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From the Desk

Firstly, we at the Grapevine would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

2011 has been an exciting year for the Grapevine with lots of changes to your newsletter.

The new formatting is making the articles we present much more readable for you all, so we are told.

If you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you so that we can present the newsletter to the best of our ability. The Junior Chef competition was introduced mid year and is a great way for the kids to learn more about cooking and has proven to be quite popular. What a pleasure it is for us to share the photos of our young budding chefs being presented with their awards and prizes when we have featured articles about the event.

It's been great spreading news of our very talented young people who have excelled in sports from horse riding to swimming. Keep sending any articles in to us and we will print them if the space is available.

After a very busy year the Grapevine will be taking a break

over the Christmas period, the next edition of the Grapevine will be in February.

Don't forget if you need to advertise or have an article to submit it will have to be in by the 20th January.

If you are going away for the holidays please take care on the road, remember not to speed and to take regular rests when driving. Another important message is not to use your mobile when you are driving, it only takes a second to break your concentration from the road. Hopefully we will have a fatality free Christmas period.

Until next year, the Grapevine Team.

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etter from Progress Association

Hi everyone. 2011 has been a year of consolidation, with some new committee members who are working very well together and accomplishing some worthwhile developments for the residents of One Tree Hill.

We have just received advice from Playford Council on the establishment of a new storage area at the back of the Institute (inside of the hall) and Progress has recently purchased an outdoor P.A. system for use at outdoor events such as Anzac Day and Market Day functions. We have previously borrowed or hired this type of equipment, having our own will make things much easier for us.

I must take this opportunity to give a big thank you to a large group of people who work tirelessly towards achieving the goals of the Progress Association.

The Grapevine team, the folders who regularly cope with limited time deadlines, the compiler, Bev and the team who put the Grapevine together, the office bearers and committee of the Progress Association, the Market coordinator June B., Jan and her team for the special treats they organise for the Christmas Market every year, the Post Office and General Store staff, who

always seem to be issuing the keys to yet another hire group, Pat, the hall supervisor, Tracey, who is our Treasurer and organiser of the OTH Junior Chef Competition and our hard working Secretary June.

Should I have missed anyone who has contributed, I apologise.

The One Tree Hill Progress Association wishes everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your input in 2011 and I hope that we can all achieve even more success in 2012.

Regards Ian Slater President of OTH Progress Association

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We have received an email from one of our readers who would like to share her blog page with you. Marion is based in One Tree Hill but spends a lot of time travelling Australia. She would like to share some experiences with you all. One recent feature on her blog page was Da Vince's Eyes here in One Tree Hill.

To go to this link go to http://rednomadoz.blogspot.com/2011/10/australias-scenic-public-toilets-18.html
Marion's Aussie travel blog is Amazing Australian Adventures - can be found at http://rednomadoz.blogspot.com/
We hope that you enjoy these sites, let us know if you too have a site to share or a favourite web site.

If you have any favourite sites we invite you to share it with our readers.

Read the Grapevine on line

If you haven't had a chance to see the Grapevine on line please go to the site:

www.onetreehillhall.com.au Go to the tab "About Us" and you will find the pdf version of
the Grapevine at the bottom of the page. This is a great way to share local news with friends
and family who can't get a hard copy of the Grapevine. Happy reading.

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Local girl Erica McGiffert aged 10 who has lived all of her life at One Tree Hill has been given the opportunity to represent South Australia in two different sports.

As part of SAPSASA State swimming team she competed at the Australian School Sport Championships which were held in Melbourne at the State Swimming Centre. Erica made the final of the 50m breaststroke and was a part of both the freestyle and medley relays. In October Erica with her pony Gypsy rode for Team SA in the Interschool National Championships which were held in Werribee, Victoria. Erica competed in the primary 3 phase showman event. This consisted of a dressage test, ridden workout and led workout.

Well done Erica, we certainly have some talent in One Tree Hill. If you have an article you would like to share with the Grapevine please email the team at oth.grapevine@bigpond.com



ONE TREE HILL GRAPEVINE

CFS REPORT DECEMBER 2011



Incident Report

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With the bushfire season imminent, police are asking residents and people travelling through the rural parts of the Adelaide Hills area to be aware of any suspicious behaviour and report it to police immediately.

The past month has been very busy for the brigade with 6 grass fires. The fires were located on the following roads, Tyeka Road (current hot spot), Kentish Road, Harvey Road and Humbug Scrub area. An industrial paint fire on Toolunga Road. 3 Motor vehicle accidents and a single motorcyclist accident. In addition a car fire on Kentish Road late at night, the LPG cylinder exploded causing the local residents a surprise.

Reminders

The Fire Danger Season for Mount Lofty ranges starts on the 1st December 2011 and will finish on the 30th April 2012.

Grass Cutting/Slashing

Over the past few weeks the Brigade has attended grass fires in the local area caused by grass cutting. With the start of the fire danger season on the 1st December it is an offence to operate a mower/slasher without a portable water sprayer in good working order, also have on-hand a shovel or rake. Spark arresters must be fitted and heated parts must not come into contact with flammable material. For further information visit the CFS website or phone 1300 362 361

BURNING IN THE OPEN IS PROHIBITED ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY OF PLAYFORD DURING THE FIRE DANGER SEASON WITHOUT A PERMIT.

The CFS One Tree Hill Brigade extends our Best Wishes for the Christmas Season.

ouncillor's Report by Joe Federico
Its that time of the year again when we all look
forward to Christmas, the New Year and some
rest, relaxation and festivities. I would like to wish
everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and just as
important a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR. Please enjoy
the festive season, splurge a little, have fun and
remember to look after yourselves, the oldies and pets
too.

The Chilean Needle Grass demonstration was very successful, however many people had forgotten it was on or were distracted by the Market, so this market I will have some real life samples for viewing at my stall along with Sandy Harbison from the Northern Foothills Land Management and Biodiversity Board answering questions and assisting me between 9.30am to 11.30am. Please take advantage of this opportunity to fully understand the issues associated with this weed and since November and December are the optimum months for identification and eradication of this weed this is the time to ensure your property is weed free or get help with weed control. We are here to help and inform not to cause you concern.

FREE e-waste collection for all metropolitan householders' unwanted computer and electrical equipment can be dropped off for recycling at the location below, free of charge. Your e-waste can then be recycled into many components, instead of going into landfill. Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December, between 9am—4pm. Closest Drop Off Point for One Tree Hill is SALSIBURY SOUTH, City of Salisbury Operations Centre, 120 Cross Keys Road. The event is open to all metropolitan Adelaide householders regardless of council of residence. WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED: Computer equipment, any brand of desktop or laptop computer Monitors, Computer mice keyboards, Computer cables, hard drives, Floppy disc and CD/DVD drives, Ipods, Walkmans, Computer related peripherals,

Home office equipment, Printers, Scanners, Toner and ink cartridges, Mobiles, handsets and chargers, Electronic Games, Computer consoles, Entertainment equipment, Televisions, Video recorders, DVD players, Hi-fi and stereo equipment, Digital cameras, Video cameras, *20 item limit per person per day. Staff reserve the right to deem any item unacceptable. Recycling provided courtesy of Apple Pty Ltd. What will not be accepted: White goods (fridges, washing machines, dryers etc.), vacuum cleaners, microwaves, other kitchen and household appliances, UPS units, overhead projectors, TVs/monitors that have been removed from their cases or are cracked. batteries that are not an integral part of the computer system, fluorescent tubes, contaminated equipment or other hazardous waste. For more information visit zerowaster.sa.gov.au or call 1300 137 118. My apologies for the late and short notice but this is not a Playford Council initiative and I only came across this information at my part time job.

If you have any concems or issues with or about our City, please in the first instance phone: 8256 0333 or send your emails to playford@playford.sa.gov.au and cc to crjfederico@playford.sa.gov.au this will ensure that Council sees your concems and then forwards your e-mails on to me. If you are uncomfortable with Council viewing your comments then please e-mail me at jfederico@internode.on.net if subsequent to that approach you do not receive a timely or satisfactory result please feel free to contact me personally. I attend the One Tree Hill Market on the 1st Saturday of each month where I have a table and also judge the Junior Baking Competition. If you would like a chat I am always available to listen to your concerns. My phone number is 0417 016 164 and fax: 8280 7963.

Full Council contact details are on page 23 of this edition.



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News from the One Tree Hill Uniting Church

OUR VISION



"People of faith sharing God's love as we worship and serve in the community"

There is an OPEN INVITATION to anyone who would like to come to our Sunday morning Services where we have different Speakers each week, this makes each Sunday very interesting. ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

After staying for the beginning of the Service, they then go to their own Room where they have a Special Time of learning and fun.

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER - the Service will begin at 9am. (Normal time is 10am each week). This will be a time for THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

SMYG - SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH GROUP.

The young people in this Group meet at 10am with their Leader, in their own room where they discuss and learn. They then join others for a cup of tea/coffee. (As we experience warmer weather, the beautiful Garden Area will be a gathering place for this group). There are various Groups to be involved in, such as BIBLE STUDY GROUPS, DRAMA GROUP, MUSIC GROUP, FELLOWSHIP GROUP, and CRAFT GROUP. If you would like to join any of these groups, don't hesitate to give Sybil a ring.

<u>CAROLS IN THE GARDEN</u> - (Formerly "Carols Under the Pines") will be held on Sunday the 18th December in the beautiful Garden Area at 6.30pm followed by cups of tea/coffee and Mince Pies. This is an opportunity to really enjoy singing the lovely Carols. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

<u>FELLOWSHIP NEWS</u> - Wednesday November 23rd was our last meeting for the year. Lots of grocery items were brought along and were placed in Hampers for needy families for Christmas. The fellowship is open to both men and women so if you would like to join us in 2012 call Sybil.



Enquiries about any of the above can be addressed to Sybil Winsor on 8280 7038



Our next fire season's hazards have already begun to surface.





Are you bushfire ready? Prepare. Act. Survive. For more information visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au



We are open every day during the Festive Season

We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year

Black Top Road, One Tree Hill

To Book a Table Ph: 8280 7666



One Tree Hill General Store

Kristy and all of the staff at the General Store would like to wish you all a

Very Happy Christmas and Safe New Year

Opening hours for the festive season will be

displayed on the shop frontage.

8280 7020



Crime Report - ONE TREE HILL Rural Watch - Offences reported between 19th October and 16th November

Overnight 19th October Shillabeer Road, Sampson Flat Theft from motor vehicle

Vehicle parked on property entered, money stolen.

Overnight 19th October Shillabeer Road, Sampson Flat 2 Vehicles on property entered and

money stolen. Unknown if property stolen.

21st October (daylight hours) Medlow Road, Uleybury Entry to premises by unknown means

Electrical equipment stolen.

25th October Medlow Road, Uleybury Arson of motor vehicle

Vehicle stolen from Dalkeith, located burnt out at Uleybury.

Between 28th and 31st October McGilp Road, One Tree Hill 2 Sheds on property broken into, play

equipment stolen.

Overnight 2nd November Craigmore Road, Uleybury Arson of motor vehicle

Vehicle stolen from Smithfield Plains, located burnt out.

Between 21st October and 11th November Karwin Road, Humbug Scrub Theft of stock

Sheep stolen from property.

24th October Bassnet Road, Humbug Scrub Entry to premises by jemmying door

Electrical items stolen.

24th October Humbug Scrub Road, Humbug Scrub Gates damaged by vehicle attempting to

Serious vehicle collision

enter property.

29th October Humbug Scrub Road, Humbug Scrub Arson - Scrub set on fire unknown

cause but appears to be deliberately lit.

Between 4th October and 18th October Alexander Avenue, Bibaringa Theft of stock

Sheep stolen from property.

Alexander Avenue, Bibaringa Arson—Scrub set on fire - deliberately

1st November

15th November

lit.

Black Top Rd & Cross Hill Rd, OTH Driver of vehicle collided with a tree and suffered life threatening injuries.

As always if you have any information to assist with any crime issues in the area please call Police on 131 444

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The 3rd fire was reported to police at 8.30pm yesterday in Alexander Avenue, Bibaringa where a small grass fire was reserve. Minimal damage was caused on each of these occasions due to the intervention of CFS units.

A vehicle of interest has been sighted in the area of the fires.

The vehicle is described as an early to mid 1990s white Holden Commodore sedan with P plate registration beginning with the letters similar to WNM.

The driver is described only as a young male with light hair.

With the bushfire season imminent, police are asking residents and people travelling through the rural parts of the Hills area to be aware of any suspicious behaviour and report it to police immediately.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact BankSA Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at www.sa.crimestoppers.com.au Police are investigating 3 small grass/scrub fires in the Humbug Scrub and Bibaringa areas over the past 6 weeks that may be linked. There have been reports of 2 suspicious grass/scrub fires in the vicinity of Humbug Scrub Road and Bassnet Road, Humbug Scrub on the 16th September and again on the 29th October that are in close proximity to one another.

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Horse Care by Julie Buttery - Summer Horse Care

Oiling of hooves has become important to help prevent brittle hooves which result in chipping and sand cracks. Shod hooves need oiling more often than unshod but all should be oiled at least twice a week during hot weather, preferably every day.

A white or pale "summer sheet", is cooler for the horse than standing in the sun. However, if caught in a fire, the rug will burn onto the skin and cause more serious burns. Remove on high fire danger days.

As feed dies off in the paddock, remember to increase feed rations, in particular hay for roughage.

Worm during the hot months so those that shed onto the pasture will die more easily. Try to do it twice over summer.

The pastured horse that needed the oils in his coat to keep warm can now be washed to remove the build up of oils and dirt. Take care not to get water in the ears or you will create a horse that hates wash day. Tail should hang to about half way between the hock and the ground; neat but clear of dirt. The forelock should just reach the eyes. Hair hanging in the eyes triggers

weeping and attracts flies. If they are trimmed too short they do not function as fly swats.

Julie wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. If you have a question for Julie please email the grapevine and we will pass it on.

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Aussie Yule Log

Preparation time: Approximately 25 minutes

Ingredients 500ml of thickened cream

1 teaspoon caster sugar 1 teaspoon of vanilla

1 x 250g packet of Amott's Choc Ripple Biscuits.

1/2 block of Grated chocolate Fresh raspberries or cherries

Use an electric beater to beat the cream, sugar and vanilla in a bowl until firm peaks Method form, then stir in chocolate. Spread a little of the cream mixture along a serving platter to make the base.

Stand 1 biscuit upright on its edge and spread with cream mixture.

Place another biscuit alongside and sandwich together. Continue layering with cream mixture and remaining biscuits to form a log. Spread the remaining cream mixture over the biscuit log to cover. Place in the fridge for a minimum of 6 hours to set. Top with raspberries, cherries and a Christmas decoration. You can also top the cake with flakes of chocolate. This is really sweet and a great addition to the Christmas table.

A Puppy's Christmas

It's the day before Christmas And all through the house The puppies are squeaking An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily Hung on the door Is scattered in pieces All over the floor.

The stockings that hung In a neat little row Now boast a hole in Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected To bright-eyed whims, And now, although splendid, It's missing some limbs.

I catch and hold them. "Be good" I insist. They lick me, then run off To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them The thought comes to me. That theirs is the spirit That Christmas should be.

Should children and pupples Yet show us the way. And teach us the joy That should come with the day?

Could they bring the message That's written above, And tell us that, most of all Christmas is love.

Xristos, the Greek word for Christ. beacon. 25. The X in Xmas stands for 24. It penetrated the mist and fog like a Olive, 22. The youngest child, 23. Frosty. Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph, 21. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Holy Night, 20. God Bless Us, Everyone. Angels Sing, 18. Joy to the World, 19. by the fireplace. 17. Hark the Herald stocking which a girt had put out to dry suffering. 15. A purse of money. 16. In a it to assist the needy, the sick and the books of Matthew and Luke, 14. He used Nicholas. 13. In the Christian Bible, the Francis Wade-1743, 11, Easter, 12, ST Messish or Anointed One. 10. John Frankincense and Myrrh. 9. Christ means and Balthasar. 7. East. 8. Gold, us. 5. Betniehem. 6. Gaspar, Melchior 1. Jesus. 2. Mary. 3. Spring. 4. God with

A Child's Christmas Eve Dream

Last night I had a lovely dream. But strange as it could be. For on the hill beside our house, Stood a great Christmas tree.

It glowed with lighted candles, high at the top, a star, And 'round it, dancing in a ring, children from lands afar.

There were polite, little English girls, Swiss boys with funny skis, Dutch children in gueer wooden shoes, joined hands with shy Chinese.

Turkish lads is tassled fez, tots from France and Greece and Poland, Laughing as the children do in the safety of a free land.

Perhaps my dream's a prophecy of Christmases to be, When little children everywhere, can sing because they're free.

I surely wish with all my heart, this day of Jesus's birth

When Santa Came to School

Santa came and said to me, "Have you been good? Now let me see". He checked his list, then he frowned and groaned a deep depressing sound. But still he said, "Speak loud and clear and tell me what you want this year". I said, "I told you yesterday". He looked confused to my dismay. I said, "Remember at the shops?" He cleared his throat and tried to stall. Then his face turned bright and red. "I can't remember", Santa said. "Well, what I want" I said to him, but I forgot.

Now things look grim 'cause here it is half past December and what I want we can't remember!

Christmas Quiz

- 1. Whose birthday is being celebrated on Christmas Day?
- 2. Who is the mother of Jesus?
- 3. What season was Jesus actually born in?
- 4. What does the name Immanuel mean translated?
- 5. In what city was Jesus born?
- 6. What are the names of the 3 kings that went to see baby Jesus?
- 7. In what direction did the kings see His star?
- 8. What gifts were presented to baby Jesus?
- 9. What does the word Christ mean?
- 10. Who wrote "O Come All Ye Faithful?
- 11. What holiday is considered larger than Christmas?
- 12. Who was the Christian leader from Myra?
- 13. Where can you find the real Christmas story?
- 14. What did Nicholas do with his inheritance?
- 15. In legend, what did St Nicholas drop down the chimney?
- 16. Where did it land?
- 17. What Christmas song includes Glory to the newborn king?
- 18. What Christmas song includes Let every heart prepare Him room?
- 19. In the Christmas song Silent Night, what words follow Silent Night?
- 20. What is Tiny Tim famous for saying?
- 21. What reindeer names does Santa Claus call out?
- 22. Who is supposed to open the first present on Christmas morning?
- 23. What is the name of the Christmas snowman?
- 24. What was so good about the red nose that Rudolph had?
- 25. Why is Christmas often shortened to Xmas?

The answers are on your left. Merry Christmas



The Christmas Angel by Lindsay Duncan 1888

He who will watch in calm of Christmas night, Alone and silent, 'neath the silent skies, With pure, clean heart, and simple, faithful eyes, May see, per chance, the Christmas Angel's flight. He cleaves the midnight with his rushing wings, The fire of Heav'n is on his dazzling brow; White in his robe, and soft as clinging snow, And in his hand an olive-branch he brings. This is the angel who was chief of those Who sang the paean of the great Noel, Who the glad tidings were the first to tell, From whom the first grand choral homage rose. And his the holy herald's missions still-Still to the world he brings his story sweet; From year to year his coming doth repeat His threefold message—"Glory." "Peace," " Good Will".

Peace, O, my brethren, peace! What holier word Can fall upon, the tumult of our hearts? Lo, strife with all his angry train departs Where'er the Christmas Angel's voice is heard.



Christmas Ornaments

Did you know that originally Christmas trees were the means by which presents were displayed on Christmas morning before their owners claimed them? Small toys, candies and other treats were hung on the boughs; children would awaken and strip the tree. The earliest Christmas ornaments thus consisted of edible goodies, typically fruits and nits, eventually; these made way for biscuits, candy and cakes. Flowers and paper decorations provided nonedible beauty.

<u>Candy Canes</u> appear to have originated in the seventeenth century Germany, when the choirmaster at Cologne's cathedral gave candy sticks shaped like a shepherd's crook to children attending Christmas ceremonies. They debuted in America in the mid 1850s, but didn't gain their red stripe until the early 1900s.

The first commercial ornaments for Christmas trees were actually hollow, brightly coloured containers that held good things to eat. The most popular of these was probably the cornucopia.

When the goodies got too heavy for the tree, German glassblowers began manufacturing the first glass ornaments. But these, and other purely decorative elements, would not be the main attraction of the Christmas tree for some years.

The Yule Log

The tradition of the Yule log has very deep pagan roots. Celts, Teutons, and Druids burned the massive logs in winter ceremonies in celebration of the sun. The selection of each season's Yule log was of the highest importance and surrounded by ceremony, as the log was to start the celebration fires and last the duration of the winter festival. When Christianity emerged in Europe, the Yule Log remained popular in England and Scandinavia. In order to justify this pagan ritual, church officials gave it a new significance, that of the light that came from Heaven when Christ was born. The log was lit on Christmas Eve and left burning throughout the 12 days of Christmas. In some parts of France, the Yule log was presented as the source of children's gifts. The log was covered with cloth and brought into the house, where children whacked it with sticks, beseeching it to bring forth presents. When no presents came, the children were sent outside to confess the sins they had committed that year; when they returned, the log was uncovered, surrounded by gifts.

The Yule log does, however, live on in the tradition of a delicious dessert; a cake rolled into the shape of a log, covered with chocolate icing, and decorated with greenery or decorations and icing sugar.

You can find it in many countries, particularly in England and France.

The Legend of the Poinsettia

The legend of the plant now associated so strongly with Christmas arose many years ago in Mexico, where it was traditional to leave gifts on the altar for Jesus on Christmas Eve. As the story goes, among a group of worshippers one night was a poor boy who had no present. Upset by his inability to provide a gift, the boy knelt outside the church window and prayed. In the spot where he knelt sprang up a beautiful plant with vibrant leaves. In Mexico, this plant is called the Flower of the Holy Night.

Boughs of Holly

In ancient times, holly was thought to be magical because of its shiny leaves and its ability to



bear fruit in winter. Some believed it contained a syrup that cured coughs; others hung it over their beds to produce good dreams. The plant a was popular Saturnalia gift among the Romans, who later brought holly to England, where it was also considered sacred. In medieval times, holly, along with ivy, became the subject of many Christmas songs. Some of these songs gave holly and ivy genders (holly is male, ivy is female), while other, more religious songs and poems portray the holly berry as a symbol of Christ.

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In pagan times, ivy was closely associated to Bacchus, the god of wine, and played a big part in all festivals in which he figured. English tavern keepers eventually adopted ivy as a symbol and featured it on their signs. Its festive past has not kept ivy from being incorporated into modern Christian celebrations, however: It represents the promise of eternal life.

Mistletoe

To this day, mistletoe a parasitic plant that grows on oak and other nonevergreen trees - is the only form of greenery not allowed inside many Christian churches during the holiday season. That's because although other greenery was also used in pagan festivals, mistletoe was actually worshipped. Both Druids and Romans considered the plant sacred, as a healing plant and a charm against evil. Mistletoe was thought to be the connection between earth and the heavens, because it grew without roots, as if by magic. It was also considered a symbol of peace; warring soldiers who found themselves under mistletoe quickly put down their weapons and made a temporary truce. In a related custom, ancient Britons hung mistletoe in their doorways to keep evil away. Those who entered the house safely were given a welcome kiss. While the custom of kissing the mistletoe lost popularity in most other countries, it remained popular in England and the United States.

Today, most consider mistletoe an excuse for kissing and nothing more, but some people in France still brew it as a cure for stomach aches.

Christmas Cards

The distinction of having created the first Christmas card is usually given to John Calcott Horsley of England. Horsley printed his card in 1843 for



Sir Henry Cole, the friend who had given him the idea. The card looked much like a postcard and consisted of 3 panels. The centre panel pictured the typical English family of the day enjoying the holiday (this panel caused some controversy, as it showed a child drinking wine). The other panels depicted acts of charity, so important to the Victorian Christmas spirit. The card's inscription read "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You" A thousand copies were printed, selling for one shilling apiece. But around the same time, 2 other men, W.A. Dobson and Reverend Edward Bradley, were designing cards and sending them to their friends. These cards, however, were handmade instead of printed, which is why the credit generally goes to Horsley. Christmas cards, which tended not to be particularly religious, soon became the popular means of sending holiday greetings among the Victorians.

The launch of the penny post in 1840 made it affordable for people to send greetings by mail, and the invention of the steam press made production of these cards possible.

Kids Page 📶

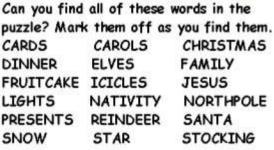
Christmas is just around the corner and I guess all you children are anxiously counting the days until Christmas morning when you will be opening presents from Father Christmas. Hopefully you have all had a good year and been especially good for Mum and Dad. I wonder how many of you will be attending the Christmas Market on Saturday 3rd December, Father Christmas will be there handing out free Iollies and once again the very talented face painter will be there for a few hours painting your favourite theme onto faces. Don't forget the baking competition with the theme "Christmas Gingerbread" get your entry in by Thursday 1st December and bring your baking item to the market between 9am and 9.30am for judging. I hope you have enjoyed our special page just for kids this year. If you would like to submit a poem, story or puzzle to be printed in the Grapevine just email me at the Grapevine at: oth.grapevine@bigpond.com or drop me a line OTH Grapevine c/o OTH Post Office. Have a wonderful Christmas, hopefully you will find 65 plenty to do during the school holidays. Until February, Auntie Bev.

- Q: Why did Santa get a ticket on Christmas Eve?
- A: He left his sled in a No Snowing Zone!
- O: Why was the manger so crowded on Christmas Eve?
- A: Because of the three wide men!
- O: Do the female deer like Mrs Claus?
- A: Yes, they FAWN all over her!
- Q: Why is Rudolf so good at playing trivial pursuit?
- A: He NOSE a lot and is very bright!
- Q: Where does Santa put his suit after Christmas?
- A: In the CLAUS-ET!
- Q: What song do socks sing while they hang by the fireplace? A: Silent Night—HOLEY Night!
- Q: How do Christmas trees keep their breath fresh?
- A: They suck on an orna-MINT!
- Where do they make movies about Christmas?
- In Tinsel Town! A:
- Why are Christmas presents easy to tease?
- A: Because they take a lot of RIBBON!

- Q: Do Christmas trees knit?
- A: No they do Needlepoint!
- O: Where did Frosty the Snowman meet his wife?
- A: At the SNOW-ball!
- O: What do vegetarians wish for at Christmas?
- A: Peas on earth and Goodwill to all men!
- Q: How did Mrs Claus feel when she forgot to give her goldfish a present? A: GILL-ty!
- Q: How do fish celebrate Christmas?
- A: They hang REEFS on the door!
- Q: Why did Santa start sneezing as he went down the chimney? A: He caught a nasty FLOO!
- Q: How do you decorate a canoe for Christmas?
- A: With OAR-naments!
- Q: How did Santa get lost on Christmas Eve?
- A: He was MIS-Sled!
- O: What Christmas carols do dogs like to sing?
- A: Deck the HOWLS!



Help the little elf and Rudolf find their way to Father Christmas



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Q: What did the cow say on Christmas morning?

- A: MOO-ry Christmas!
- Q: How do sheep greet each other at Christmas?
- A: Merry Christmas to EWE!
- Q: Why did Santa have 3 gardens? A: So he could Ho Ho Ho!
- Q: What did the big candle say to the little candle?
- A: I'm going out tonight!





Christmas Colouring Competition Great Prizes up for grabs with the Grapevine Colouring Competition . There will be 3 Age groups Up to 5yrs, 5-8years & 9 years and over. Name: Age:

Entries can be posted to the Grapevine C/O OTH Post Office, 5114. or dropped at the General Store.

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News from the OTH Walking Group

The One Tree Hill walking group has had a very successful 6 months. We have held on to our members even though we had dreadful weather at the beginning on walks.

We intend to keep on walking through the summer but may

We intend to keep on walking through the summer but may have to start a little earlier to complete the walk before the day gets too hot. We have expanded our repertoire of walks and are constantly looking for more.

If you would like to join us and walk off all your festive fare we would love to have you come along. As you see from the photo on the right, we know how to enjoy ourselves as well as walk!

Please contact Helen on 8280 7035 with any queries.

The walking group wish everyone a Wonderful Xmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Hot Weather and Your Pet

The hot weather is on its way now so it's a good time to look at what needs to be considered comfort-wise for the safe keeping of your pets.

We are all aware of the terrible effects that an animal can suffer from heat stroke but sometimes a situation sneaks up on you which might place your pet at risk so preparation and vigilance is the only answer to keeping your pet safe.

Here are some ideas to reduce the risk of heatstroke:

- Provide your pets with a cool shaded and well ventilated area to live
- * There needs to be plenty of water but just as important is the manner in which the water is kept as if it can be spilt or knocked over then your pet is in real trouble. Make sure that the water is always in a shaded area so that it is as cool as it can be for your pet.
- * Consider a room in the house that might be put aside for use by your pets on extremely hot days. Rabbits, guinea pigs and mice are often in small hutches that can increase the stress of the animals on very hot days so placing the cage/ hutch into a cooler room environment until the temperature drops again will be greatly appreciated by your pet.
- * If the temperature is soaring there is no point in exercising your dog or horse etc. as you could easily do more harm than good. Its best to plan exercises for a cooler part of the day or perhaps not give the exercises until the temperature is at a more pleasant level.
- * Do not leave animals in cars. They say that even on a 22°C day that the temperature inside of the car's cabin can reach over 47°C after 1 hour. With the added problem of poor ventilation in the car's cabin, your pet doesn't stand a chance of survival and I cannot imagine a more stressful way to perish
- * Keep an eye on that thermometer in the aquarium as some room temperatures get high enough to slowly bring the water temperature well above that which can be tolerated by the fish. If you have difficulty moving the aquarium and you know that a heat wave is on the way you might want to get some bottles of water in the freezer in readiness. These will float and slowly lower the water temperature within the tank.

The signs of heat stoke in your pet could be:

- * Incessant panting
- * Weakness, fatigue
- Vomiting or Diarrhoea
- Muscle tremors, muscle spasms
- * Signs of mental confusion, delirium
- * Staggering
- Collapsing and lying down

If you think that your pet could be suffering from heatstroke it might pay to seek a check by a vet.

Other things to Consider

If you have a working dog that rides around on the back of the ute, please consider how hot that metal tray becomes after sitting out in the direct sunlight for only a short matter of time. The metal parts of the back of the ute can actually get hot enough to burn the skin of your dog, in particular the skin of their footpads. This is very painful for your pet and can take some time to heal so covering the tray might be a simple remedy.

New products are coming on to the market all the time that are designed to bring as much comfort for the busy owner trying to do the right thing by their pets as they are for the pet itself. There are watering bowls with float controlled valves that come in various sizes so that a very broad range of animals are catered for.

It is sometimes difficult to ensure that the location of your pet will provide ample shade throughout the day so don't under estimate the value of a quality shade sail to help keep your pet from stressing out in the heat and direct sunlight.

Our pets can suffer from sunburn just as we do and if your pet is fair skinned it could benefit from a dose of zinc cream in the vulnerable places such as the tips of the ears and around the nose.

A simple tub of one of those plastic clamshells filled with water might bring some welcome comfort to some pets provided that you are confident that they couldn't get into any difficulty and drown.

Horses can work up a real sweat on hot days and if you have any concerns you may wish to keep some electrolytes on hand as these will replace the salts lost from the animal when it sweats.

The above information is common sense really, but I hope that it helps to remind us all of what we need to do for our pets this summer.

Thanks for looking at our articles each month.

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all, from your friends Dean, Sabina and Mark.















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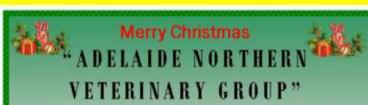
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News from Northern Hills Pony Club

The Northern Hills Pony Club is located on the One Tree Hill Road and hosted the Metropolitan Zone Pony Club Gymkhana on the 30th October at the Pegasus Pony Club grounds. It was the 1st Gymkhana the NHPC had hosted and the day ran smoothly, we are hoping to host it again next year. The club is most appreciative of the One Tree Hill Fodder Store for donating prizes for raffles. It was a great day and as you can tell from the smiles in the photo below, everyone was a winner!

The club run their rallies on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month and new members are most welcome.

Sophie pictured on the left with her horse Rivington Nina placed 11th at the Interschool Nationals that were held in Werribee recently. For Sophie and Nina it was a great experience, Sophie was one of the youngest secondary school riders and she was also on the smallest horse. Well done!

Our last riding rally for the year will be held on Sunday the 4th of December, the club will be offering riding instruction with Rachel Vincent. If you would like to attend, even if it's just for a look, please email the club Email: northerhills@hotmail.com The club will be closed over the Christmas holidays and will be restarting in February with a new rally plan.

The Northern Hills Pony Club takes this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Pictured below in the group photo are: Top row: Emily, Starr and Chelsea. Bottom: Lauren, Erica, Sophie and Lily.



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One Tree Hill Junior Baker Competition

Conditions of entry: The item of cookery to be submitted along with size and quantity will be published in the Grapevine in the month prior to the One Tree Hill market day. One entry per person.

This will allow for seasonal baking such as Christmas and Easter.

Entries are to be delivered to the One Tree Hill Junior Baker's table at the market between 9am and 9.30am.

Paper plates will be supplied and entry cards including entry number will be attached.

Judging will commence at 9.30am. There are 2 age categories: 1) Ages 5 to 8 years 2) Ages 9 to 13 years.

There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded in each category. Entries can be collected along with the prizes at 1pm. Prizes are 1st: Blue Ribbon and \$15.00 2nd: Red Ribbon and \$10.00 3rd: Green Ribbon and \$5.00. How to enter: You will need to email (oth.grapevine@bigpond.com) or complete the entry form and mail to One Tree Hill Progress Association c/o the Post Office One Tree Hill SA 5114. Or drop it into the General Store.

You must include your name, age and phone number. Your February entry form must be received by Thursday

(2nd February) prior to the Saturday Market on the 4th February.

February is Lamingtons

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November entries were magnificent, beautiful chocolate cup cakes that were lovely to look at and tasted delicious according to our judges Joe, Pam and Di. It was hard work for our judges but eventually they decided on the winners. Well done to all that entered the bake off.

Winners in the 5-8year group 1st: Abigail, 2nd: Joanna, 3rd: Caitlyn.

Encouragement Winners in the 9-13years: 1st: Samuel, 2nd Brianah.

Congratulations to all that entered it was great to see so many excited faces on the children. Special thanks to our judges Joe, Pam and Di. We are all looking forward to seeing your creation for the December bake off, this is "Decorated Ginger Bread". Merry Christmas to you all. Keep baking and bye for now. Tracey.

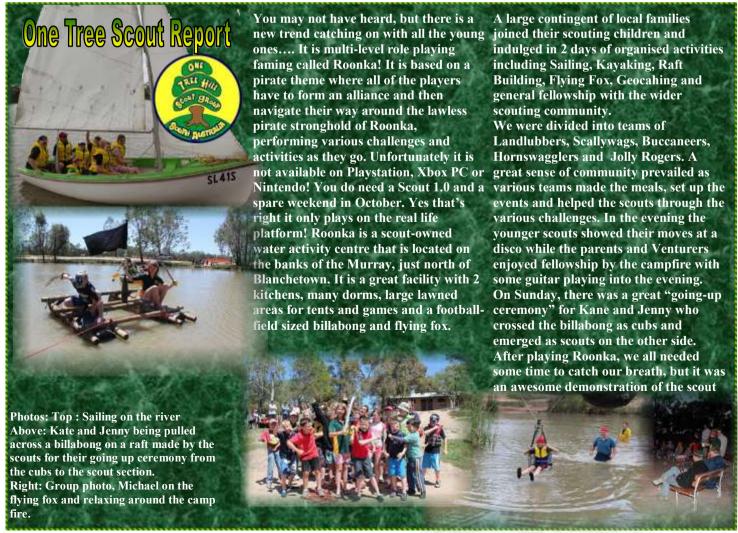


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Many mining companies are based offshore and the profits they earn from selling Australian resources do not stay in Australia and end up offshore. Legislation is being finalised for introduction to parliament after more than a year of public debate and extensive consultations with industry and other stakeholders.

The MRRT will lock in the benefits of the mining boom for all Australians and help tackle the challenges posed by our patchwork economy, where different sectors are growing at different speeds and many small businesses are doing it tough.

The revenue from the MRRT will:

* Secure a boost to the superannuation of 8.4 million workers, increasing their pool of retirement savings by \$500 billion by 2035, according to the Federal Treasury;

* Deliver a special new tax benefit for 2.7 million small businesses and a cut in company tax;

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Nick would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a safe and happy holiday season.

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Christmas Carols in the Garden

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WHEN: SUNDAY 18th December 6.30pm On Conclusion tea/coffee and cool drinks along with fruit mince pies with be served.

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ome Tree Hill Ladies Lunch

The One Tree Hill Ladies Lunch at the Blacksmith's Inn is on again on the last Friday of February which is the 24th. If you are going to join the group for the reunion you will need to let Kay know by the 7th February so that the tables can be booked. Meals can be ordered from the menu. The day has been successful in the past so lets hope it is again. Phone Kay for any further details and bookings on 8280 7186 or M: 0412 696 380







Next Country Market

Saturday 3rd December Special Christmas Market. Father Christmas in

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The One Tree Hill Soccer Club would like to thank all of the

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