

2010 has been another successful year for the community including lots of activities, meetings and fundraising for various groups, not to mention the wonderful rain!

Christmas is close approaching - time to spend with family and friends! Enjoy Christmas and may 2011 bring good health, happiness and a productive year for everyone.

Liz Hopkins

Mobile Library

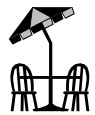


Next visits of the Mobile Library will be on **Wednesdays November 24 and December 8 & 22**. See you there!

Our libraries close for a week after Christmas.

Bryan Rohde

Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



Tuesday November 30, 12 noon – Christmas luncheon at The Wander Inn, Wartook Valley. Exchange gifts of \$5 value.

Margo Hamilton

Brimpaen Christmas Celebration

Friday December 3

Starting at 6pm

Brimpaen Hall

Spit roast and salads -
supper provided



Admission: \$20 adult
\$10 secondary school students

Funds raised will help Brimpaen Tennis Club upgrade their court surface.

Peter & Denise McGenniken providing dancing entertainment for both young and old
Santa will also pay a visit (gifts up to \$10)

Contact Luke Dunn 5383 9299 or
Courtney Dunn on 5383 9203



Some of the crowd enjoying the Long Lunch on November 12

Laharum Landcare Group



thriving.

At the AGM held on October 12 Bruce McInnes was re-elected as Chairman for the Group. Two more working bees have been held and trees planted earlier this year are

The next meeting will be **Friday December 10** at Dadswell's Bridge Indian Restaurant.

Rob Lucas



A devastating weed called South African Weed Orchid has recently been found in Laharum district. Each plant can produce 2,500,000 seeds like dust in early summer, but fortunately take about 3 years to get to this stage. It's shown here on the *left* with pink 'petals' and is bigger and thicker than our native onion orchid (right) which needs to be protected. If you think you've seen



any big orchid flowers that look a bit like asparagus, please contact Gil immediately on 5383 8207.

Gil Hopkins

*Laharum Primary School
Christmas Concert
Thursday December 9*

Brimpaen Craft Club



Tuesday December 7 – Christmas lunch at the Wool Bale in Hamilton. Exchange Christmas gifts.
Jill Sinclair

LAHARUM COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

WHERE: CAMERON OVAL

TIME: 6PM



BBQ MEALS \$10. UNDER 10 YEARS FREE
VISIT FROM SANTA WITH LOLLIES FOR THE KIDS

HOSTED BY LAHARUM CRICKET AND TENNIS CLUBS

ALL WELCOME

Laharum Tennis Club



Tennis season is going well and all grades are having mixed fortunes with a few wins and a few losses. Junior teams are super-keen and are really enjoying their tennis on Saturday mornings and they are all improving each week.

Our Christmas breakup will be held after our final match for this year on **Saturday December 18** at the football ground. It will be a combined get together with the community, cricket, football and netball clubs and everyone is invited. A barbecue meal will be provided and of course Santa will be dropping in to visit with lollies for the kids. All welcome.

Deb MacInnes

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



Wednesday January 26, 2011 8am
Brimpaen Hall

Flag raising ceremony
\$5 single; \$10 family

Guest speaker: Josephine Johns

Everyone welcome

Organised by Brimpaen Ladies Social Club
Enquiries Margo on 5383 9250

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Workers taking a 'breather' after the successful Long Lunch

Classics in Wartook Valley



Our Committee will be calling a public meeting on **Tuesday February 4, 2011**. This meeting is for anyone interested in joining the committee and helping organise another great festival.

Alison White

CFA Grampians Group Training Schedule 2011



Sunday February 6, 13 & 20, 9am-4pm at Laharum – Crew Leader Full Course. Need to have completed Minimum Skills.

Monday February 28, 6.30pm in Horsham – 2nd Lieutenant's night organised by the Group Training Officer.

Monday March 21, 7-10pm at Laharum – Class A Foam. Need to have completed Minimum Skills.

To ensure catering needs are met, please advise of expected numbers within 7 days of the scheduled course date. Please reply to Jamie Chandler on 0423.008397 or Robert Kelm on 0428.504199. Unless otherwise stated, supper will be provided at each of the above training sessions.

Brooke O'Connor, CFA Region 17

Yoga at Laharum Hall



After the school holidays, yoga will resume on **Wednesday February 9, 2011**. Come along and discover the benefits of yoga!

Please ring on 5383 6265 for any enquiries.

Judy Berendsen



Local Vocals

Laharum Hall

Leader – **Merryn Eagle**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2011 7.30PM

Minimal charge

**Come along and join in some singing
in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.**

Singing ability not necessary - it's just good fun!!

Horsham South Garden Club



Our first meeting for 2011 will be our AGM to be held on **Thursday February 24, 2011**, 12noon at CWA Hall with a shared lunch.
Lola Ervin

Laharum NH Watch Rural



Some changes have occurred to Laharum Neighbourhood Watch. Instead of meetings, we will try out an email alert system plus phone calls to those without email. The aim is to provide quick communication between police and the community.

A single social meeting will be held each year to put names to faces. Next one will be in October 2011.

If you would like to be included on the email list, please contact us on 5383 8288.

Bill & Judy Gardner

Aussie Flower People Display Garden Open Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 4pm

Enquiries welcome on 5383 6201

Lots of Grevilleas, Groundcovers and Callistemon in stock now - more lines ready next month!
Call in to say hi and see what we're up too!

Thank you to all who have supported us in our quest to open - is it much appreciated!

A variety of native plants will be available for sale or you can place your order for delivery in 2011.

Enquiries please ring on Sue Winfield 5383 6201.



Community Development Activities - The Community Building Initiative (CBI) program and funding has now ceased but Horsham Rural City Council has been successful in receiving some funding from the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance to appoint a part-time community facilitator. This will be for a year to continue to work with the CBI communities including Laharum and Wartook. Martin Bride has been appointed to this new position and he will work with me and the three existing Community Building Initiative communities to support project initiatives and to assist in the completion of the Community Action Plan update.

Council has funded a new community development position and this will be filled over the next few months, meaning that Council will start to implement the recommendations of the Community Development Framework it adopted last year.

This increased emphasis on community development and engagement is partly in recognition of the positive achievements that have been made through programs such as the Community Building Initiative. Martin who lives in the region will bring a fresh set of ideas and skills to the position. He will be commencing in late

November and I look forward to introducing him to people in the community.

Melissa Morris, Community Facilitator

Brimpaen Tennis Club



Brimpaen has again fielded two teams in the CWTA and with the inclusion of some younger team members, our numbers are very good.

The season has begun well with A Grade so far undefeated. B Grade has started to hit some form after a few very close losses. Both teams at full strength have the potential to play some competitive finals tennis. We look forward to some joint home games over the next few weeks followed by a barbecue and social drinks.

Courtney Dunn

The Wander Inn



We will be closed on Christmas Day and open also on Mondays during Christmas and school holidays. Fresh seafood is available Friday evenings to 'eat in' or take-away.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Jenny Wilson

This newsletter can be viewed at
www.laharum.vic.au and
www.wartook.vic.au

You can have your own local email address - laharum.vic.au or wartook.vic.au. Ask how!

Laharum Rural CFA



Our new truck roster is out (see Page 10). Any member who has a heavy vehicle licence is welcome to take the trucks out for a run. Cameron Oval has been recognised as a Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) and a place of last resort when other plans have failed.

Burning off is planned in front of Laharum Primary School, Laharum Hall, oval and fire dam at Laharum Road and Old Wartook Road near the end of November and we will incorporate using hydrants as a training exercise. For those that are interested in helping, please ring Andrew Bos on 5383 6208 or myself on 5383 8218.

Fire restrictions will come in near the end of November/early December. Dates are not yet verified and will be advertised in the media. Take care with burn-offs and please notify Vic Fire 1800 668 511. Have your pagers ready!

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Mark Francisco, Captain

WCMA Group Support Update



Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's new approach to group support includes using a group-based mapping process for planning, monitoring and reporting works. This should help Landcare groups meet state requirements for funding and put the region in a stronger position to push for more dollars on behalf of groups in the competitive State and Federal NRM investment arena.

After some significant CMA staff changes, Second Generation Landcare Grants have been delivered through this process this year with more than 350 group members involved across the Wimmera. Several local Landcare groups have been particularly active.

Agreements are now out the door and groups are invited to apply the same model to develop larger cross-property plans as an entry point to all incentive funding. Wimmera CMA will provide a large (800mm x 1200mm) planning map of your group's region for use at meetings.

Gail Harradine is the new Indigenous facilitator at WCMA and will be working to increase opportunities for indigenous engagement through Landcare.

Rae Talbot is the CMA contact for the current Expression of Interest from farmers interested in conservation projects. Anything else related to group support and capacity-building can be directed to me - Regional Landcare Coordinator on 5382 1544.

Joel Boyd

Wartook Christian Home Meeting



Our group meets every Friday evening from 7pm – venues vary. Any resident of Laharum, Wartook or Brimpaen is welcome to join our meetings. Good supportive fellowship is assured. Please ring Garry on 5383 6368 or Peter on 5383 6334 for more information.

Garry Newman

Wonwondah Landcare



Group members shared the tragic loss of Robert McGennissen and will remember fondly the times shared with him and the support that can be given into the future.

Our group has been fortunate to receive funding for further rabbit warren ripping. The application contains a lot of detail, and support staff at Wimmera CMA were valuable in achieving this good funding. There have been a couple of additional warren sites added to the list, so please contact us if you need help to destroy warrens.

Our last meeting discussed the application to 'Caring Australia' for a project on Working with Wonwondah Soils and what benefits additional information and help would build on our knowledge. We wait for advice if we are successful.

There has been little evidence of grasshoppers in our area at this stage, however numbers are building in many surrounding districts.

We have held our last meeting for this year and wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a trouble-free harvest. Our next meeting will be in 2011 at a date to be advised.

Chris Guest

Laharum Hall Committee



A very big thank you to everyone who assisted us in any way with all the fundraising this year - some big goals have been achieved.

Recently air conditioning was installed at the Hall - we hope everyone enjoys feeling comfortable during future functions! Blinds have been installed in the children's toilets and on windows at the rear of the building. Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season.

Judy Berendsen

GRAMPIANS TEXTURE

February 26-March 3, 2011 - Halls Gap

Come and join other textile/art enthusiasts for the annual Grampians Texture: part festival - part forum. Fifteen fantastic tutors are offering a range of 2 and 4 day workshops, covering topics of felting, soft sculpture, jewellery, printing, stitching by hand and machine, knitting, book making, fabric and fibre. Treat yourself to a great experience!

Activities include exhibition, special dinners, students and tutor twilight market. Traders selling specialist textile and art supplies will be at Halls Gap Centennial Hall, open to the attendees and general public selling from 9am-5pm daily. Check the website for more details.

Tutors: Cheryl Bridgart, Teresa Dair, Lynn Ferguson, Jeanette De Nicolis Meyer, Judy Dominic, Philomena Hali, Robyn Henwood, Rose Kingsmill, Anita Larkin, Carolyn Lewin, Felicity Matthews, Rachel Meek, Adele Outteridge, Liz Powell, Emma Shirgwin.

www.grampianstexture.com.au
or call 1800 065 599

Stealing Our Grandchildren's Future



It is a paradox that a society so dependent on scientific research will deny the great volumes of verifiable scientific investigation on climate change. The irrational belief by a vocal minority that there is no human-induced climate change, is a huge threat to our welfare.

It's time we gave this issue the personal attention and consideration that we give to the immediate demands of safety, health, nutrition, education and income for our family. We must consider the future welfare of our family. We have to make personal changes and challenge others to do the same. At the very least we should be taking out some insurance through precautionary action. We should take the domestic actions on reduce, reuse and recycle. We should call for community, national and international strategies to protect the future.

We should read the Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance's Green Paper at http://www.wmsa.org.au/downloads/Wimmera_Mallee_Sustainability_Green_Paper_Oct2010.pdf and arm ourselves with information and ideas to influence a better future for our region. Then we should act, and help others to act.

David Thompson, Wartook

Riding for the Disabled



It seems that everything is coasting along reasonably well as the year begins to wind down for Horsham RDA, and only a couple of rallies to go before our big Christmas Breakup.

Our riders have been able to enjoy some riding time outside of the arena with the pleasant weather and the horses have lost their winter coats - for the most part.

The only things to be a real bother are the fat ponies that need to be locked up, and uncertainty about whether we have enough volunteers. This is an issue that will have to be addressed by the coaches and committee of our Centre next year. Perhaps we need to find out if a later start time would be more convenient for our volunteers, or maybe we just haven't provided enough information so that they know the best time to come. Whatever the outcome, it would definitely be lovely to have more people coming to help us out. Like everyone else, RDA volunteers have family/work commitments, holidays, and seasonal illnesses. However, since we generally seem to run with 'barely' or 'just enough' people at each rally, anytime someone is unavailable can mean a busy time for those who are left.

As for the fat ponies... well that's just one of those facts of life for anyone who owns horses. The wet winter and spring (not to mention the flood) has given our RDA pastures an extra 'zing' and several of our four-legged team need to stay away from them for a while until the grass dries out properly.

I would like to thank the Laharum Newsletter for the opportunity to share the news of Horsham RDA with the readers, and I wish you all Season's Greetings for the upcoming holidays. I will try to keep you all informed about our Centre in 2011.

For any more information about our rallies or RDA in general, you can contact Tina Pallot 5382 2346 or our President, Jan Hutton-Croser 0429 935 382.

Tina Pallot

Friends of the Grampians Gariwerd

Red Gum Walk - On Saturday October 9 1993, the Red Gum Walk was declared open by Sue McInnes after the formation of the track in 1989. The Red Gum Walk was based on an idea of Sue's that a track at the site be created for people with a disability to enjoy.

Friends of Grampians Gariwerd worked tirelessly on its development, with assistance from ParksVic rangers. The late Stan Parfett wrote that "it is an important project, as there are very few 'out and about' walking activities in the Grampians National Park that cater for the disadvantaged and not so fit public".

On Friday November 5 about 20 Friends armed with hoes met at the Red Gum Walk and attacked the thistles which have risen up in numbers.

Following was the dedication of the new table in honour of Stan Parfett. The table timber was donated by Bruce McInnes. This table is a replacement for the table built by Bill Neve which withstood the Mt Lubra fire in 2006 and was then stolen in 2008.



In attendance were Trevor, Stan's older brother with Melva, Kerrie Hodder, Stan's niece, and Alan Parfett, Stan's nephew, with Leonie. Also present were those who had worked on the establishment of the walk many years ago, and more recent FOGG members and friends. Kathy McDonald welcomed everyone. Ewen Johnson spoke of his 40 year friendship with Stan Parfett and Stan's work on the flora of the Grampians. Alan Parfett thanked the Friends for dedicating the new table to his uncle.

Please have a walk around the Red Gum Walk on Henham Track (off Glenelg River Road near Moora Moora Reservoir) - it's rich with history and is there to be enjoyed by all.

Bonnie Gelman



CFA Firestar Rose

Official Rose of CFA

Firestar Rose was created as a consequence of the events of Black Saturday 2009. The rose honours the lives lost, the many dedicated CFA members who were involved and celebrates the regeneration of new life - bred in remembrance

\$25 + postage

Type: Floribunda

Colour: Orange, becoming raspberry-pink

Scent: Light

Flower: Double, about 30 petals in clusters



When purchasing online at www.firestarrose.com.au your local CFA brigade receives about \$10 per rose

Order any time - bare rooted roses dispatched in May 2011

FOR HIRE

Trestles and chairs are available for hire at reasonable rates from Laharum Hall

Contact Judy on 5383 6265

Opinions expressed in articles appearing in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the editor. For further information or discussion please contact the author of the article.

Wartook Valley Studio Gallery



Wartook Valley Studio Gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday 10am-5pm. From December 20 it will also be open on Mondays and open also on Christmas Eve, Friday December 24.

Come and look at our extended range of

locally-made craft and our selection of quality Australian-made gifts.

SEWING LESSONS

Learn to use your sewing machine with the aim to make a skirt for summer or a small quilt. Lots of beautiful cotton fabrics, cotton threads, sewing machine needles, buttons and patterns available.

Cost: \$30 for 2 hours of creative fun
Time: 10.30am-12.30pm



Tea and coffee available from The Wander Inn

Start date will depend on interest.

More details please contact Isabelle on Thursday or Friday on 5383 6243 or AH 5383 6229

LAHARUM COMMUNITY LINKS OFFICE - LAHARUM HALL

The following services are available at Laharum Hall - Computer use; Internet access; Emailing; Printing; Photocopying; Faxing; Laminating.



Please contact Deb MacInnes on 5383 8203
Mobile 0428.838203 or Loretta Emerson 5383 6233 if you wish to use these services or equipment.

FOR SALE

Fowlers Dehydrator
10 drying trays, 3 leather trays,
excellent condition - \$200 ONO
Contact Alison White on 5383 6263

Bravura Cleaning Service

- Steam cleaning carpets and upholstery
- Window washing
- Vacant house cleaning
- Vacant blocks mown



Contact Conrad on 0488.435 083

Conrad and Amanda Winfield

WANTED

Laharum Primary School boy's Prep uniform
Anyone with secondhand uniforms or a back pack for next year please contact Lisa

TO GIVE AWAY

Secondhand items available to pick up!
TV unit & 50cm LG Flatron TV & rocker
Please contact Lisa Barton on 5383 8270 to make arrangements



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Fire Brigade News



In case of fire
DIAL 000

Eight ways to keep the Fire Brigade off your Christmas Guest List!

- Make sure candles are not close to flammable curtains or other materials
- Use no more than 3 standard sets of lights per power board
- Check each set of Christmas tree lights to make sure they are in good working order
- Do not use electric lights on a metallic tree
- Keep matches, candles and lighters away from infants and small children
- Take care with candles, incense burners and essential oil burners
- Turn off the lights on your tree when you are away from the house and when you go to bed
- Place your tree far from any heat source

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE INFORMATION LINE

1800 240 667

Keep this number handy for information on:
Total Fire Bans – Fire Restrictions -
Bushfire Planning – Major Fires

Johno's Bricklaying

Bricklaying, rendering, concreting,
tiling, paving, small building jobs,
bobcat - post holes, small tip truck

Phone Johno on 0419.116 711 or
AH 5383 6285



Books or magazines of any description can be left in the allocated bin at Laharum Recycling near Laharum Hall.

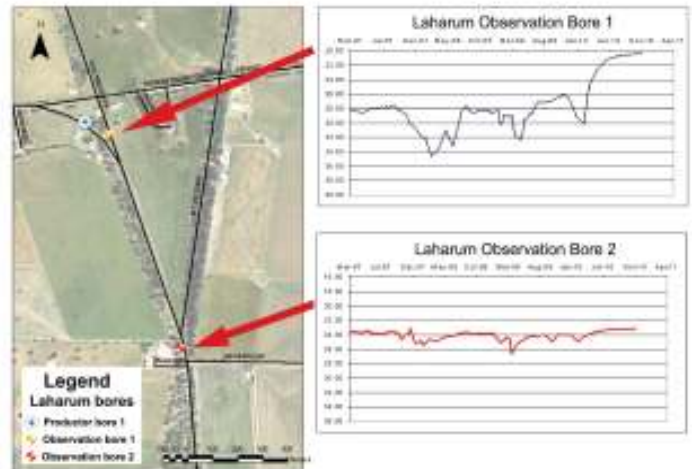
These will be collected and given to Horsham College for their Book Fair which is held twice yearly. Funds raised go towards the chaplaincy. Any enquiries please contact Janine Launder on 5384 4261.

Laharum bore field update



Update as at 16 November 2010

GWMWater



GWMWater has continued to monitor the groundwater levels at the Laharum bore field on a regular basis.

Production Bore 1 continues to be used at a reduced rate of between 0-1 ML per day. Production Bores 2 and 3 have remained unused over this period.

Water levels adjacent to the extraction bore have begun leveling out, (refer to Laharum Observation Bore 1) and are expected to remain at this level until pumping is increased.

Over the next year, GWMWater will be working with the Department of Sustainability and Environment to further investigate regional groundwater resources. The Upper Wimmera and Grampians Areas, and the Unincorporated Area, (also known as the Southern Mallee region), will be the focus for this financial year. These investigations will add to our understanding of the groundwater within the region to enable active management of this resource.

GWMWater will continue to provide regular updates on the bore levels in the Laharum area. If you require more information please contact our Sustainable Resources Division on 1300 659 961.

Australian Plant Society Victoria

The quarterly meeting of the Australian Plant Society (Victoria) was hosted by Society for Growing Australian Plants in Hamilton on November 13 and 14. It was an excellent weekend which included visits to a variety of native gardens, and a tour of the Peter Francis Points Arboretum in Coleraine. Also featured was a talk by Bryan Haywood, Biodiversity Planning Officer of Forestry South Australia titled 'Butterflies and Their Plant Foods'.

The Australian Plant Society Victoria's website has a wealth of information including new sections on Australian native plants for fire protection and drought tolerant plants. It also has information on Grampians (Moyston) and Wimmera groups (with local members), which have meetings and tours. People of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Bonnie Gelman

Laharum Primary School 2805



Mod 5 Building Update - During the holidays we were lucky enough to have Tuscan Stones delivered and laid around our connecting path from the Admin building to our new building. Thank you to Rob Lucas for moving the stones, laying the weed mat and replacing the stones on top! Thank you to Wendy McInnes and Jenny McInnes who collected the blinds and fitting out our numerous windows. On October 26 our new electronic Smart boards were installed.

Wimmera Zone Athletic Sports - Students Reuben, Charlotte L, Dane, Alana, Brandon, Cameron and Ashley competed in the Wimmera Zone Athletic Sports on October 5, as part of our Rural School Team. Well done to our Laharum competitors. We are very proud of them for their achievement and showing great sportsmanship.

Ultraset - Term 4 to date has seen the deployment of the 'Ultraset' for Prep-Year 6 students. Mrs Mills is currently working very hard to ensure the ICT work created by our students is uploaded, to enable students to showcase their ICT expertise at Portfolio Conference Day for Prep-Year 4's on November 25.

Fun Run - We were lucky to have a beautiful day for the annual Fun Run on October 8 - well done Parents Club for the organisation of the great weather! All children showed great persistence and kept circling 'that oval'. The kids used up all their energy and were repaid by the Parent's Club with a wonderful lunch. Thanks Jenny C, Helen F, Sarah and Amanda for your help on the day. Please pass on the school 'thanks' to those who sponsored our children as these efforts are greatly appreciated.

Rock climbing & bushwalking - Our Leadership Day on October 11 at Mt Arapiles with Natimuk PS students was enjoyed by all who attended and everyone took away something useful from the day (apart from sore muscles!). Thanks Bea for assisting with transport of students.

Prep-Year 2 Geelong Camp - October 13-15 Prep-Year 2 students attended camp at Geelong. We enjoyed our long walk along Geelong foreshore, rides on the Carousel, Mexican and Italian dining in the evenings, the Amazing Maze (where students rescued disoriented staff!), the beautiful Geelong Botanical Gardens and (due to wet weather) an amazing art experience at Geelong Art Gallery. Once again we were commended by Luke, the bus driver and other members of public on our student's behaviour. Thank you to all staff for helping organise it, Mrs Eagle for leading it, Helen S for giving her time for another camp and to Stuart Combe for being our 'male'.

Community Learning Day & Swimming - During the month of October and early November, students participated in five Community Learning Day activities and swimming at Horsham Aquatic Centre. You may have seen some of our students in the local press.....

CLD No. 1 Waterwatch activities at the Horsham Weir
CLD No. 2 Australian Defence Force Horsham
CLD No. 3 Horsham Rural City Council, Mayor and Pet rehousing program

CLD No. 4 Sunnyside Bowling Club

CLD No. 5 P-Year 3 Waterwatch activities at Adventure Island, Year 4-6 Kanga 8 Cricket with Natimuk & Haven. To see photos from some of these activities please check our school website at www.laharumps.vic.edu.au/ under the newsletter link. We received many comments and an email commending the school on the way the children were during our visits. The exact quote "your school

community should be proud of the behaviour displayed by all of the students, we were impressed". Well done to our wonderful students!

November - Kinder-Prep Transition program is well underway. Our 4 new students have already blended into the 'big' school. They seem so very settled and appear to enjoy all the challenges of being at school.

Congratulations to the Helping Hands Committee for conducting their Healthy Lunch on November 8. What a great initiative to raise funds for the Kmart Wishing Tree!

The school yard really does look fantastic at the moment. Thank you to all the students who helped with the garden before the Open Garden Sunday held on November 7. Thank you to Rob Launder for his work and to Judy for the extra mow. If you would like to help in any way in preparing our school grounds for the summer fire season, please make contact and we will organise a time.

On November 9, Laharum PS hosted the Small Schools Principals' Meeting. We received many favourable comments from the Principals and Network Leaders about our school, in particular the vegetable gardens and the new Mod5. Thank you so much to Deirdre for organising our scrumptious morning tea and lunch - everyone was very impressed with the food. I was so proud of the students when they delivered the food to the room and then confidently explained what they had cooked. Recipes were even exchanged with the Principals!

Long Lunch - A huge congratulations to everyone involved in our second Long Lunch on November 12. It was yet another wonderful function, which I'm sure was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. The food was once again outstanding - a real credit to the parents and students. Even the weather was incredibly kind to us. I believe that one feature of the Lunch this year was the use of the school-grown produce. It has been a fantastic experience involving students from setting up the beds, planting, nurturing, right through to the harvest and cooking. What a great way to learn! The other feature is the outstanding participation of all our students. This is a wonderful learning experience - promoting self confidence, respect and collaboration. The students worked exceptionally well before, during and after the event. Well done everyone! Special thanks to Laharum Grove and Mt Talbot Wildflowers for their kind donations for the raffles. Congratulations to our raffle winners!

We are currently awaiting our new garden beds and emptying what little is left of our current beds, so that watering won't be needed over the holidays. We look forward to a bumper crop for next year's Over 60's/Special Persons Luncheon.

Our Year 5-6 students competed in the Kanga 8's Cricket competition on November 17 and attended Horsham North for the Try-a-trade Day on November 19. It's certainly an exciting time of the year for our senior students. A big thank you to both Tony and Bea who are assisting Sally with the travel to and from Horsham.

December - Laharum Primary School Concert will be held on **Thursday December 9**. For more details go to: www.laharumps.vic.edu.au/ under Newsletter.

Finally, a very big 'thank you' to the Laharum community for assisting the school to collect over 5,000 Coles vouchers for Sporting Equipment. We await notification of what wonderful goodies we will be receiving!

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to all.
Robyn Jones, Principal



North West Grampians Newsletter

Community Calendar of Events 2010-2011

November

Wednesday	24	9.30am	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
Tuesday	30	12noon	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – The Wander Inn

December

Friday	3	6pm	Brimpaen Christmas Celebration – Brimpaen Hall
Tuesday	7	daytime	Brimpaen Craft Group - Hamilton
Wednesday	8	9.30am	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School
Thursday	9	evening	Laharum Primary School Concert – Laharum Hall
Friday	10	evening	Laharum Landcare – Dadswells Bridge Indian Restaurant
Saturday	18	6pm	Laharum Community Christmas Party – Cameron Oval
Wednesday	22	9.30am	Mobile Library – Laharum Primary School

2011

January

Wednesday	26	8am	Australia Day Breakfast – Brimpaen Hall
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February

Tuesday	4	evening	Classics in Wartook Valley meeting
Sunday	6/13/20	9am	CFA Crew Leader Full Course - Laharum
Wednesday	9	7.30pm	Yoga commences for 2011 – Laharum Hall
Thursday	17	7.30pm	Local Vocals – Laharum Hall
Thursday	24	12noon	Horsham South Garden Club
Monday	28	6.30pm	CFA 2 nd Lieutenant's night - Horsham

March

Monday	21	7-10pm	CFA Class A Foam - Laharum
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Yoga - Wednesdays, 7.30-9.15pm - Laharum Hall

Grampians Texture 2011

Saturday February 26 – Thursday March 3 - Halls Gap

Wartook Christian Home Meeting – Fridays from 7pm - venues vary

Something to think about and have a smile!

*Coming together is a beginning
Sharing together is progress
Working together is success
Henry Ford*

*“Life is like a roll of toilet paper -
the closer it gets to the end,
the faster it goes”*

*Pleasure in the job
puts perfection in the work
Aristotle*

*We make a living by what we get
We make a life by what we give*



LAHARUM FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER

November 2010 – June 2011

The trucks need to be driven 30km a week

WEEK STARTING	LAHARUM TANKER		TANKER A	
	DRIVER	CREW	DRIVER	CREW
21/11/10	Don Sudholz	Judy Johnson	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
28/11/10	Chris Vincent	Barry Berendsen	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
05/12/10	Ed Johnson	Bruce McInnes	Cam Ellifson	Alex Ellifson
12/12/10	John Fisher	Roger MacInnes	Robert Jess	John McIntyre
19/12/10	Bruce Winfield	Colin Flack	Luke Dumesny	Jenny Dumesny
26/12/10	Deb MacInnes	Caroline Geue	Bill Gardner	Judy Gardner
02/01/11	Alison White	Vikki Stevens	Graeme Wood	Damien Knight
09/01/11	Brad Geue	Adam Shields	Mal Griffiths	Tim Martin
16/01/11	Hugh Russell	Howard Black	Rob Launder	Andy Crawford
23/01/11	Leigh Mibus	Paul Young	Gary Staehr	Gil Hopkins
30/01/11	Alan Arnott	Norm Booth	Trevor Winfield	Ray Zippel
06/02/11	Will Pyke	Francoise van der Plank	Mark Francisco	Campbell Trewin
13/02/11	Jim Carter	Rob McInnes	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
20/02/11	Andrew Bos	Steve Suter	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
27/02/11	Don Sudholz	Judy Johnson	Cam Ellifson	Alex Ellifson
06/03/11	Chris Vincent	Barry Berendsen	Robert Jess	John McIntyre
13/03/11	Ed Johnson	Bruce McInnes	Luke Dumesny	Jenny Dumesny
20/03/11	John Fisher	Roger MacInnes	Bill Gardner	Judy Gardner
27/03/11	Bruce Winfield	Colin Flack	Andrew Bos	Damien Knight
03/04/11	Deb MacInnes	Caroline Geue	Mal Griffiths	Tim Martin
10/04/11	Alison White	Vikki Stevens	Rob Launder	Andy Crawford
17/04/11	Brad Geue	Adam Shields	Gary Staehr	Gil Hopkins
24/04/11	Hugh Russell	Howard Black	Trevor Winfield	Ray Zippel
01/05/11	Leigh Mibus	Paul Young	Mark Francisco	Campbell Trewin
08/05/11	Alan Arnott	Norm Booth	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
15/05/11	Will Pyke	Francoise van der Plank	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
22/05/11	Jim Carter	Rob McInnes	Cam Ellifson	Alex Ellifson
29/05/11	Don Sudholz	Judy Johnson	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
05/06/11	Chris Vincent	Barry Berendsen	Mal Griffiths	Tim Martin
12/06/11	Ed Johnson	Bruce McInnes	Bill Gardner	Judy Gardner

Anyone with a heavy rigid licence can take the trucks for a run – please mark your turn on your calendar. If you notice a fault with the truck during the run, please notify Mark Francisco immediately on 5383 8218 and always complete the log book at the end of your run. Thanks!

FOR FIRE WARNINGS AND UPDATES

- Tune into your emergency broadcasters: ABC and Commercial radio stations and SKY News TV
- Check CFA's website on www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- Call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 (TTY 1800 122 969)

Wimmera Total Fire Ban District includes –

Hindmarsh Shire; Horsham Rural City Council; Northern Grampians Shire; West Wimmera Shire; Yarriambiack Shire (south of the netting fence).

On Total Fire Ban days Mt Zero Transfer Station will be closed.

Laharum Football Club



Laharum's 2010 season finished on a good note with the Under 14 boys bringing home the Premiership Cup! Senior trophy winners for 2010 were as follows:

Seniors

Best/Fairest - Cameron Streeter; Runner-up - Robert Miller;
Most Consistent - Brenton Askew; Most Determined - Brenton Roberts; Best Utility - Zac Cross; Best 1st Year - Brett Ervin;
Encouragement - Kane Parish; Coaches Award - Heath MacInnes.

Reserves

Best/Fairest - Josh Iredell; Runner-up - Dale Dridan;
Most Consistent - Mark Muszkieta; Best Utility - David Laffy;
Most Dependable - Jeremy White; Coaches Award - Jock Uebergang & Stephan Phillips.

Best Club persons - Greg Bowey & Cameron Mibus

President's Award - Ivan Smith

The 2010 AGM was held on October 21 and Board members for next season were elected:

Chairman – Cameron Mibus; Deputy Chairman - Brendan Smith;
Director of Administration/Finance – Deb MacInnes;
Director of Works – Gerard Matthews; Director of Catering - Libby Peucker;
Director of Netball - Roxanne Smith; Director Junior Development - Pat Hennon/Gary Mason; Director Social & Events – Brooke MacInnes/ Leah Matthews; Director Public Relations - John Griffiths; Director Football - Stuart Combe; Director Fundraising & Sponsorship - Nadine Miller; Laharum Sports Inc Reps - Brian Burke/ Gerard Matthews.

We have signed former Central Murray player Marcus Demaria as senior coach for 2011 Horsham District Football League season. Pre-season training starts on **Monday December 6** followed by a free BBQ tea. After that, training will be on Tuesday nights at Horsham College senior site oval and on Thursday nights at Brian Burkes Gym.

So already the wheels are in motion for the 2011 season and before we know it, it will be footy season again - Go Dees!



Deb MacInnes

Laharum Cricket Club



A very rain-interrupted cricket season sees Laharum performing quite well in all grades. The club welcomes back Damien Bunworth and Matt Farr to our talented B Grade team and wishes Daniel Griffiths all the best in A Grade

with Jung Tigers. Robbie Miller, Brett Ervin and the Mibus brothers are performing well. C Grade has had a thrilling tie and two other close wins.

Daniel Chaplin is doing well with both bat and ball. Some of our juniors have helped out both B and C Grades with much aplomb, in fact, Anthony Cutter top scored in C Grade with 26. Others to do well have been Tom Crawford, Sanjay Sarup, Jim Johnson, Stuart Hill and Nathan Griffiths. Our U/14 team have had some really good games on Friday evenings.

The club successfully applied for a grant of \$500 from Cricket Victoria to replace the practise wickets in the nets. Thanks to Benny and the B Graders for the working bees to lay the new wickets and also to make the main oval run-ups more user-friendly!

Hopefully we will get some more cricket in if the weather allows, but the rain has been beaut!

Peter Levey



Junior cricket training at Sunnyside Monday afternoons



Laharum Primary School children visit the Horsham ADF

Dept Sustainability & Environment



Fire Preparedness in the Grampians

The Grampians Fire Conference was held at Dadswells Bridge on Thursday November 11 with 70 people attending from around the Grampians. The Grampians CFA Group was represented by Group Officer David Grimble.



The first part of the morning was spent looking at the aftermath of the Dadswells Bridge fire which burnt 1700ha of National Park and private property on January 22 this year. The touring party then spent the rest of the morning looking at some fuel reduction burns along the Bolte Highway. Particular emphasis was placed

on the Department's program of landscape 'mosaic' burning. This new approach to burning focuses on looking at fire from a landscape perspective and thoroughly monitoring the 'before and after' effects of burning. This was followed by lunch and afternoon business session at the Halls Gap oval.

The good winter rains have meant that fire season is a little later than the previous years. However, the weather is beginning to rapidly warm up and very soon we will be in the middle of our summer fire danger period. To fire-fighters amongst us that means lightning strikes and fires. Once again both the DSE and CFA are asking the community to be ever-aware of fire and its effects over the summer period.

DSE in the Wimmera has scheduled 11,700ha of burning. Some has been done this spring but the great majority will be completed next autumn. A total of 6,500ha of this burning will be done in the Grampians and the Black Range.

This summer DSE staff member Luke Dumesny of Laharum will play a very important role in supervising works carried out by crews from the Department's Horsham depot. Luke has worked for the department now for about 10 years and has developed into one of the key DSE people at Horsham. Along with other staff, Luke's role is to ensure the continuing high standard of DSE fire protection and land management works on public land in the Wimmera.

Have a 'fire safe' summer.

Geoff Evans, DSE Horsham

Laharum Parent Club



Thank you to the community for supporting the successful Long Lunch and other activities throughout the year. We look forward to next year's program.

See you at the school concert on **Thursday**

December 9!
Jenny Carter

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Brimpaen Ladies' Social Club and other members of the community enjoyed a scrumptious buffet lunch at The Wander Inn on Cup Day. Those poor wet souls at Flemington should have been feasting on fresh prawns, chicken, salad and pavlova with the Wartook and Brimpaen 'fashionistas'!

We were most impressed with the effort everyone made to dress up for the occasion and we were fortunate to secure the services of Demi Wilson (who judged fashions and department at this year's Horsham Show) to coordinate the judging panel and prizes for the 'Fashions On The Field'. The winners were:

Best hat - Ethel; Best shoes - Jenny; Best accessories - Elvie; Best attire - Bonnie and Carmen; Late scratching - Catherine.

Thanks to Barry for his organisation of the sweeps and impromptu commentary, and Felix for escorting the ladies. Many thanks also to Ayles for supplying the beautiful floral arrangements.



Bonnie Gelman



Laharum Landcare new spray trailer with boom and 2 50m hose reels, which has already done more than 150 person-hours work!