

October 2011

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Congratulations to Judy Berendsen for 10 years of tutoring yoga at Laharum! Thank you Judy for your commitment, time and energy in putting together a weekly yoga program for our community. This has helped participants enormously with flexibility, strength, maintaining a good level of fitness and keeping our bodies stretched and supple. It's much appreciated!

Liz Hopkins

Laharum Tennis Club



Tennis season will be starting on **Saturday October 8** with practice nights on Wednesdays from 5pm. After practice on **Wednesday October 5** there'll be a free barbecue.

We'll be entering the following teams: one A Grade, two B Specials and four juniors – Under 12 Girls; Under 12 Boys; Under 14 Boys and Under 17 Boys.

We have a shortage of women players. If you would like to play regular tennis and have not notified the tennis club please ring me on 5383 8230.

Free coaching lessons were offered at Central Park Tennis Club for junior players over two days, sponsored by Laurie Crouch and Laharum Tennis Club.

Some tennis coaching will be available for junior players throughout the tennis season.

Gary Staehr

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be visiting on **Wednesday October 12** and **26** from 9.30-11am. Membership is free and new members welcome. The Mobile Library carries 3,000

items including books and DVDs.

Bryan Rohde

Yoga at Laharum Hall



Yoga starts for Term 4 on **Wednesday October 12** from 7.30pm in the heated Laharum Hall, finishing on **Wednesday December 7**.

It is very beneficial to all ages and we welcome anyone who has not done yoga before. It helps maintain a good level of fitness and keeps our bodies flexible and our 'bits moving'!

Come along and discover the benefits! Please contact me on 5383 6265 if you are interested in attending for the first time.

Judy Berendsen



Checking our cultural heritage details at Laharum Hall on September 21

Horsham Spring Garden Festival

Friday/Saturday/Sunday October 7, 8 & 9

Horsham Botanic Gardens.

Lots of your favourite stallholders will be on site again this year plus new surprises for your garden ideas. For further information, please contact me on 5383 6201.

Sue Winfield

Family Dance

**Saturday October 15,
7.30pm**

Cost: \$25 family

Laharum Hall

Children's acts welcome

BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles - light supper served

Come and enjoy a great night of music and friendship!



Neighbourhood Watch Rural



Laharum NWR will meet over dinner at The Wander Inn on **Friday October 21**, 6pm.

This will be the annual get together and discussion on the current informal arrangement of reporting crime in our area. All welcome. Please contact me on 5383 8288 for any enquiries.

Judy Gardner, Secretary

Wonwondah Landcare



Wonwondah Landcare Group has received confirmation of funding from Wimmera Catchment Management Authority for the rabbit ripping program to continue on from previous year's actions. There have been numerous sites identified with warren activity and ripping will commence once conditions become more favourable.

The post driver trailer is in a lot of demand currently and any landholder who has had flood damage can still apply for government assistance to clean up and repair the flood affected fencing.

A Wimmera CMA weed spraying contractor has treated sites within our area for Bridal Creeper. Next meeting is **Tuesday October 18**, 7.30pm at Guest's dairy.
Chris Guest

Laharum Rural CFA



The fire season is fast approaching. Already the Group has had a number of call-outs with burn offs. If you intend to do any burning off before the fire season, please have a water source handy and ring Vicfire on **1800 668 511**. It may save the fire brigade being called out unnecessarily.

There is a pre season meeting on **Wednesday October 19**, 7.30pm at the Football Clubrooms – all welcome. Hope to see you there!

In the last Newsletter we had a request for a 'fridge for Tanker A shed. Roger Riordan kindly donated this – a big thank you Roger!

Before the fire season we intend to do some burning off on the Northern Grampians Road – dates to be finalised later.

Mark Francisco, Captain

Laharum Landcare Group



The demonstration of the experimental biomass gasifier held on August 18 was a great success with a large turnout of interested onlookers. No injuries or casualties were reported and the barbecue that followed was very tasty!

Bridal Creeper, St Johns Wort, Paterson's Curse all need treating now. If you need help or chemical please ring Gil on 5383 8207.

The next meeting of the Laharum Landcare Group will be the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on **Thursday October 27** at Laharum Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Rob Lucas

Brimpaen Ladies Social Club



Tuesday October 25, 2pm at Brimpaen Hall – brain teasers with Coral. Stall and cuppa.
Tuesday November 29 – Christmas luncheon to be arranged.

Bonnie Gelman

Brimpaen Craft Group

Tuesday November 1 – Cup Day lunch at Cycling Club, McPherson Street, Horsham.



Tuesday December 6 – Christmas lunch at Brimpaen Hall – finger food. Exchange a gift to value of \$5-\$10 and you're encouraged to make this.

Jill Sinclair

Horsham South Garden Club



Thursday October 27, 1.30pm at CWA Hall. Speaker will be Dot Halliday on budding and grafting. Bloom, brag and stall – afternoon tea.

Thursday November 24, 6pm – Christmas break up at CWA Hall. Members to supply salad or sweets. Husbands welcome – visitors \$6. Stall.

Lola Ervin

LONG LUNCH



Friday October 28

12 noon for 12.30pm start
Cost \$30 per person \$50 per couple
Cameron Oval

*Laharum Primary School welcomes
community and friends*

Launch of Cookbook

RSVP by October 21
Phone Deirdre 0429 136 319 or school 5383 6202



Local Vocals 🎵 🎵

Laharum Hall

Leader – Merryn Eagle

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20, 7.30PM

Minimal charge

Come along and enjoy the singing, a chat over a cuppa and also have some fun!

Singing in a relaxed, warm & friendly atmosphere

Singing ability not necessary



Laharum netball Modies on grand final day

The Wander Inn



We will be having a Melbourne Cup Day High Tea on **Tuesday November 1** from 12noon at \$25 per head including Melbourne Cup treats! Dress for the occasion if you like - bookings essential by ringing 5383 6377.

Our trading hours are Tuesday & Wednesday from 10am-5pm and Thursday to Sunday from 10am-8.30pm for meals – closed Mondays except public holidays. Fresh fish comes in on Fridays to 'eat in' or take-way; Sunday roasts continue through the cold weather with 'high tea' now available - bookings please.

Our new Provedore is available with our own homemade goodies, essential oils, kitchen wares and much more.

Jenny Wilson

Grampians Wartook Promotion Group

Our next meeting on **Tuesday November 8** will be our Annual General Meeting to be held at 7.30pm at The Wander Inn. All tourism operators welcome.

For further enquiries please contact me on 5383 9255.

Cameron McDonald



HOT WINDY WEATHER PROMPTS BURNOFF WARNING

CFA is urging the community **not** to burn off in hot, dry windy conditions as has been experienced in the Wimmera recently. However if you do need to burn off, please –

- Register with CFA on **1800 668 511**
- Tell your neighbours
- Clear a 3m firebreak around the area free of flammable materials
- Check weather conditions beforehand

If your burn off does get out of control, please call **000** immediately!

SPATE OF GRASS FIRES TIMELY WARNING TO PREPARE

In a taste of the fire season to come, on September 19 CFA responded to around 30 grass and scrub fires across the State fanned by strong winds and high temperatures. The fires burned in virtually every corner of the State, the largest was a fire in an excavator which spread to nearby bush land at Shady Creek, north east of Warragul. This is an early indicator of what Victorians can expect from the looming fire season.

These weather conditions are a timely reminder that now is the time to clear land and prepare for summer. It's never too early to begin slashing and clearing! Residents may face the threat of fast moving grass and scrub fires near their property this summer, where previously thought to be safe! A well thought out Bushfire Survival Plan is necessary if living or holidaying in high risk bushfire areas.

For more information on fire restrictions and burning off, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au; contact our CFA District Headquarters or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667**.

Louise McGillivray

Musical Melodrama 🎵

Ararat Players return!

Saturday November 19

Laharum Hall

Laharum Hall Committee



We recently catered for Wimmera Conservation Farmers Association Conference and were given lots of praise for our efforts. Thank you to

Judy Johnson and the great band of helpers on the day. Thank you to those who helped in food preparation the day before, and to those who donated savouries, slices etc. All funds raised will go towards kitchen improvements.

Thank you to Johnno for using his bobcat to spread some gravel which was provided by Horsham Rural City Council.

The chairs we are purchasing with our Viterra community grant should be supplied by early December.

We have been successful in obtaining a \$5,000 rebate from Sustainability Victoria for solar PV panels on our Hall, and there will be an open day and barbecue later in the year to celebrate and show you around.

The Hall has about 300 blue carpet tiles to sell. You can see them in the Hall storeroom. Make an offer!

A family dance with Peter & Denise McGennicken will be held on **Saturday October 15**, 7.30pm - \$25 family. Children's acts will be welcome. Come and enjoy a great night of music.

Ararat Players return with a Musical Melodrama on **Saturday November 19** at Laharum Hall - please put both dates in your calendar! Proceeds from these events will go towards the improvement of Laharum Hall kitchen.

Judy Berendsen

Horsham South VFF

At our last meeting in June we had a very successful and worthwhile farmers meeting in the Football Clubrooms with 38 attending.

As a result of this meeting, an agreement was made that we would host a Young Farmers workshop in November – dates to be finalised. This will be held over two days with workshops including financial banking, insurance, crop marketing and family succession. The day will be run by Rural Counsellor, Malcolm Wyeth.

We will notify young local farmers/landholders regarding this workshop. These have proved successful in bringing young farmers up-to-date with all the latest information. Please contact me for any enquiries on 5384 6217.

Neville McIntyre, Secretary

Australian Centre for the Moving Image crew recently filmed in the Wimmera including various businesses and individuals in Laharum for a regional documentary series. This will be part of their collection, and will be premiered in Horsham on December 1.



Expression of Interest is currently being taken for Occasional Care at Laharum Preschool for 2012 operating on Tuesdays from 9am–12noon. Cost \$25 per

session. For further enquiries please contact me on 5382 7997.

Tammy Smith, Horsham/District Kindergarten Association

Laharum Cricket Club



The cricket season is quickly approaching and the club has been very busy in the lead up to what promises to be a most exciting time.

At a very well attended AGM at the clubrooms, Peter Levey was elected as President with Ben Peucker, Vice President. Yvonne Dawson was re-elected Secretary. Peter will also be doing Treasurer duties.

We are pleased to announce that this season we will be fielding 3 senior teams - B Grade and two C Grade teams. One of the C Grade teams will be our development team. This will consist of last year's U/16 team assisted by 3 or 4 senior cricketers whose job it will be to guide and mentor the younger boys.

We will also be fielding an Under 14 team to play on Friday evenings. Any boys or girls wanting to play or learn to play cricket are most welcome to join in with this team. If interested, please give Peter Levey a ring on 5382 5691 or 0419 839235 for information about training.

Ben Peucker has been very busy of late organising the laying of the new pitch at Cameron Oval. A big thank you to everyone who has helped out with this project.

A special thanks to Johnsons Merchandise, Horsham Concrete and to Robbie Plazzer who have been extremely generous with the supply of materials and labour for this project. We probably couldn't have funded this project without the generosity of these businesses. I urge everyone to please support these businesses where ever possible.

The cricket club is also pursuing a few additional sponsors this year to assist with the costs of this project. You can expect to see a few extra signs on the boundary fence. Horsham Concrete is the first sponsor in the designated cricket sponsors area for the summer.

We will be doing some work at the old Laharum Cricket Ground to re-surface the pitch and turn the sheep paddock into an acceptable playing field. Already Rob McInnes has grubbed out numerous eucalyptus suckers from our historic and picturesque Griffiths Oval.

Looking forward to seeing you all at training and an enjoyable cricket season ahead.

Peter Levey and Ben Peucker

BATTERY COLLECTION

Please drop off any dead lead-acid car and tractor batteries to Pam & Des Geue's place, 1922 Northern Grampians Road on pallets just inside their gate. All proceeds go to Laharum Hall.

Sourdough bread workshop

Would you like to make your own sourdough bread? Here is your chance! Helga Saunders has had years of experience making her own bread.



This workshop offers -

- comprehensive Bavarian style making instruction
- sustainable economic features by using local products and tips on how to bake more sustainably

You take home a 25 year old bread culture and a bound comprehensive culture maintenance and bread baking manual.

To register your interest and for more information, contact Helga on 5358 3750, 0408 856 602 or go to

www.preservingthefuture.com

Laharum Parent Club



Parent Club is proud to be launching the first publication of their long awaited cookbook at the Long Lunch on **Friday October 28** at Cameron Oval. The cook book is priced at \$25,

is ribbon-bound, very appealing and is great value for its contents. There has been a massive amount of work to produce this book and I commend those involved for a fantastic end result - notably Carolyn and Brad Geue, Deirdre Baum, Bea Sykes and Angela Spillman.

The Long Lunch is open to the community and friends. Please reply by October 21 for catering purposes by the students and Parent Club by post or email - laharum.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or call in to the school.

On October 1 Parent Club catered for the 'Gumbootrun' at Cameron Oval.

'Tour de Paddock' is back on the agenda for **Thursday October 13** and the children are very happy to be riding their bicycles in the spring sunshine. Being spring they may check out the biodiversity of the area at McInnes' property which will offer great interest to them, as it was wet and wintery when they were there last.

In the garden we are seeing spring growth in lettuces, garlic is looking good; radishes need eating, carrots are building, and parsley is nearly becoming a pest!!! So the vegies are good but could do with a sprinkle of rain!

Jenny Gaulke



Nature-walk with barbecue lunch

Learn how funds are available for protecting and restoring Buloke on your land.

Go for a walk with renowned birder Jonathan Starks and with knowledgeable botanists

Where: Private property, Donald Swamp Road, Mockinya (corner of Donald Swamp and Hammond Woolshed Roads), VicRoads 40 D9

When: **Sunday October 23**, 9.30am–1.30pm

Please RSVP to Fiona Copley at fionac@tfn.org.au or phone 5389 2046.





Council is now well advanced in our flood recovery program although further works in the Wartook area will be undertaken as part of current contractual arrangements being negotiated. Considering the extent of the January 2011 storm and flood events, we have been relatively fortunate in the total costs for our flood damaged roads throughout the municipality, being approximately \$2.5M

Council in conjunction with VicRoads will shortly be renewing all the major tourist directional signage and this new signage is intended to give more emphasis on the approach to Wartook and the tourist facilities and attractions in the area. The new signage will be in place by the end of October.

Council is most concerned with any confusion that may exist with regard to the removal of trees. Until further notice, a permit is still required for the removal of firewood from road reserves and in particular the removal of any native timber from private land, unless an exemption applies. To support landowners, Council has promoted a new 'Call **before** U Cut' program to draw attention to the requirements of both the Road Management Act and our Town Planning provisions for a permit for the removal of native vegetation. We strongly request that any removal of native vegetation or collection of firewood be referred to our Environment and Cultural Heritage Officer, Steve Talbot on 0427 514 502 or our Town Planning Officer, Brodie Paul on 5382 9701. These Officers will provide an assessment of the permits that may be required. We acknowledge and thank several local residents and property owners for reporting to Council inappropriate tree removal and firewood collection and these matters are being investigated.



With regard to the forthcoming fire season, much work has been undertaken under a new fire assessment program to identify potential fire risks including areas in your location. A follow-on revision of our fire break and fire prevention measures will be undertaken and some changes to our normal fire prevention program for the 2011-2012 fire season can be expected.

Finally, the Horsham Rural City Council Community Grants Program which offers funding up to \$5,000 for specific projects will open later this year and I would encourage local organisations to apply.
David Eltringham, General Manager Technical Services

Brimpaen Tennis Club



The tennis season is fast approaching and after a successful season last year, we at Brimpaen are ready to go!

Brimpaen will be entering two teams again this year - A Grade and B Special. Any new players are welcome and can contact Luke Dunn on 5383 9299 or myself on 5383 9203 for information.

Courtney Dunn

Wartook Artist Studio

We have a great range of hand made gifts and souvenirs suitable for Christmas gifts and overseas visitors. Call in and see the new range of Angelfunk jewellery, crazy tea cosies and buttons turned from wood and native seed pods.

Trading days are Tuesday to Sunday from 10am-5pm and holiday Mondays.

Gill Venn

Veggie Swap

Come along and share your produce! Bring along any vegies, fruit, herbs, seedlings, seeds, jams, pickles, eggs, plants, etc



Simply bring something to swap

This is a non commercial event – no money changes hands!

Where: Shields big green shed –

1982 Northern Grampians Road, Laharum

When: 1st Sunday each month from 10-11am

Enquiries contact Jo Shields on 5383 6302 or 0419.879447
or Jo Gardner on 5383 6205

Anything left over will be donated to Laharum Primary School,
Laharum Kinder or the Salvos



MT ZERO TRIAL

GWMWater has conducted a pumping trial to gain a better understanding of the capacity of the Mt Zero Bore Field near Laharum. The trial commenced on August 23 and pumping from the bore field ceased after 18 days. The bores which produced water at a rate of approximately 5.28 ML per day, were turned off as water levels were approaching the limit of the bore pump's ability.

The draw-down of water recorded from some of the monitoring bores was around 1m per day. The draw-down depended on the proximity of the monitoring bore to the pumping bores. Monitoring bores further away recorded no to very little draw-down.

Recovery in the water levels has been very good and in many cases has matched the rate of draw-down. The trial was successful and has provided useful data on how the groundwater levels respond to pumping.

All groundwater extracted during the trial was directed to an old storage at the Mt Zero Water Treatment Plant with excess discharged to Potters Creek.

Water level readings are continuing to be collected to gauge the recovery in the aquifer. GWMWater will keep the community informed as further results from the trial become available.

People seeking further information are encouraged to contact Kate Morrison during business hours on 1300 659 961.

Suzanne Bysouth, Communications Manager (Acting)

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

**GRAMPIANS
TEXTURE**

**February 25-March 1, 2012
Centenary Hall Halls Gap**

Two and four day workshops for textile artists with Australian and International tutors. Workshops cover felting, fibre dyeing, contemporary baskets, jewellery, printing, paper, stitching by hand and machine, knitting, fabric and fibre.

Each workshop is accompanied by a special exhibition

For more information go to website

www.grampianstexture.com.au

or phone 0428.825971

Welcome Pack for new residents

A Welcome Pack is currently being organised for new residents to the district and a comprehensive list of local businesses and community groups will be included.

If you are in business or if you are involved in a community group and would like to be included in the list, please forward your contact information such as - name of business/group, address, phone no, email address and a short description of your business/group to on me 5383 8207 or giliz@laharum.vic.au

Liz Hopkins

Riding for the Disabled



We are still looking for potential RDA horses. The two that were trialled over the last few months were good horses, just not really cut out for the demands of our program.

Our 30th Anniversary celebration was a great success. We had lots of visitors from other service clubs and many old friends and supporters came along to help reminisce. Our guest speaker was Martin Gray, Chairman of the RDAV Board, and he was able to provide a good overview of our State organisation.

Near the end of term, our Wednesday group ran a successful vaulting session for the junior SDS riders. Pictures below –



Next term we should be able to move into our new meeting room/kitchen. It will be nice to be able to have our books and teaching equipment all back into a nice permanent home.



Most importantly we will be able to have our meetings back there, instead of imposing on our lovely and forgiving volunteer coach Bec Frew.

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

Tina Pallot



**WCFA Annual Conference
'Fuelling Growth' - Our Annual**

Conference held on August 24 at

Laharum Hall was a great day! A good turnout and enthusiastic presentations kept our audience focussed and the question time at a premium - a good sign! A big thank you to the Laharum ladies for their excellent catering - we were very well fed.

The morning session on soil health and nutrition was a great mix of knowledge, practical information and learning, with opening speaker Patrick Francis, Editor of The Farm Journal, conducting an interactive session on soil testing and trends in soil condition.

Matthew Sparke spoke about practical aspects of crop nutrition and management - balancing the many demands on a farmer's time - including the need for rest and relaxation!

Rob Sonogan, DPI Grains Agronomist, worked through some long term research on nitrogen in Mallee cereal cropping, while Declan McDonald, DPI Specialist Productive Soils, took a big picture view on soil health, through to understanding what soil health means and some approaches to understanding how the biology of soil impacts the fertility and health of this key farm asset.

Steve Clark, DPI Lamb Production Agronomist, outlined a range of pasture species for lower rainfall grazing systems, good news for Wimmera grazing and mixed farming enterprises! Both Steve and Michael Joss, Seedmark, contrasted the options for summer active pastures and forage crops. Advantages of intensive rotations on phalaris when contrasted with set stocking was 'food for thought'. The range of perennial grasses and legume pasture varieties were compared for both production and persistence.

Ann Sprague, Secretary



Pasture walk during the WCFA Conference on August 24

**Daniel Berendsen
Auto Electrical**

ABN 77698617692

Auto Electrical Repairs
and Wiring
Light fitting, Radio Installation

Phone Daniel on 5383 6265





DSE Wimmera District Update

With winter well and truly behind us, DSE

has commenced its spring burning program in the Little Desert National Park and South Wimmera Reserves. The Wimmera District has a planned burn program of just over 11,900ha for 2011/12 and 2,200ha of that has been achieved since September 1. The emphasis will shift shortly from South Wimmera and Little Desert to Northern Grampians, Stawell and Ararat townships once conditions are suitable.

The seasonal Project Fire-fighter Program (PFF) is on track, with recruitment and interviewing of potential new crew underway. Five PFFs commenced across the Wimmera on September 26 and participated in Planned Burning operations and fire prevention works including track access and slashing. Fifteen more PFFs will commence on October 24 and by early December there will be 43 PFFs employed at five locations across the district, similar to previous years.

On September 1 the State Government announced that there is no requirement for individuals to obtain a permit for the collection of firewood on public land. It is important to note that although there are no permits required when collecting firewood on public land, you **must** be within a designated firewood coupe and there will be set firewood collection seasons across the State (spring – September 1 to November 30 and autumn 1 March to 30 June). For further information please visit <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/forests/firewood>

Lauren Todman

Laharum Primary School 2805



Our Swimming/Community Learning Days have started well with all students participating enthusiastically. We had a wonderful morning at Mt Staplyton on August 24 learning about the Rock Art and Indigenous Culture. As part of the lesson we learnt about the Carter family and their links with Indigenous Australians when settling in the area. We were also very fortunate to have Jim Carter come in the following morning to talk to the senior students about this.

We have completed our Supermarket Maths and dairy produce investigations at both Woolworths and Coles. All students worked very well at finding prices, comparing the weight and cost of produce and discovering the energy content of dairy foods including protein, fat and carbohydrate content.

Our P-2 students made extra discoveries using the school's iPad with Year 3-6 students working hard on graphing their findings.

It is also fantastic to see that all our students are approaching their swimming with confidence and are really making improvements to their techniques.

There have been more works going on around the school. The new Mod 5 is continuing to be made safer for the bushfire season. The area along the tennis courts has been cleared of growth and chipped. A big thank you to Brad for responding to our second call for help and 'unbogging' our rather red-faced tradies during August. Not only had they bogged the ute in the playground, but also the chipper!!

New soil has been shovelled into the new garden beds - no doubt we will be planting soon!

The Helping Hands Committee has been very busy lately in their leadership role. The hot and cold milos have been a big hit on Tuesdays along with the fresh fruit. It's great to see so many students enjoying this. The Committee also conducted Daffodil Day on August 30 and students enjoyed the themed activities.

Congratulations and well done to everyone for a great effort at our 2011 Athletic Sports. Once again competing with enthusiasm, determination and always displaying great sportsmanship and behaviour. Special mention to our four 'Age Group Champions' – Harrison, Duncan, Matt and Zane for achieving their outstanding results. Well done boys!

Also as a result of achieving high standards in our sports, Cameron, Sophie S, Brandon, Matt, Charlotte L, Jared, Meg, Will and Zane competed at the Horsham Schools Sports. Good luck to Meg and Matt who will now go onto the Zone Sports on October 11.

Congratulations also to our hard working Parent Club for another hugely successful School Sports catering feat - once again the lunch was sensational. I'm sure all students in the Horsham Rural Schools now look forward to lunch times when Laharum caters an event. Thank you to all those parents who worked so hard in the various stages of production. Your dedication and commitment has raised significant and much needed funds for our students and school. Guess which school is hosting next year – yes, it's us!

Parent Club is continuing to work very hard at gathering sponsorship and pre-selling the Cookbook - well done everyone for your outstanding efforts. If you can help with this huge task in any way, please don't hesitate to contact Deirdre Baum on 0429 136 319.

We look forward to the Long Lunch on **Friday October 28**. (Please look for information on Page 2).

Our big surprise has finally been revealed – yes, we have just had our sleepover at school! An amazing way to end Term 3!

Well there goes another Term! I don't know where the days have gone. All students must be congratulated for an outstanding Term's work. Their participation and application to everything asked of them has been wonderful.

Robyn Jones, Principal

OLD ROSEMONT QUILTS

Old Rosemont Quilts is open for business at 138 McTavishs Road, Laharum. Please phone me on 5383 6229 to make an appointment to purchase fabrics, cottons, ric rac, patterns, aprons, quilts, cushions, potholders and sewing advice.

Isabelle Martin

FOR HIRE

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

Contact Judy on 5383 6265

Parks Victoria



Flood recovery - crews have been busy in the Grampians National Park over the past few months preparing popular visitor sites for the September school holidays.

Mackenzie Falls - water levels in the River have recently dropped enough for staff to gain access to the base of the Falls. Recovery crews have been busy rebuilding a temporary rock crossing, removing fallen trees and replacing damaged handrails. The damaged pedestrian bridge at the base of the Falls and the Mackenzie River walking track remain closed pending further repairs.

Wonderland and Sundial walking tracks - Northern Grampians (Mt Victory Road) is now open from Wartook Valley to Silverband Falls Road. Halls Gap side of Mt Victory Road is still closed for road repairs. Vehicle access is available to the Sundial car park – only via the Wartook Valley and Roses Gap Roads. Walking tracks from Sundial car park to the Sundial Peak, Viewpoint, Lakeview Lookouts the Pinnacle and Silent Street are now available.

The Pinnacle is accessible from the more challenging Mackey's Peak walking track which leaves from the rear of the Halls Gap Caravan Park. Access to the Wonderland car park and the Grand Canyon remains closed, however access is available to Silent Street via the Wonderland Forest Loop track, off the Sundial-Pinnacle walking track. All of these walking tracks required extensive tree repairs.

For updated walking track information you can download our flood recovery update sheets from www.parkweb.vic.gov.au on the Grampians page.



Replacing eroded steps on the Sundial walking track

Over the past month Parks Victoria road's crew have been busy grading and resurfacing the large network of gravel roads, including Roses Creek Road, Lodge Road and Glenelg River Road. Drainage works, culvert installation and clearing have also occurred.

Patching work has commenced on Old Mill Road but the road is still closed. Resurfacing work has been completed on Mt Zero Road and patching and resealing works will be carried out on Mt William Road. Some roads remain too wet to access, so we are hoping warmer weather over the coming weeks may help.

Contractors have carried out resurfacing works at Hollow Mountain car park. Recent flood events and increased activity at the site (due to other park closures) meant the car park surface was heavily degraded.

Buandik Campground – Buandik has recently undergone a small facelift. The car park and campsites have been redesigned to accommodate longer vehicles and campervans. The car park has also been re-sheeted.

Jimmy Creek campground – works have been completed to re-sheet the car park and repair the campsite pads. New barbecues have been installed and repairs to the toilets were carried out. The pedestrian bridge behind the campground remains closed as does the walking track to Teddy Bear Gap.



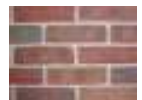
Car park resurfacing at Jimmy Creek Campground

Zumstein update - community representatives and Parks Victoria staff met recently to discuss future opportunities at Zumstein Picnic area. Discussions at the meeting focussed on the need to reinvigorate the picnic experience for visitors and how best to provide links to surrounding communities such as Wartook. Opportunities such as linked cycling and walking tracks were discussed along with potential changes to the site layout. Parks Victoria is developing a landscape plan for the site and will ask for public consultation when a draft plan is available. Works will be funded with a combination of insurance and Government flood recovery funds.

Tammy Schoo

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

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

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www.laharum.vic.au and www.wartook.vic.au

Laharum Kindergarten



Our topics of interest this term have been fairies, babies, police, fire, hospitals and dogs and we have been exploring different ways to use colour in paint and drawing.

We enjoyed a dress-up day at kinder to celebrate Children's Book Week. Nearly all the children came dressed up as their favourite book character and the costumes looked great. We had a parade in front of the schoolies and announced what our character was. We then enjoyed some fairy bread and a bush picnic.

We were also lucky enough to enjoy bathing baby Columbus Barton. Lisa was able to show all the children how she bathed Columbus and it was great to see them all helping. This was a part of our families and health theme. Thank you Lisa and Columbus!

We also enjoyed a visit from Elmo the Beagle as part of DPI Responsible Pet Education Program to teach children safety around dogs. All the children enjoyed patting Elmo in the correct way and some even got a lick!

We had a visit from Constable Linda McLennan from Horsham Police. Linda drove the new red patrol car to kinder and was able to show all the children what was in the car and discussed what police do. We thank Linda for offering this visit. Recently we had a visit from Kevin Bolwell with the fire truck. He talked to parents about readiness for the upcoming fire season and talked to the children about fire safety.

On Sunday September 18 the committee conducted a major fundraising event with our Open Garden day. The weather was lovely and it was great to see the beautiful gardens around our area. The children were able to enjoy a jumping castle as well as face paints and there were plenty of stalls and BBQ. Thank you to all who participated, especially Angela Spillman and Amanda McInnes for organising this event. We made a successful amount of money from this fundraiser.

We recently lost the entire population of our canaries. There were 4 hens nesting on 10 eggs. The cage door was found opened. We were very disappointed to discover this and if anyone has any information, please contact the kindergarten, the school or Horsham District Kindergarten Association.

We now have 2 guinea pigs at kinder. The children love holding them and feeding them grass and vegetable scraps and even get to take them home on weekends. Their names are Daisy and Batman. Thanks to the Spillman family for donating the beautiful hutch.

Thank you to Kerri-Anne Chincarini for taking our annual photos. The children looked lovely in the photos and they should be ready for collection next term. Also thank you to Mobil Fuels for our recent fundraising success. We published an article in the Mail Times as a promotion and acknowledgement of appreciation. We hope to be nominated again in the future.

We are also grateful for receiving \$2,500 for IT equipment from the Education Department. We have been able to purchase a new camera, photocopier, scanner, fax printer and are now looking at getting a new laptop. Thanks to everyone for all your support and we look forward to a busy Term 4.

Jo, Tori, Katie and Tracie

REMINDER 📌

Laharum Hall subscriptions due - \$10 per adult
Please forward to Judy Berendsen
PO Box 621, Horsham 3402

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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

Type: Floribunda

Colour: Orange, becoming raspberry-pink

Scent: Light

Flower: Double, about 30 petals in clusters

Won national & international recognition

When purchasing online at

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Order any time - bare rooted roses



Aussie Flower People

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Laharum

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Phone 5383 6201 or 0427 836201 to arrange a suitable time.

Orders are now being taken for plants delivered in winter 2012, so please get your orders in early!



North West Grampians Newsletter

Community Calendar of Events 2011

October

Wednesday	5	5pm	Tennis practice and BBQ to follow
Fri/Sat/Sun	7, 8, 9	daytime	Horsham Garden Spring Festival – Horsham Botanic Gardens
Saturday	8	daytime	Tennis season commences
Tuesday	11	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare Group
Wednesday	12	9.30-11am	Mobile Library – front of Laharum Primary School
Thursday	13	daytime	'Tour de Paddock' bike ride
Saturday	15	evening	Family Dance with Peter & Denise McGennicken – Laharum Hall
Tuesday	18	7.30pm	Wonwondah Landcare – Guest's dairy
Wednesday	19	7.30pm	Laharum CFA Preseason meeting – Cameron Oval
Thursday	20	7.30pm	'Local Vocals' – Laharum Hall
Friday	21	6pm	Neighbourhood Watch Rural – The Wander Inn
Sunday	23	9.30am-1.30pm	Nature walk – Mockinya
Tuesday	25	2pm	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club – Brimpaen Hall
"	25	7.30pm	Public meeting – Amalgamation of Football/Netball Clubs
Wednesday	26	9.30-11am	Mobile Library – front of Laharum Primary School
Thursday	27	1.30pm	Horsham South Garden Club – CWA Hall
"	27	7.30pm	Laharum Landcare – Laharum Hall
Friday	28	12noon	Long Lunch & Launch Cook Book – Cameron Oval

November

Tuesday	1	day	Brimpaen Craft Group – Cycling Club, Horsham
"	1	12noon	Cup Day lunch – The Wander Inn
Tuesday	8	7.30pm	Grampians Wartook Promotion Group – The Wander Inn
Saturday	19	evening	Musical Melodrama with Ararat Players – Laharum Hall
Thursday	24	6pm	Horsham South Garden Club – CWA Hall
Tuesday	29	day	Brimpaen Ladies Social Club

December

Tuesday	6	lunch	Brimpaen Craft Group – Brimpaen Hall
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Yoga - Wednesdays from 7.30pm until December 7 – Laharum Hall

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

Grampians Texture – February 25–March 1, 2012, Halls Gap



LAHARUM FIRE BRIGADE TRUCK ROSTER October – December 2011 IN CASE OF FIRE DIAL 000

WEEK START	LAHARUM TANKER		TANKER A	
	DRIVER	CREW	DRIVER	CREW
02/10/11	Andrew Bos	Judy Johnson	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour
09/10/11	Chris Vincent	Barry Berendsen	Brendan Dunn	Peter Dunn
16/10/11	Ed Johnson	Bruce McInnes	Cam Ellifson	Alex Ellifson
23/10/11	John Fisher	Colin Flack	Robert Jess	John McIntyre
30/10/11	Bruce Winfield	Paul van der Plank	Luke Dumesny	Jenny Dumesny
06/11/11	Deb MacInnes	Caroline Geue	Bill Gardner	Judy Gardner
13/11/11	Alison White	Vikki Stevens	Dale McIntyre	Damien Knight
20/11/11	Brad Geue	Roger MacInnes	Mal Griffiths	Tim Martin
27/11/11	Hugh Russell	Howard Black	Rob Launder	Andy Crawford
04/12/11	Leigh Mibus	Chris Vincent	Gary Staehr	Gil Hopkins
11/12/11	Alan Arnott	Norm Booth	Trevor Winfield	Ray Zippel
18/12/11	Will Pyke	Francoise van der Plank	Mark Francisco	Campbell Trewin
25/12/11	Jim Carter	Rob McInnes	Maurie Dumesny	Neil Seymour

The trucks need to be driven 30km a week. Anyone with a heavy rigid licence can take trucks for a run. Please mark your turn in 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. Swap with anyone if times are inconvenient. Thanks.

FOR FIRE WARNINGS AND UPDATES

- Tune into your emergency broadcasters: ABC and Commercial radio stations and SKY News TV

Laharum Netball Club



Season 2011 is over and it was great to end the season with our 17 & U girls taking out HDNA Premiers for 2011. You couldn't have asked for better conditions! The sun was shining on plenty of supporters wearing the navy and red colours in the crowd to cheer on the girls. Every player contributed and the girls on the bench were very supportive vocally. The result was a good one for us winning 39 to 27 in a friendly and competitive game from a very determined Rupanyup team. To top the day off, Nikki Ervin was named 17 & U Spirit of Netball Player of the Year. This award is given by the Victorian Police Blue Ribbon Foundation. Well deserved by a worthy team player who captained the 17's, umpired throughout the season, took out the B & F for 17's, 3rd B & F for A Grade & Best U/21 player award, represented the HDNA squad team and was in the Northern Rural Zone Squad.

Many thanks to all who have helped in some way to make each Saturday run smoothly. Our volunteers are a vital part of our club and we need many of you each week so our girls can play the sport they love to play. We finally have our shed up, but not quite complete yet with just a few more jobs to be completed!

The Netball and Football Clubs are looking at amalgamating together as one club and not as separate identities. A public meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 25** at the Clubrooms at 7.30pm to go over any queries you may have about the amalgamation, which will then be followed by the Annual Meeting.

We finished off the year with our Junior Vote Count & Presentation Day. Our winners this year were: **Modies** were all presented with a medallion and team photo.

13 & U

B & F: Baylee Miller; R/Up B & F: Jessica Heron
3rd B & F: Katherine Velthuis; Coaches Award: Olivia Smith
Encouragement Award: Emma Griffiths

15 & U

B & F: Ellie Sanders; R/Up B & F: Megan Haxby
3rd B & F: Belinda Warren; Coaches Award: Sarah Smith
Encouragement Award: Hannah Laffy

17 & U

B & F: Nikki Ervin; R/Up B & F: Ema Iredell
3rd B & F: Maddi Iredell; Coaches: Harriet O'Donnell Clancy
Encouragement Award: Chelsea Mellington

Best in Finals: Chloe McDonald

All players listed above were presented with team photos

A Grade

B & F: Maddi Iredell; R/Up B & F: Ema Iredell
3rd B & F: Nikki Ervin; Coaches Award: Nicole Jakobi

B Grade

B & F: Tahlia McGrath; R/Up B & F: Jessica White
3rd B & F: Bianca Mibus; Coaches Award: Tahlia McGrath

C Grade

B & F: Narelle Hughes; R/Up B & F: Karen Griffiths
3rd B & F: Rachel McGennissen; Coaches: Marni Thorsen

Best U/21 Award: Nikki Ervin

Recognition Award: Daniel Smith

Recognition Award to Umpiring: Bethany Haxby, Nikki Ervin, Maureen Ervin, Bianca Mibus & Rachel McGennissen

Many thanks to our sponsors throughout the year – Royal Hotel, Jeremy Tyler, McDonalds, Horsham Games & Lanes, Domino's, Batches Trophies and all our trophy sponsors. We value the continued support that is given each year.

A huge thank you to our committee, players and supporters who we look forward to seeing all again in season 2012 and maybe going that one step further and experience finals fever!

Thanks to our coaches for giving their time, support and guidance to make the girls enjoy this great sport of netball and for letting them have fun and showing them the values of what sportsmanship is all about.

Many thanks to the football committee led by Cam Mibus for getting behind everyone in the netball club and supporting our girls each Saturday. "Go Dees".
Roxanne Smith, Director of Administration



Ema Iredell, Maddie Iredell, Nikki Ervin A Grade



Under 15s - Back: Belinda Warren, Sarah Smith, Hannah Laffy,
Front: Ellie Sanders, Megan Haxby



Harriet O'Donnell Clancy
17 & Under Coaches Award



Jessica Heron
13 & Under Runner-up B & F

Laharum Football Club



Laharum Football Club 2011 season is all over for another year. While the Seniors and Reserves did not have great success on the field, it was still a very social year with a great bunch of players and the usual army of faithful supporters.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped in many ways and roles such as canteen, umpiring, running water, scoreboard, training, coaching, cooking, cleaning, bartending, selling raffle tickets and many, many more. The Club could not survive without these helpers!

The Juniors however, did have a great season with the Under 14's finishing on top of the ladder and the Under 17's finishing second. Unfortunately both teams were eliminated before the grand final, but still a great effort. Congratulations to Fred Harrison for winning the League Best & Fairest.

We have already re-signed Marcus Demaria as Senior Coach for the 2012 season with Hamish Roberts as Assistant Coach. The coaching staff is already busy on the recruiting drive with more names to be announced soon. So already the wheels are in motion for the 2012 season and before we know it, the boys will be into preseason training and we will be looking forward to the footy season again!

The Junior Vote Count and Presentation and Senior Vote Count Day on Sunday September 18 at Laharum and The Presentation Ball at Horsham Town Hall on Friday September 23 were both very well attended and enjoyed by all. Trophy winners for 2011 were as follows:

Seniors

Best & Fairest: Robert Miller; Runner-up: Lucas Smith

Most Consistent: Kane Parish

Most Determined: Heath MacInnes

Best Utility: Dylan Carroll; Best 1st Year: Justin Marra

Senior Encouragement: Daniel Griffiths;

Coaches Award: Brett Ervin

Reserves

Best & Fairest: Josh Iredell; Runner-up: Jamie Parfett

Under 17

Best & Fairest: Daniel Easson; Runner-up: Fred Harrison

Under 14

Best & Fairest: Joe Harrison; Runner-up: Jack French

Club Awards

Best Club persons: Jamie Parfett

Presidents Award: Libby Peucker

The 2011 AGM will be held at Laharum on

Tuesday October 25, 7.30pm. A public meeting will precede this meeting to discuss the official amalgamation of Laharum Football and Netball Clubs. Hopefully it will then become official at the AGM.

Go Dees!

Deb MacInnes



Heath MacInnes presenting Robbie Miller with Seniors B & F football



Joe Harrison Under 14 Best & Fairest



Under 14 trophy winners



Fred Harrison, Daniel Easson, Jack Shields Under 17