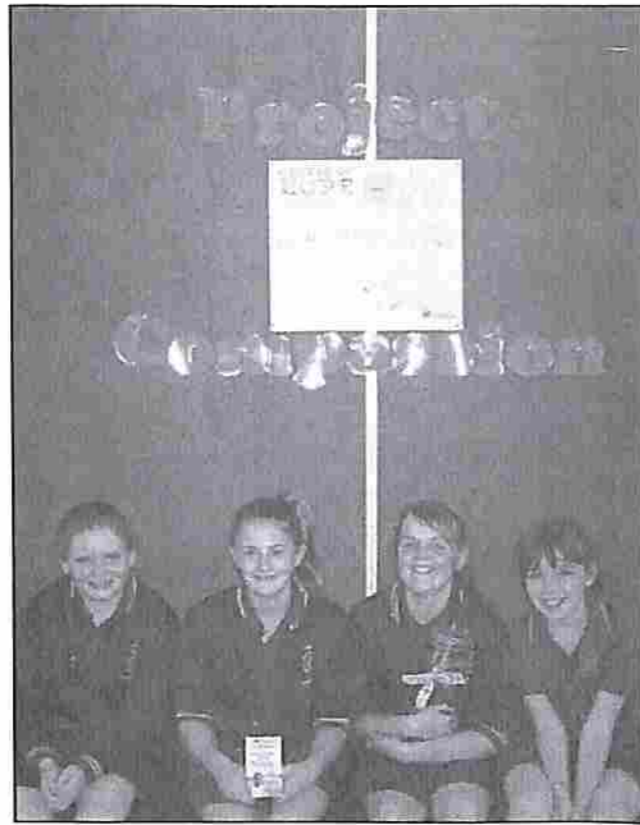
Project Compassion: Caritas

The students of 5/6 Gold have been running a "Guess the Gummy Bears in the jar", competition to raise money for Project Compassion.

The other Classes are also donating money towards Project Compassion. The students have been watching the Caritas programs on the interactive whiteboards. These programs show the lives of children in other countries and the impact our donations have on their lives.

Catholic Education Week

The Theme for catholic education Week is: 10-17 March 2013 'Entrusted with Something Precious'
 During this week we will open up the school for



all to come and see the great teaching and learning that is always happening at St Mary's. We are proud of the students and the great way they respect and cooperate with each other and the teachers. I'm proud of the staff and the commitment they show to the students.

Parents and Friends

On Tuesday evening the Parents and Friends Committee held the Annual General Meeting. This meeting was well attended by supportive parents in the community. I thank the following parents for the time they have

given to our school over the past years: Nicole Ryan, Kelli Weber and Joanne Castles.

The Parents and Friends Committee for 2013 is:
 President: Kylie Sankey
 Secretary: Hayley Binney
 Treasurer: Melinda Giles

The General Committee includes Martina Choate, Shelley Knott, Fiona Dowling, Regina Marr, Jenny Smith-Turner, Alison Gamble, Sophie Banon, Andrew Memmolo. Please feel free to attend any of the P&F meetings. The next meeting will be held on 16th April.

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I was a bit taken back when they asked me: "How mad are you?" When I was 6 years of age, I became a bicycle rider. I enjoyed the write-up in the March edition of the "Lancefield Mercury" about the Mitchell Bicycle Users Group. So I wanted to join the Melbourne Touring Bike Club when they asked me this very question: "How mad are you?"

Sunday 3rd March was a beautiful sunny day, 32 degrees and no wind. On that day the MTBC organised the 30th anniversary of their "Melbourne Autumn Day" MAD bicycle ride, starting from the indoor sport stadium in Woodend. When I got there hundreds of cars were already parked with bike-riders and children helping to unload their mounts.

There were several challenges. 105 km over Mt Macedon, 60 km mountain biking through the Wombat State Forest, 50 km road option through Tylden and Trentham and a 35 km road cruise through Newham and Carlsruhe. There was even morning tea and refreshment along the routes and our own Andy Moore, from Abbotsford Cycles, was along the route helping those with "bike aches". As biking is not only an upcoming mode of transport in Australia, it is also a healthy thing to do with the beautiful scenery of this area to admire. It was nice to see so many children with their parents taking part. I was lucky to be mad enough to ride and meet many new friends during this MAD ride. I am looking forward to the next ride.

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Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and feel my side. Stop doubting and believe".

Thomas said, "MY LORD AND MY GOD." Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20 vv.25-29.

MARCH IN RETROSPECT. We all enjoyed Sheila Barker's simnel cake on Mothering Sunday and our Harvest Thanksgiving service yielded an over-laden car of food-stuffs, including fresh produce, being taken into Anglicare for Melbourne's needy. As well, we followed Jesus in His walk to the Cross and rejoiced in His Resurrection on that first Easter Day.



DIARY - APRIL 2013

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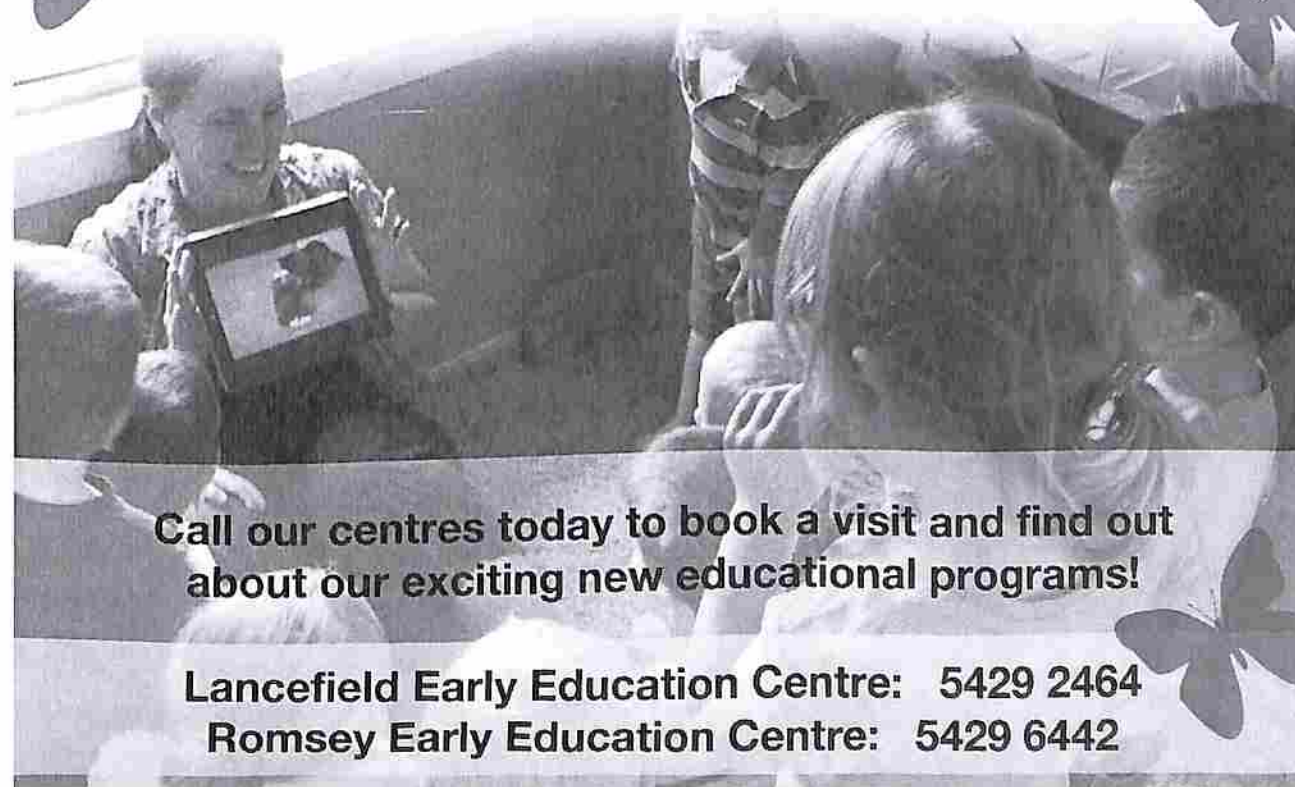
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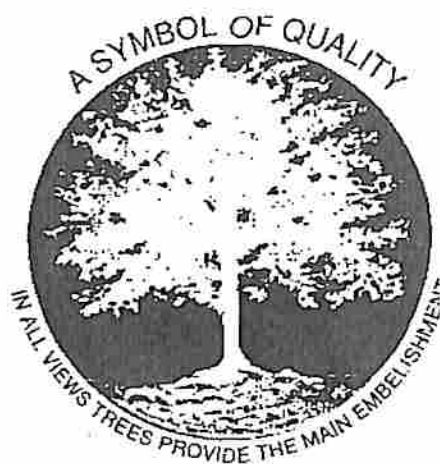
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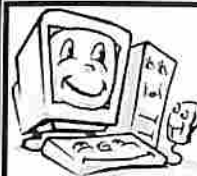
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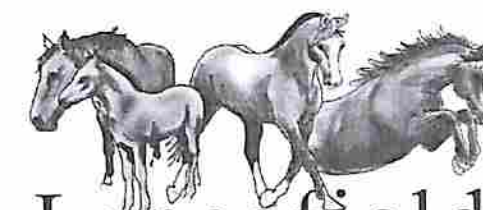
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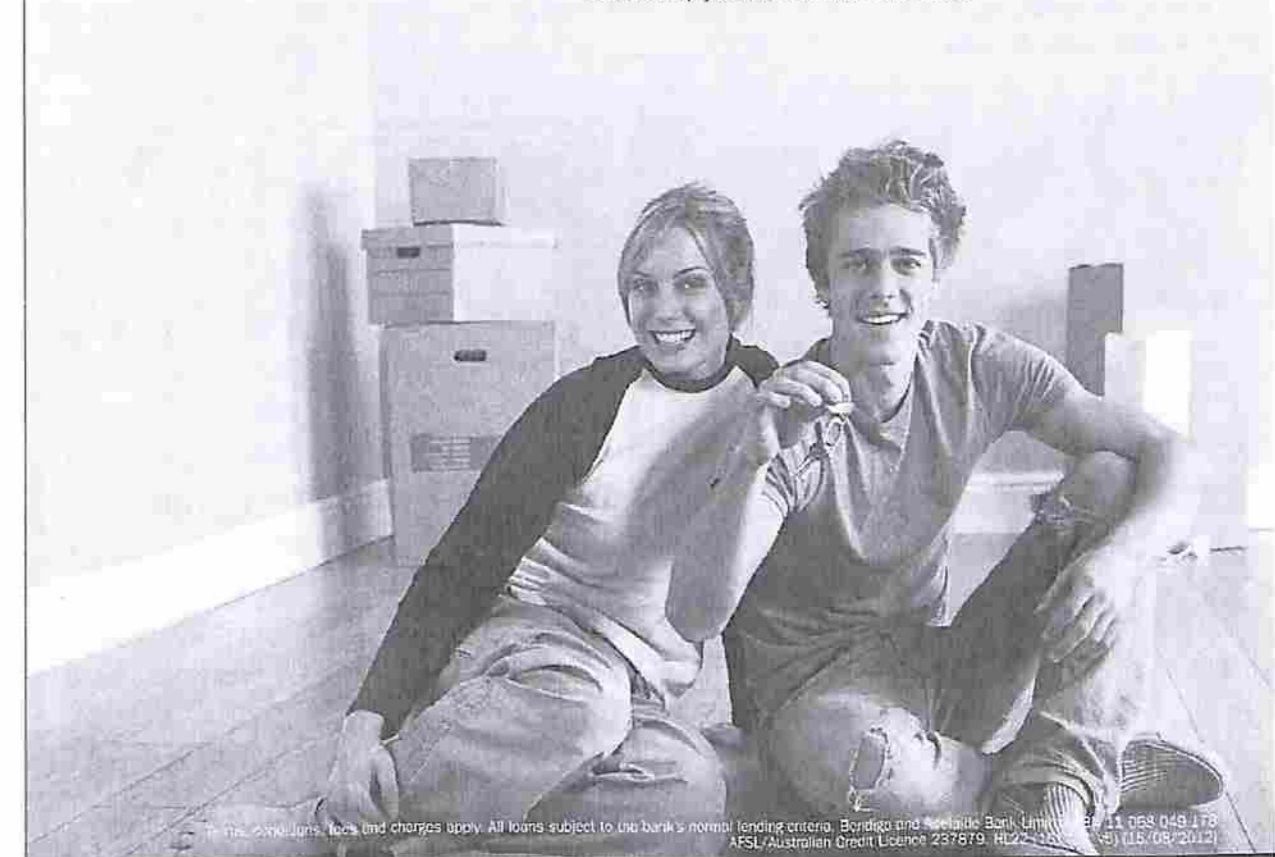
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Book Reviews April 2013

Children's Fiction:

My Brother's Book by Maurice Sendak RRP \$24.99



This is the last completed book of Maurice Sendak, the author famous for the lovable character Max from "Where the Wild Things Are". The romance of the poetry in his final book is breath-taking, but the overwhelming sadness associated with saying goodbye is what stands out. Goodbye Maurice – you expanded the universe for many growing minds!

ANZAC Biscuits by Phil Cummings and Owen Swan RRP \$24.99



Rachel and her mother make biscuits for her father who is far away in the trenches. As

they mix the ingredients in the warm cosy kitchen, the father lies shivering across the other side of the world. When he receives the biscuits from his family, he immediately feels the warmth of their love, and hope is restored.

Children's Non-fiction:

Ned Kelly by Janeen Brian RRP \$19.95



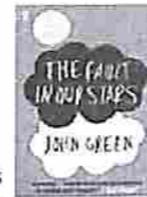
This rhyming text explains the tragedy of Ned Kelly to children, without holding back on the detail. The timeline at the end of the book details his life from the birth of his father in 1820 to his death at Melbourne Gaol in 1880.

Young Adult Fiction

The Fault In Our Stars by John Green RRP \$19.95 Reviewed by Gabbie Smith

Hazel Lancaster and Augustus Waters, two Indianapolis teenagers who meet at a Cancer Kid Support Group are the key characters in this tear-inducing epistle of a teenage girl battling with a terminal illness, dooming her to a young death. The arrival of Augustus into Hazel's life marks the beginning of the romance chapter. The pair meet at a Cancer Kid Support Group and a friendship which blossoms into a relationship begins.

I must admit, at risk of making sound like a sad 'cancer' book, that I spent a good third of this book crying. In fact, the cancer element of the book was the least prominent source of tears for me. Whilst the silent mutation of cells is the ghost that haunts the main characters' lives, it is their attitudes towards the battle that glued the book to my side for the two days I spent devouring



it. Hazel sees herself as living on borrowed time, a ticking bomb or grenade that will, upon explosion, damage only those she draws close to herself. Augustus is also a cancer patient, but has been clear of cancer for nearly two years, his only reminder a fake leg. His only wish is to make a difference in the world or to die a martyr for a worthy cause. The pair's conflicting views on the world somehow slot them together perfectly. Their individual attitudes towards the disease that was slowly killing Hazel and that had usurped some of the finest years of Gus' life, not to mention some of his anatomy, touches your heart. Their view of the world, seen through cancer-tinted spectacles makes you reflect on the blessing that a healthy life is. They are not perfect, selfless souls, but they see the world with a clarity brought on by the knowledge you will die soon. I found myself wishing as hard

as Hazel Grace and Augustus did that they could just have more time. John Green excellently represents the struggles a terminal illness dictates in The Fault In Our Stars. It is without a doubt a painfully sad book, and it does not withhold the gruesome way late-stage cancers affect people. I wondered at times, that if love and pain are so synonymous, why anyone bothers to fall in love at all. But with the same dexterity exhibited in his other works, John Green provides answers for even that question, from the perspective of a dying teen that hold incredible clarity and that struck me as being incredibly tender and insightful, fitting perfectly with the rest of the novel. My copy of The Fault In Our Stars has already been well attacked with my faithful yellow highlighter and is currently making the rounds to all of my friends' reading piles. John Green has indeed

earned his place on the best-sellers' list.

Adult Non-fiction:

The Wisdom of the Shire – A Short Guide to a Long and Happy Life. By Noble Smith RRP \$26.99



I'm not usually a big fan of self-help books, but anyone who loves "The Hobbit" will grab this book with both hands and read! The advice is great, the philosophy simple, and the references to our favorite hobbits are heart-warming and remind you just why you love Tolkien, Lord of the Rings and Bilbo Baggins so much! The bonus chapter on creating your hobbit garden seals the deal.

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An Extraordinary School : Re-modeling special education. by Sara James



This book, edited by local author Sara James, tells the story of Port Phillip Specialist School, a school that has been recognized locally and internationally as a best-practice model for educating children with special needs. Sara James is an award-winning foreign correspondent and author, and has a special interest in Port Phillip school because her daughter Jacqueline attends it!!

*Sara will be speaking about her book to the RRWN on Thursday

18th April from 7:00pm at the Romsey Hub. Please refer to the notice in this edition of the Mercury for more information.

Adult (Extremely Amusing) Non-Fiction:

Weird things customers say in bookshops. By Jen Campbell RRP \$14.99 Reviewed by John Webb



We thought that it was just us who find that a book shop brings out the odd side in people! Then we found this book. It will amaze you. It's a collection of weird things people have said to bookshop staff from England and around the world. I was given one as a present by a cousin at

Christmas and sat there cackling my head off for the next hour, while I rudely ignored family members. I tried to order some for the shop, only to find that it's currently being re-printed, but we are told the it will be available early in March, or so we are told. Oh, and there's also going to be a sequel available, out in April!

Here's an example of what's inside:

Customer: Excuse me, do you have any signed copies of Shakespeare plays?
 Bookshop staffer: Er... do you mean signed by the people who performed the play?
 Customer: No, I mean signed by William Shakespeare.
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The Gisborne Singers are working hard on their next production, which will be Haydn's Mass in Time of War also known as Paukenmesse. This is a fine work in the best Haydn tradition, and will be performed with full orchestra and professional soloists.

The programme will include Handel's Zadok the Priest, Mozart's Laudate Dominum and Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Verdi's Nabucco, as well as Soprano, Tenor and Choir singing 'Lippen schweigen' from Lehar's 'The Merry Widow'. Professional soloists will round off the performance with excerpts from Mozart's 'Cosi fan tutte', Donizetti's Romanza and Saint-Saens' 'Samson and Delilah'. Concerts will be held at

St Ambrose Hall, Woodend on Sunday 21st April and at Anglican Church, Kyneton on Sunday 28th April. Both performances commence at 3 p.m.

On Saturday evening 20th July the Singers will present their popular cabaret style concert at Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne. Our final concerts on Sunday 17th November and Sunday 24th November will be a joint collaboration of Mendelssohn's Elijah with the Ballarat Choral Society, making an eighty strong choir.

Watch this space for details of venues and dates. New choir members are always welcome. We have an urgent need for more basses and baritones. If interested, contact our President Grainne

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Referees and Program Leaders

We are currently looking for people interested in work as a basketball or soccer referee or coach. Training and referee courses may be available.

Representative Basketball Teams

The Romsey Under 14 girls have entered their first country Victoria Tournament. The gold stars classic will be held in Bendigo from 12th - 14th of April. Good luck girls.

An opportunity to represent Romsey at the upcoming Macedon Ranges Basketball Tournament is available for boys and girls across all age divisions from Under 10's to Under 18's. The tournament will be held in Kyneton and begins on the 19th of April. Anyone wishing to play should contact staff. Training sessions will be held over the Easter School Holidays.

Junior Basketball

All our junior basketball competitions will recommence from Monday 15th April. The first week is compulsory grading. Grading sessions (excluding Aussie Hoops) will run for 90 minutes. The winter season will run from April to September.

Aussie Hoops:	5 - 10 years	Tue	4.00pm
Under 10's D'ment:	2000/2005	Wed	4.00pm
Under 12's Comp:	2002/2003	Mon	4.00pm
Under 14's Comp:	2000/2001	Tue	5.00pm
Under 17's Comp:	1997/1999	Tue	6.30pm

Junior Indoor Soccer

All junior soccer programs will recommence from Friday 19th April. The first week is compulsory grading. Grading sessions (excluding Goal Kick) will run for 90 minutes. The winter season will run from April to September.

Goal Kick:	5 - 10 years	Fri	4.00pm
Under 12's Comp:	8 - 11 years	Fri	5.00pm
Under 14's Comp:	12 - 14 years	Fri	6.30pm

Senior Mixed Basketball

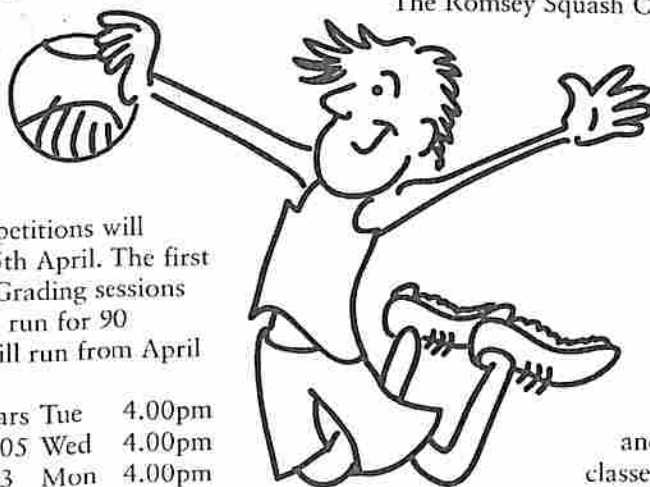
We are currently accepting team registrations for the Winter season to commence in April. Matches are held on Wednesday nights.

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