

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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Reminder: Please have material to be included in the next Valley Voice, in by **Tuesday** 19th October 2004.

Lost property

We have some found keys at the station, if you have lost any keys eg. car/house/miscellaneous over the past year or two, please call in with a description and we will try and match your missing key.

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Bob Baker - Sgt St Marys Police

ST MARYS POLICE STATION AMENDED OFFICE HOURS

St Marys Police Station office hours will vary over the next month, please find amended hours/days:

Thursday 7th October: CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 14th October: 9.00am – 2.30pm (Lunch 12-1pm)
Tuesday 19th October: 1.00pm – 3.30pm (Lunch 12-1pm)
Friday 29th October: 9.00am – 4.00pm (Lunch 12-1pm)
Monday 1st November: CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd November: CLOSED

**From Wednesday 3rd November until Friday 12th November
Office hours will be:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9.00am – 4.00pm (Lunch 12-1)
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm (Lunch 12-1)

As of Monday the 15th November, office hours will resume as normal.

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Any queries please contact Charlie Cormack or Carol Inches, 63721010

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Thursday 4th November 7 pm for 8 pm start.

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Maypole and springing into Spring!

Preparations are now underway for St Marys sixth annual Maypole event. Those who are new to the area may have noticed a pole standing proudly on the Faulkners Green across from the Pub - well that's it!

We have the distinction of being one of the only towns in the State with a fixed Maypole and if you haven't seen one before, ours is a particularly beautiful example, quite a sight with it's hawthorn wreath and metres of ribbon, especially if you catch it with St Patrick's Head in the background.

This year we are planning three days of community art workshops in the Community Hall and on the Green for adults and children, leading up to the Maypole Dance on Saturday 13th November.

There will be a guided Bushwalk and Open Gardens in the morning with entertainment and food on the Green in the afternoon followed by a music session and display of work in the Escape Café.

If you would like to be in the Open Gardens or give a hand with putting on the event, please contact Eo Greensticks on 0438 571 291.

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St Marys Youth Annex and Bicycle Rental Business

Would you like to support a centre for youth in our town with a bicycle rental business owned and operated by young people as a training and employment opportunity?

The old butcher shop on Main Street is for rent. It would be an excellent location and is looking like the last building in St Marys that will be available for a while.

What I would like to propose is that everyone pitch in what they can contribute to secure the shop on a provisional basis until the end of the year so that we can apply for a grant in the November funding round to set it up and get it running as a Youth Annex and Bicycle Rental Business.

The young people of St Marys need the support of the wider community if there is to be any future for them in the town. A recent survey to determine what young people want found that 'a place' was at the top of the list. There are very few jobs going here as we all know, this project would address both of these issues as well as being an opportunity for mentoring within the community.

This project has the support of the Break O'Day Youth Worker
Casi Male. Interested?

Please contact Eo Greensticks on 0438 571 291



Dear Member of the Community

As part of my independent study in English, I am putting together a community cookbook. I am looking for people interested in sharing their favourite recipes. If you are willing to participate in this would you please leave copies of the recipe in at the Post Office Box 13 St Marys, Tas in an envelope or see me. Would you make sure that your name in on the recipe so that you will receive credit.

Yours sincerely

Teena Gill 9/10 C. St Marys

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Tasmanian Lymphoedema & Laser Centre, next meeting Monday 18th October at 10 am.

North East Bioregional Network
Please note change of venue: next meeting Tuesday 19th October at Escape Café Main Street St Marys at 4 pm.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon hosted by the Tasmanian Lymphoedema & Laser Centre Inc. which is based at the St Marys Community Health Centre. Luncheon Tuesday 2nd November at the St Marys Sports Centre.

Spring Fair in St Marys, coming up Saturday 6th November.

Maypole and Spring events 13th and 14th November

Valley Voice advertising

Classifieds **25 words or less** free.
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Contacts for Valley Voice

Audrey 6372 2337

Fax 6372 2172

Please leave written material at the St Marys Health & Beauty Centre, Main Street St Marys.

or Post: C/- Post Office

St Marys Tas 7215

Grassy Bottom Regional Arts
General Meeting

TODAY

Thursday 7th October
Supper Room - Community Hall
5.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Bring along your thoughts for
future events.

Patchwork & Quilting Display



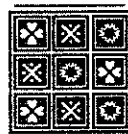
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St Helens History and Visitor Information Centre

The provision of Visitor Information and promotion of the St Helens History Room has taken a significant step forward with the Break O'Day Council creating a Special Committee of Council to take responsibility for the delivery of these activities.

The 'St Helens History and Visitor Information Centre' will operate from the new History Room building in Cecilia Street and will provide a considerable boost to the History Room volunteers and the Tourism Association. It will also focus on achieving 'yellow i' status which provides the ability to arrange tourism accommodation bookings throughout the State.

Mayor Salter said that the new organisation will operate as a Special Committee of Council with an independent Board of eight members that will include representatives from the History Room Committee, the Break O'Day Regional Tourism Association, a Community Representative and an Honorary Curator. There will also be a Councillor and Councils Community Development Officer.

This will provide a strong representative group with significant experience in the History Room and the Museum as well the Tourism Industry within the Municipality.

Mayor Stephen Salter said the building was constructed with funds from the Tasmanian Community Fund and will provide an excellent venue for the Museum and History Room display and the Visitor Information Centre. It will also enable a huge collection of artifacts that have been in storage for many decades to at last be displayed.

Although the new building is still to be fitted out, Council has lodged an application for funds under the Commonwealth Governments Regional Partnerships Program to complete the project and we hope that funds will be approved to enable the centre to open in the early part of the New Year.

The Mayor paid tribute to those members of the existing organisations that have worked very closely with the Council staff over the last two to three months in developing appropriate terms of reference and a Service Agreement for the first year of operation.

"This is an exciting development for our community and is also a significant step towards the next major project - 'The Trail of the Tin Dragon'".

Joy, temperance, and repose, slam the door on the doctor's nose.
Henry Wordsworth Longfellow

Remember when !

by U. Camplin

One of the things which has pleased me about being involved in the Heritage Wall to the coal miners, are the tales which have been handed down through generations.

Holidays spent at Cornwall, fairs held in St Mary, Cornwall and Fingal with decorated stalls. Cornwall Band, balls and dances held in the Cornwall Hall, music supplied by Madden and Nolan Orchestra. Concerts put on at Cornwall, especially Talent Quests for the war effort. The music ability of Ron and Alf Faulkner.

Miners meetings held on the Cornwall Flat and the time when one mine Manager took a gun to the miners rep. The time during the war when Wally Haas (Pres.) forcibly removed a Communist (sent from Sydney to disrupt the war effort) from the hall.

The pit ponies and how they loved Christmas so they could be looked after. How the Freeman brothers (Neil and Edgar) took their horse into the St Marys Hotel to give him a beer.

I hope I'm reminded of many more things.

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St Marys Playgroup

Just a reminder there will be no
Playgroup this week due to the Public
Holiday.

Coming up this term:

15th October: Ideas for raffle and
Spring Fair

22nd October: Learning Ladder Book
display, orders welcome.

29TH October: Teddy Bear Picnic,
Library Park (Pupil free day at school)

5th November: Preparations for Spring
Fair (children's clothes donations
welcomed)

Christmas Catalogue also available.

More info: Tanya 6372 2534 or
Claudia 6372 5510



Break O'Day Council

The Residents of St Marys

Council wishes to advise that the large Pine Trees on the
Western approach to St Marys have become unsafe due to
their age and need to be removed.

It is intended to replace these trees with advanced trees of
an appropriate type to be selected after discussion with
interested parties.

Stephen Salter
Mayor

Cornwall Heritage Wall

A Heritage Wall is to be erected at Cornwall to honour those men who
worked at Cornwall's Mt Nicholas and Jubilee Mines. We are looking
for the names of the men who worked at these mines between the years
1886 to 1960 - the pick and shovel days. We are calling on the descen-
dants of miners during this time, that if they wish their descendants
names to be recorded on the wall to contact Una Camplin on 6372 2248
or write to her at 25 Alexander Street, Cornwall, Tasmania 7215.

Calendar of Events

January to June 2005

The Break O'Day Council is currently seeking information for its
2005 Calendar of Events - January to June 2005

If you are holding an event between January and June next year, and
would like to advertise your event free of charge on the calendar,
please contact Tim Faircloth on 6376 7900 or email
tim.faircloth@bodc.tas.gov.au and provide the following informa-
tion.

Name of Event

Date of Event

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Information must be received by Friday the 26th November 2004

Heritage wall response so far

With the help of the Break O'Day Council, for which I thank them very
much, a Heritage Wall is to be constructed at Cornwall. At the unveil-
ing of the Memorial I am hoping to have a 'Back to Cornwall' day.
Judging by the phone calls I have received from North, South, East and
West, interest is very high and they are looking forward to seeing the
completion.

I am very disappointed with the response from St Marys and Fingal. It
makes me think that the grandsons etc. of the miners have died also,
and our community is all newcomers.

U. Camplin

Meals on Wheels Roster

October	St Marys	Fingal
Mon 11th	Hannah Rubenach	Sharon Hall
Tue 12th	M & P Berwick	Robyn Holder
Wed 13th	Lorraine Gill	Wendy Blair
Thu 14th	Liz Rice	Suzie Smith
Fri 15th	Geoff Hermann	Robyn Miller
Mon 18th	Tina Floyed	Shirley Parker
Tue 19th	D & K Floyed	Debra Speers (N)
Wed 20th	Pam Lynch	Janine McGill
Thu 21st	Gail Gamble	Simone Walker
Fri 22nd	Mary Viney	Shirleen Woods

Church Services

Catholic Parish of St Marys

Priest:

Father Bill Egan 6372 2252

Fingal

Every Friday Mass 10am
1st and 3rd Sunday Mass
10.30am

St Marys

Every Sunday Mass 9am

Bicheno

Every Sunday Mass 4pm

St Helens

Every Saturday

Vigil Mass 6pm

Mangana

5th Sunday Mass 11am

Anglican Parish of the Northern Midlands

Services each Sunday

Avoca 8.00am

Fingal 10.00am

Mathinna: 2nd & 4th Sunday
monthly at 11.30 am

Daily Office Reading

Avoca Tuesdays 10am

Anglican Parish - St Helens

6376 1144

St Helens Every Sunday
8am and 10.30am

KANGA Sunday School

10.30 am - 12 noon every Sun-
day for children 5 -12 yrs

St Marys 10am

(No service 5th Sunday)

JAM: Mondays

3.15 pm to 5 pm for children
5-12 yrs

Pyengana 7.30 pm

5th Sunday months only

Break O'Day Uniting Church

Fingal 9.00am

St Helens 11am and 7pm

Seventh Day Adventist

Hodgeman Street Scamander

Sabbath School 10am

Divine Service 11am

THANKYOU

To all the people
who have kindly given donations toward the
S.O.S.
Save Our Sisters
Campaign.

(The S.O.S. Donation Buckets are placed in various
business houses in St Marys)

The S.O.S group of people is operating
under the umbrella of the
North East Bioregional Network Inc.
(NEBRN)

If any members of the public would like to
attend the meetings, view the financial
statements and/or read the minutes, then
please feel welcome!

The next meeting is at the eScApe Café
Wednesday, 13th October 2004 7 pm

Tasmanian Lymphoedema & Laser Centre Inc. 'Getaway to Freycinet' Raffle

1st Prize: 2 nights accommodation at
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Dinner for 2 at Edge of The Bay Restaurant
plus

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2nd Prize: Original Painting by Tasmanian
Artist Leo Cook

3rd Prize: Timber Clock - handcrafted by
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Drawn Tuesday 2nd November 2004 at the
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Dr Singh.

On call Tuesday and Thursday
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October.

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Dr Libby Reekman (Women's Health)
Visiting 15th October and 5th November.
Phone 6372 2111 for appointment.

St Marys Doctors health message: *Tips to lower cholesterol*

- ☞ Keep to your ideal weight
- ☞ Eat a high fibre diet
- ☞ Eat fish at least twice a week
- ☞ Beware of 'fast' foods
- ☞ Avoid deep-fried foods
- ☞ Take regular exercise
- ☞ Always trim fat off meat
- ☞ Avoid biscuits between meals
- ☞ Drink more water
- ☞ **Do not smoke**



**St Marys Health Centre
Spring Fair
Saturday 6th November
11 - 4 pm**

Phone 6372 2111 if **YOU** would like to have a stall at the fair.

The BIG EXHIBITION

art and craft display
1st to 30th November
at the Health Centre.

YOUR artwork can be for sale or display.

What's on at the Centre !

4th to 18th October	Patchwork and Quilting Display
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7th and 21st October	Child Health Centre 9 am to 12 noon
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Weight loss group every Monday 10 am at the Centre Phone 63721111

Antenatal Classes Thursdays 12 - 2 pm
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13th October	Breast Cancer Chat Group 2 pm
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15th October	Asthma Clinic with Anne Locher. Contact Health Centre if interested
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19th October	Young Woman's Group Phone 6372 2111 for more information
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21st October	Motivational Workshop
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27th October	Anglicare Financial Counselling Service 1 pm to 5 pm
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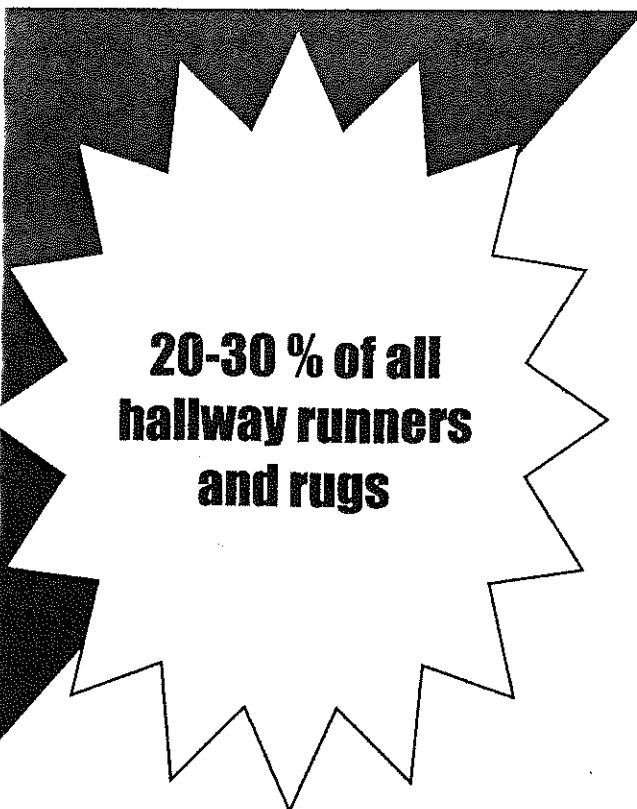
27th October	Lightfoot Podiatry
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
25th October Pink Ribbon Day

10th - 16th October Mental Health Week

10th October World Mental Health Day

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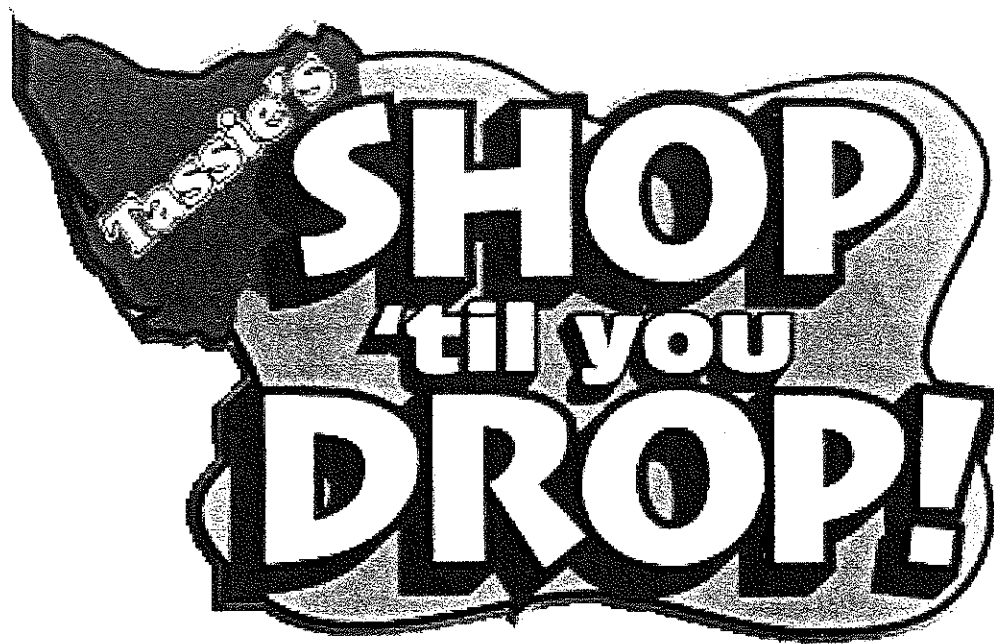
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THIS IS OUR NEWS from JAM! (Jesus And Me)

Hello Everyone!

It's been a while since we wrote and told you what has been happening at JAM!

But first, for anyone who is new to St Marys, maybe we ought to explain just what JAM is all about.

JAM (Jesus And Me) is "Sunday School".....on Monday!

It has been operating from the Anglican Church in Main Street for nearly 3 years.

All the JAMmers are aged between 5 and 12 yrs old. We go to JAM straight from school and finish at 5 pm.

Every week we have afternoon tea (YUM!) we always sing, learn a lesson (or 2 or 3), play a game and we try and do some craft too.

We're always busy and there's never enough time!! But we love it.

We are pretty Blessed 'cos somehow or other, we always seem to be getting treated!

And we reckon we must be very special. Why? Melanie, Joanna, Felicity and Hannah just seem to keep on loving us, and we kinda like that!

And guess what? We've completed a whole unit of work this year about some of the OLD TESTAMENT HEROS. People like Abraham, Joseph, David & Goliath, Samson, Daniel and Jonah. We all made a storybook and it stands up all by itself, so that you can turn the pages.

And for Mothers Day this year, we made a great card for our Mums. We made our own handprint and wrote a message and gave Mum the gift of a poem too.

Sometimes we wonder how we fit everything in!

And did you know that we are filling lots of boxes for 'Operation CHRISTmas Child'? Our boxes are going to the children of the hill tribes of Thailand this year. We watched a fantastic video at JAM. It showed lots of children receiving their boxes for CHRISTmas last year. It made us realise just how truly Blessed we are here in Tassy, 'cos we seem to get so much, compared with children from countries where their parents are all fighting and where there is not enough money or food.

And do you know some other really good news? Melanie asked the Mayor and all the Councillors if she could have some more money for JAM. ("cos she was bold, and asked for some last year too!) And they said "Yes". Boy, are we glad. We now have our own TV/Video, and that makes Mel happy, 'cos she doesn't have to carry her own equipment down the mountain road anymore!

And do you know who else has been kind to us? Yes, it's the St Marys Lions Club. They paid for some varnish and lots of little tins of coloured paint, so that Melanie and Esther could paint all the little chairs we were given by the Uniting Church. They look so cute.

Hey, you could come to JAM and visit us if you like, and then you could see them, plus you could see us, and hear us sing!

We love having visitors. In fact, just the other week we had really special guests. We invited the Mayor and all the Councillors and the St Marys Lions Club, so that we could thank them for the gift of the money. We gave them some food and a cuppa too!

We better go. We've always got lots of news to tell, but we'll save the rest for next time. So Bye for now, and remember "JESUS LOVES YOU, just the way you are"!

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The Student Assistance Scheme provides assistance to:

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- independent students (mostly attending senior secondary colleges and generally not living at their parental home; supporting themselves; receiving a Centrelink payment; meet the Centrelink independence criteria) who meet the income test; and
- students who are 'Children on Care and Protection Orders' through the Department of Health and Human Services, Children and Family Services Section.

Application forms for 2005 are now available.

If you think you may be eligible for student assistance and have not yet received an application form, please call in to the school office and collect one.

Please read the guidelines carefully, as **applications will not be accepted if they are not completed fully or proof of income or proof of Centrelink benefits is not provided.**

If your child is in grade 10 and is unsure of continuing studies in 2005, it is advisable to lodge an application. Completed forms should be **returned to the school office by 31st October 2004.**

If you have any queries or problems, please contact me or the office staff on 6372 3900, or call in to the office.

Maureen Bushing - SCHOOL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kindergarten, 2005

Enrolments are now being taken for children eligible to attend **Kindergarten in 2005.**










Children eligible need to have turned 4 years old by January 1st, 2005.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the School Office.

Anne Bennet
Kindergarten Teacher

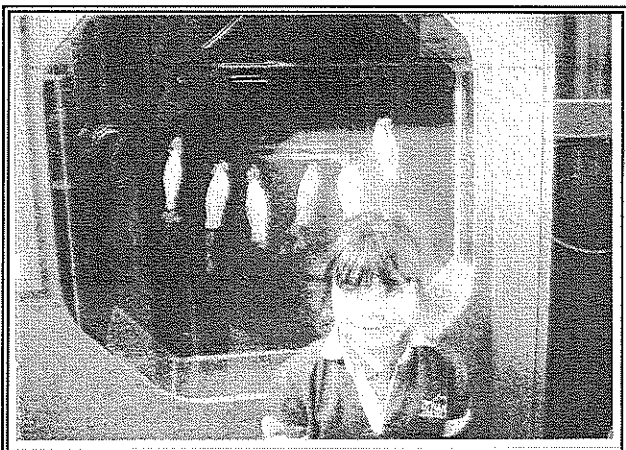
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 <h1>OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2004</h1> 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th October  Primary Assembly 11.10am - Hall	12th October Evening Show Arts on Tour 	13th October Cricket selection trials St Marys Primary Social 	14th October	15th October Playgroup 10am-12noon - Kindy
18th October Primary	19th October	20th October Newstead College enrolments	21st October Athletics Carnival 	22nd October Athletics Carnival Playgroup 10am-12noon - Kindy
25th October  Primary Assembly 11.10am - Hall	26th October	27th October Children's Festival St Helens Prep & Grade 1 to attend 	28th October Secondary Assembly 	29th October STUDENT FREE DAY Playgroup 10am-12noon - Kindy
1st November RECREATION DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2nd November	3rd November Miners Athletics Day at St Helens	4th November RAIN DAY Miners Athletics St Helens	5th November Playgroup 10am-12noon - Kindy

Our Excursion

On Wednesday the 25th of August, Grade 1 went on excursion to Bicheno to visit the Bicheno Aquarium and the Glass Bottom Boat. We saw many different types of sea creatures but the sharks and the sea horses were our favourite. Grade 1 would like to say a BIG thank you to all of the parents who were able to come along with us, your help was very much appreciated.



145 times to the moon and back!

by Jan Sparkes

I was only half listening to the radio this morning, having more important concerns such as another 45 minutes of shut eye, when I heard the statement that if Coca Cola bottles had been placed end to end they would have reached the moon 145 times and back. As the moon is 384,403 kms away from earth, wow, that is some statistic! Add to that all the other bottled substances we can obtain, the figures become mind boggling. No wonder our rubbish is such a problem.

Thinking along these lines I remembered a day in 1970 when we drove along a spectacular coastline in Southern Spain. Saw a small cove and descended to the beach to find it was knee deep in plastic bottles. By some meeting of currents and tides all this detritus had collected in one relatively small spot. There were millions of bottles! Who knows from where they had come or where else they ended up.

We take so much for granted in our first world lives. We seem to believe somewhere someone will solve our problems. Our world is riddled with fears and worries and anxieties and something or someone else is doing the wrong thing to us. All we need to do is point out others errors and mistakes. Yet we don't trust anyone or anything that is stated to us either. We're waiting for governments of all colours and persuasions to either be for us or against us. So depending on how we feel we end up believing what we feel comfortable with, or who promises us the most for our creature comforts.

Stress, anger, anxiety, fear fuelled by more of the same leads to more problems than I can deal with, so I'm off to an hours exercise and an extra 45 minutes sleep tonight and hopefully better health by not dreaming about all those bottles!

The Say by Cagerattler

More care needed

I suppose one of the issues most talked about in our area in recent weeks is the Atrazine spraying at Wyena in the North East. Someone must be held accountable and questioned about that incident as to what took place that day. This has to be done so that a similar occurrence is not repeated in the future and perhaps safety net measures for the protection of the land owners nearest to the area being sprayed as well as the contractors doing the job are observed. This is just common sense.

Whether you like it or not chemicals are a part of everyday life for us all in some fashion or another.

Agriculture uses a variety of products for fertilizing, weed management, pest control, drenching and efficiency otherwise their produce in many instances is not viable. Organic farming may be an ideal but not always an option.

What needs to come from this is a strict policy but a fair one, that encompasses measures covering all sides of the proponents involved.

Control comes to light here and maybe notices in daily papers would be required when a major spray is to be conducted and the spray may need to be inspected by a Primary Industry Field Officer employed to check that suitable safety practices are observed that day on site.

I'm sure that wind conditions are checked and recorded prior to spraying and whilst spraying and that contractors are fully aware of safety guidelines.

Everyone knows that spray drift is a major issue here. Lets hope we all learn from this recent incident and a genuine attempt is made to alleviate further spray problems. What do you think?

Editors note:

The views that are given here are not necessarily those of this paper and are written entirely as an independent comment. The Cagerattler column was introduced last year purely to prompt debate on topics that are of interest in our region. Cagerattler only touches on the subject by raising them and encourages readers to respond.

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Letters to the Editor

Sir,
'Cagerattler' in his ramble on South Sister acknowledges 'I have no claims on knowing the legalities of logging', which presumably means he has not read the Regional Forest Agreement, the Forest Practices Act, the Forest Practices Code or any other of the Acts governing forestry operations in Tasmania. He confirms his ignorance when he goes on 'no operator in his right mind (would breach) Forest Practices', so obviously he has also not read the latest Report of the Forest Practices Board which tabulates (pg 19) the 271 breaches of Forest Plans, representing 24% non-compliance with required standards, 52 by Forestry Tasmania, 90 by Gunns Ltd, and 129 by other operators. 'Cagerattler' evidently subscribes to the belief 'tis folly to be wise when ignorance is bliss'.

His gratuitous comment 'anyone who takes it upon themselves to tamper with legally permitted timber work deserves the penalties incurred' is provocative and offensive to those who openly express their belief that logging of South Sister may harm the long term future of this community, and that there are options other than logging that particular area, particularly as this coupe is just the thin end of the wedge - others are planned for round the Sisters.

'Cagerattler' may like to reflect on the paltry \$167,000 in royalties that Forestry Tasmania will receive from Gunns for the timber it wishes to take from Coupe NI 114A, 1800m³ of sawlogs and 9600 tonnes of pulpwood. 'Cagerattler' may also reflect that logging this coupe generates a one-off return only, which will not happen for another 60 years - by contrast, it is estimated that over those same 60 years \$44,000,000 would be injected into the economy of St Marys from new settlers and tourists attracted to the area by the unique landscape surrounding the town, an extended townscape of mountains, forest, passes, valleys and plains. Why kill the goose that lays the golden egg? Has 'Cagerattler' visited the 'selectively' logged coupe on Irishtown Rd in the shadow of Paddy's Head. That is not the type of landscape that is bringing newcomers to our community.

What do you think? David Clement St Marys

Mr Adams and South Sister

At the invitation of Melanie Casey, The Honorable Dick Adams, Federal Member for Lyons, visited St Marys on the 23rd September. He was accompanied by his wife Dee Alty and Dr Bob Mesibov, Hon. Research Associate Queen Victoria Museum, School of Zoology (a frequent visitor to the area with a long career in the study of insect species including the blind velvet worm). The visit was aimed at enhancing Mr Adams' understanding of community concerns relating to the proposed logging of South Sister. Stephen Bantick, Trish McArdle and I also joined the group for the climb to the top, the first for Mr Adams.

Mr Adams safely negotiated the climb and we were able to point out the position of local farms, tourism operators, water catchment areas and the visual impact of the proposed selective logging. On our descent we had hoped that Dr Mesibov would be able to show us a blind velvet worm. Despite assurances that they were plentiful, and after some active searching we were unable to find one nearby. On returning to St Marys we continued our discussions on a range of issues. Mr Adams showed some interest, but remained unconvinced that the selective logging of one coupe could have such a negative impact on a community. We handed around copies of the South Sister declaration, hoping to explain that the coupe on South Sister was integral to the current and future economic, environmental and social well being of St Marys.

Our discussions relating to the potential for eco-tourism in the area was met with some interest, especially in relation to the potential for employment. However Mr Adams pointed out that the condition of the track, public liability and maintenance need to be addressed. Mr Adams left the community with a clearer understanding of community anxieties related to the logging proposal, but gave no assurances beyond a willingness to continue discussions.

This was disappointing and perhaps surprising given that recent polls (3/10) suggest that the Liberal candidate Ben Quinn is leading 52% to Mr Adams 48% on a two party preferred vote. Mr Adams has given St Marys residents little encouragement on either of his recent visits that he will be an active advocate on their behalf on the issue of South Sister. With the election looming we had hoped that our concerns would be treated with more gravitas. *Tanya Greenwood, Public Officer SMACD*

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S.O.S. Save Our Sisters

Update of proposed logging of South Sister

What has been achieved!

- ✓ Organisation and presentation of Campaign Launch on Sept. 17th
- ✓ T Shirts, caps and stickers (adorned with the 2 Sisters, Eagles and the Blind Velvet Worm) printed for purchase, (currently out of stock of T Shirts, but caps and stickers still available from Purple Possum and eScApe Café. Second print run of T Shirts due soon)
- ✓ Donation Buckets in business houses in St Marys
- ✓ Request for planning approval for new sign submitted to Council
- ✓ New sign erected for South Sister at 4 way intersection
- ✓ Dick Adams and Bob Mesibov (of Blind Velvet Worm fame!) climb South Sister with SOS team members
- ✓ Track work commenced and continuing
- ✓ Petition finalised and ready for Council
- ✓ Powerpoint presentation prepared for next Council Mtg. (Monday 11th October)
- ✓ WEB site and email address up and running
- ✓ Threatened flora discovered on South Sister (*Plantago debilis*)
- ✓ Invitation received and accepted for SOS members to attend TCA Mtg. (27.9.04)
- ✓ Walking Week Walks organised - Blue Tier, Bay of Fires, South Sister; 8,9,10 October
- ✓ Combined Blue Tier and South Sister Calendar for 2005 on drawing board

Heaps more in the pipeline! Stay tuned.

Next meeting of S.O.S. is scheduled for October 13th, 2004 at eScApe Café at 7 pm

Please feel welcome to join us!

For more information please contact Melanie 6372 2099 or Ross 6372 2113

Website: etas.ws/southsister/ email: southsister@etas.ws

How sayings originated?

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression. "Okay, but it will cost you an arm and a leg."

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall and used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor.

Once in a while, a guest (who was almost always a man) would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. Sitting in the chair, one was called the 'chair man'. Today in business we use the expression or title 'Chairman or Chairman of the Board.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what was considered important to the people. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars who were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns.

Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term "gossip."

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St Marys Sports Centre News by Kackhander

The past fortnight has been a bit quiet but a successful event was held on AFL Grand Final Day. Thanks to all who attended on that day and to our 'Chefs' at breakfast time, also well done for a fantastic meal. Too bad about the Grand Final results to Port though, wasn't it Mark and Kath ?

Last Saturday we had about 10 players for a Stableford event won in convincing style by a potential new member Rob Blair. Well done, 46 pts. Mark Carrick also played exceptionally well to rattle up 40 pts which normally would be good enough except for this time.

As Malahide Tournament is to be held this coming weekend, there will be not much on this week and hopefully a few can go to Fingal and hope this will be a rule for the future.

Don't forget that there is still plenty to play for with the Mixed Foursomes Championships on Sunday 17th October 11.30 am over 27 holes.

We will also be conducting a special golf day for men and ladies on Sunday 31st October called the Roberts Australian Golf Museum Medal. A medal will be presented on the day to the winning male and female with this Stableford event and they will then represent the club at the State Final at Bothwell in November. Wouldn't that be great.

Don't forget that Sunday comps will commence in about a fortnight and we really want enough interest if possible by non-bowlers to keep at least half a dozen playing each Saturday. Its up to those who want regular Saturday golf to try and play.

Chicken Runs on again. Trevor Viney and Jim Haas are about to commence running Friday night Chicken Runs. The dynamic duo will expect us all to play fairly often and have a ball on Friday nights and they really are a lot of fun. Not sure about the handicapping system though!

In the next issue we should have a date for our Monster Seafood Banquet and Trophy Presentation Night. It depends on when our well known fantastic chef will be available.

Thanks so much to the ladies who did a great job with the catering for the Veterans Golf Tournament recently. The same applies to the Bar staff as always. Just wish the second oven had been going properly for you!

East Coast Soccer Carnival

6-A-Side Tournament

Junior & Senior Soccer Skills Competition

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To bowls and the new season kicks off next week with Opening Day event. Details are at the club and let's see all our new bowlers over for that event.

Pennant starts with an away game against Scamander on October 16 and potentially we should be a reasonable side again.

Thursday night is practice night and we really want all to come along for a while. Just remember the lights are now available to use if you can't get there earlier.

The green looks great and bowls wonderfully this early in and is a tribute to all those involved.

Special mention this week goes to another new playing member, Ken Evelyn from Batemans Bay NSW. Ken is a keen golfer and will be a big bonus for the club.

Next General Committee Meeting is on Sunday 17th October at 10 am.

Anyway until next time, good hitting and rolling.

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St Marys High School Under 16 Football

After a great season the boys finished the year off with the Presentation Dinner.

Club trophies were presented to:

Alex McColl
Shaun Cannon
Blake Faulkner
Ned Hyland
Troy Howe
Reece Maher
Henry Dawson
Matthew Bourke

Club trophies were donated by:

Pam & Barry Gillies
Nick Denham
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Trophy:	Won by:	Trophy donated by:
Best & Fairest	Luke Carr	Malcolm Vincent
Runner-up Best & Fairest	Billy Singline	Viv & Tony Ward
Most Consistent	Richard Howe	Mr & Mrs Oliver
Best Utility	Sam Oats	Ron Bean
Best Backman	Todd Spilsbury & Daniel Cooke	Bruce & Robin Miller & St Marys Hotel
Best Clubman	Michael Dawson	St Marys High School
Coaches Trophy	Brock Leedham	Michael & Kath Cooke
Best Forward	Leigh Gillies & Joel Salter	St Marys Newsagency & Len Miles
Most Potential	Ben Miller	White Sands Resort
Best First Year	Nick Child	Rick Lohrey
Most Improved	Aaron Midson & Andrew Lowe	Mr & Mrs Oliver & Mr & Mrs Howe
Most Tenacious	Jake Bourke	Cathy & Craig Bean

We would like to thank everyone who has helped during the year.

GRASS TRACK RACING

When: Sunday 7th November 2004.

7 - 8.30 am scrutineering (1 flaggie per rider)

Where:

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Who for:

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Saturday 9th October

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