

TURON VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our term 2 community newsletter for 2014. We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter break, spent with family and friends and now that the colder weather has set in, we all need that pile of timber for the fire.

This newsletter continues to be available once a term to all community members, via mail, from the shops or contact either School if you would prefer to receive your copy by email. We would love to hear from you if you have information to share, items for sale, help required or advertising events. Articles can be sent to either School for inclusion in the newsletter. We hope that more community members will contribute and that the newsletter will continue to grow. All suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Kerry Halley and Jaime Medbury



The **Hill End Road** between Sofala (7.5km west of Sofala) and the **Turondale Road turn off**.

This road closure will continue for approximately 12 weeks until the end of July (weather permitting between 7am and 5pm weekdays).

This closure does not affect Tanwarra Lodge or Chesleigh Homestead.



*Trivia Night
Saturday 19th July*

Its that time of year again

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Sofala P&L would like to invite you to our annual Christmas in July Trivia night. Treat yourself to a three course sit down meal. Enjoy great company, great food and challenge your friends to a night of trivia too!!!

Location: Sofala Memorial Hall
Start 6.30pm
\$30 per head. Maximum 8 to a table
Contact Michelle 63377187
Deb 63377489



The Bathurst Mobile Library will next visit Wattle Flat and Sofala on **Wednesday 25 June**.

REBELLION ON THE TURON!

**HOLD ON TO YOUR CHILDREN!
THE REDCOATS ARE COMING!**



Carlo and the members of 'Rebellion on the Turon' came to Sofala School on Friday afternoon, the March Rebellion weekend, to share with us historical artefacts, clothing, weapons and the history of years gone by.



The children were quite curious about the weapons of the era. The information session ended with the roar of their canon. The School hosted a scrumptious dinner and new friends were made. It was a wonderful opportunity that all parents, staff and students enjoyed. An outstanding job!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS JUNE LONG WEEKEND?

FUNDRAISER

REBELLION ON THE TURON!
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SOFALA NEW SOUTH WALES

PORK LAMB GRAVY ROLLS \$5

SUNDAY 8 JUNE • MONDAY 9 JUNE
NEXT TO THE ROYAL HOTEL SOFALA

Local History

Submitted by Ken Webb

The Chinese in Sofala



Picture courtesy of www.historyupclose.com

The Chinese played a large part in the history and development of Sofala and the Turon goldfield. One of the earliest Chinese claims was at Golden Point in October 1851. This claim yielded an average 5ozs per day. Gold Commissioner Johnson recorded that many Chinese miners made money from claims where the European miners failed. Early 1855 saw a Chinese camp, consisting of about thirty miners, built at Maitland Point near the Police camp located there at that time. In the early 1860's a very large Chinese community had been established on Erskine Flat.

In July 1856, Gold Commissioner William Johnson noted the arrival of one hundred and fifty Chinese in the month. The Chinese population kept growing, the census of April 1861 showing that 42% [1,877] of the Turon goldfields population were Chinese. Many of the Chinese miners became wealthy and set up businesses in Sofala.

Some of these are listed below:

Wong Hoy Long	Interpreter	Young St
Seng Chai	Interpreter	Church St
Ah Chong	Boarding House	Denison St
Ap Long	Store	Sofala
Joh Lang Tong	Apothecary	Sofala
Sam Yap	Store	Sofala
Su Bo Long	Store	Bowen St
Sun Kum Wah	Store	Denison St.
Sun Kum Hing	Store	Denison St.
Sun Ut Long	Store	Davis St.
Ti Long	Store	Denison St.
Sin Ye Fah	Boarding House	Denison St.

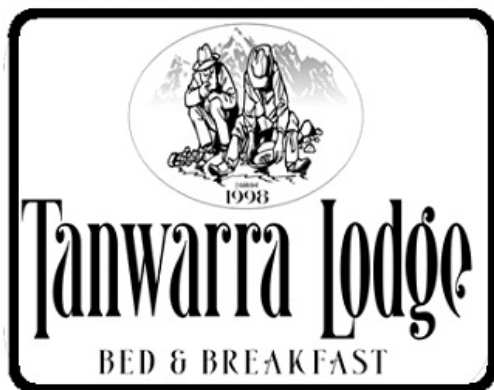
Many Chinese died on the goldfields due to accidents, murders and natural causes. According to the N.S.W. Pioneer Index, 1180 Chinese are registered as buried in the Chinese cemetery at Sofala. The grave of Wong Gee is the only remaining Chinese grave in Sofala.



**TURON ART GROUP
EXHIBITION
3RD, 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER, 2014
SOFALA MEMORIAL HALL**

To be officially opened by
the Hon. Paul Toole, M.P.
at 7.00pm Saturday, 3rd October, 2014
All Welcome

Phone Buelah Sanson, 6337 7177, for further
information



Is now Licensed!

Pick up or Dine in

Monday-Friday 5pm to 9pm

Saturday and Sunday 9am to 9pm

Pizza, Devonshire Tea, cakes, tea and coffee

To order contact 63377537

The full menu is available for download.

<http://www.tanwarralodge.com/dining.html>

**Dr Wilson's
next visit is
Wednesday, 4 June, 2014
From 2.30pm till 4.00pm**

**Community Nurse
Every Monday from 10am till 11am
Sofala Community Hall**



**Fishing Season will end at midnight on
Monday, 9 June, 2014
(Queen's Birthday long weekend)**

***"The Jollies" next meet 11 June, 2014
from 10.00am – 2.00pm
(and every second Wednesday of
each month)
at the old Sofala Hall***

***All welcome
Please bring a small plate of something
to share***

***For further information please phone
Buelah, 6337 7177, or
Margaret, 6337 7001***

SES MEETINGS

**First and third Mondays of each month
at 7.00pm
at the SES Shed, Sofala
All welcome**

Bingo

Sofala Hall

First Friday of each month

At 7pm

All welcome

**SOFALA PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION**

**Meets fourth Monday each month
at 10.00am. Next meeting 23rd June, 2014.**

All Welcome



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Clarks Real Estate Pty Ltd
Phone: 0263 377 441 Email:
clarksrealestate@hwy.com.au

PLANTS FOR GARDEN AND FARM

Our plants are grown here in Wattle Flat and are suited to and ready for our climate. We have lots of local and other native plants, as well as exotics.

BLUEWREN BUSH FARM

Phone: 6337 7155



Phone: 6337 7053

**Want to play a round of golf?
Check out Wattle Flat Golf Course
Phone Ron (6337 7538) for more
information**



**Panner's Inn
Coffee Shop**

PIZZA

**is now available from the
Danner's Inn on Saturdays
only from 6.00 – 8.00 pm.
Orders can be phoned in and
picked up from the Danner's
Inn or the Sofala Hotel.
Phone 02 6337707**



Connecting health to meet local needs

**Bathurst After
Hours GP services**

**After Hours Medical Service
(Local GP telephone service)**

Weeknights from 6pm—8am
Saturdays from 12pm
Sundays and Public Holidays 24 hrs
Call 6333 2888



After Hours GP Clinic

Weekends and Public Holidays
from 3pm—7pm (closed on
Christmas Day and Good Friday)
Heritage Building, Bathurst Base
Hospital



www.wml.org.au

**WESTERN GOLDFIELDS
MUSEUM**

82 Upper Turon Road, Sofala
Phone: 02 6337 7196

The collection includes local gold and artefacts, police and convict relics, antique weapons, vintage engines, meteorites, minerals, medical instruments and lots more.



Wattle Flat Ladies' Inaugural Golf Day

On Sunday, 25 May, approximately thirty women gathered to enjoy a round of golf and socialising at the well-manicured Wattle Flat Golf Course. Some were experienced golfers who played eighteen holes with a more or less professional approach. Others played a more hit-and-giggle style while attempting nine holes and others just joined in the fun for lunch.

A great morning of golf was followed by a sausage sizzle and a table laden with delicious, tempting plates of goodies brought by those attending. The gentlemen joined us for lunch before they hit off for their afternoon of golf.

The organisers, Suzy Baldock and Sylvia Coyle, were delighted with the success of the day and would like to extend thanks to the local men who have spent so much time and effort in establishing this wonderful course for community use. It was pleasing to be able to pass on \$167.00 raised on the day to help the local Golf Club rebuild facilities burnt down earlier this year.

We look forward to holding our next event and invite all those interested to join in the fun. Notices will be displayed at Wattle Flat and Sofala shops.



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Principal Jaime Medbury

Another busy time of learning and experiences are planned for this term. With both the stage 2 and stage 3 excursions as well as a trip to Sydney to watch the performance 'The Lion King' we know it will be busy but fun.

'Hillala' Day

Sofala and Hill End Public Schools joined together to explore and learn about our local history. Students enjoyed a tour of an old gold mine and climbing thirty metres up the mine shaft. Yes, that's right, 10 x 3 metre ladders all the way to the top. We also went gold panning and found lots of specks. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by both schools.

We also wish to congratulate Chris Grossett who has been appointed as Principal to Hill End Public School. We are looking forward to many more activities together. Our next one will be to the Bathurst Art Gallery.



Photography Fun

Local photographer, Clare Lewis, visited our School to help students learn about photography and portraits. Clare takes pictures for the Western Advocate as well as for enjoyment. The students had a wonderful session with her and took some

fantastic shots. We then looked at portraits and filters. Each student's photos have been put on a canvas to be displayed at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre for the Bathurst Small Schools' Visual Arts Festival. Parents and community members are welcome to visit the centre to see the display from 4 August until 8 August. The official opening is on Monday, 4 August at 4.30pm.



Blake's picture of his brother Myles



Madison's picture of Jai Jai

Each student also created a short video of their photos and what they learnt during the workshop. These can be viewed on the School's website.

Bathurst Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

All students from the Bathurst Small Schools will have the opportunity to participate in our Small Schools' Athletics Carnival on Friday, 30 May. During the Athletics Carnival students will participate in shot put, discus, long jump as well as relays and running races. We have been practising at School so we know we will do our best.

Congratulations, Myles and Blake

Congratulations to Sofala Public School rugby league representatives, Blake and Myles Martin, on their recent selection in the Western and State PPA Rugby League Team. They are also playing in the Bathurst Small Schools' Team so I am sure they will be kept busy this term with their commitments. An outstanding effort, Blake and Myles!



Blake, Madison and Lily at the War Memorial in Canberra

Canberra Excursion Stage 3

Last week Lily, Blake and Madison went on the Stage 3 Bathurst Small Schools' excursion to Canberra. They enjoyed visiting Questacon, Parliament House, the War Memorial and many more educational places. We had a wonderful time together and were able to catch up with old friends and make new friends within the Bathurst Small Schools.



'The Lion King'

We are looking forward to watching a performance of 'The Lion King' in Sydney this week. We will be travelling to Sydney by bus with family and friends to watch the Disney performance with giraffes strutting, birds swooping and gazelles leaping. It will bring the entire Serengeti to life for all of us.

Young Leaders' Conference

Our School leaders attended the Young Leaders' Conference in Sydney last term. Some of the speakers at this year's conference were Andy Griffiths, Mike Martin, The Hon. Bob Carr and Ita Buttrose. This was a wonderful opportunity for our leaders to continue to learn about other people's experiences and what makes a good leader.

'Wulamanayui' and 'Tashi'

Last term we went to the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre to watch two wonderful performances. Costs for the children to attend these performances were supported by the Sofala P&C. It is wonderful to see such performances close to home and we are looking forward to watching 'Mr. McGee and the Biting Flea' later this year.

Sofala Kitchen Garden

We are still cooking up a storm with students creating a health lunch every Friday in the kitchen. The students love learning how to cook and measure. Cooking is a fantastic way for students to learn a range of skills, from Maths to English. It has been a wonderful success, with students going home and cooking meals that they have created at School for their family.

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Blake Martin, Lily Crowe, Madison Davison and Myles Martin, who travelled to Dubbo last term to participate in the Regional Swimming Carnival. All students swam their best and we improved on our previous time by 30 seconds, enabling us to come 1st in our heat. Well done.



Myles, Lily, Blake and Madison

Fire, Ambulance and Police Stations

As part of our learning, we have visited a range of services and people who help us around Bathurst. We enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station and playing with the hose; the Ambulance Station, where we helped fix people up and the Police Station to get our fingerprints taken.



Ruby helping others

Active After-schools Community (AASC)

This term we are continuing to develop our swimming skills with lessons at the indoor aquatics centre in Bathurst each week.

We are also moving and grooving to music with Zumba. A qualified Zumba instructor has been visiting the School and helping us to learn new steps and get us moving in a new, fun way.

These wonderful opportunities for the children are made possible by staff, parents and AASC.



Cheese and Bacon Rounds

Ingredients

- 200g diced bacon
- 2c of grated cheese
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 1c of SR flour
- 1/2c of milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1tspn of French/Dijon mustard

Method

1. Place bacon, cheese, onion and flour in a bowl.
2. Combine milk, egg and mustard in a small jug then add mixture to dry ingredients. Stir until combined.
3. Line an oven tray with baking paper. Spoon tablespoonfuls of mixture onto the tray. Allow enough room for spreading.
4. Bake in a hot oven 200C for 20 mins or until golden.

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WELCOME

Schools are busy places and ours is no exception. Since the last newsletter the students, staff and parents have participated in a wide variety of activities, including camps, NAPLAN and music.

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching June and nearly half way through the school year.

STAFF

We welcome Mrs Angela Rankin to our School. Mrs Rankin will be working with us on Fridays to allow for principal's release and administrative duties.

CONDOLENCES

Students, staff and community also paid tribute to Mr. David Winter, who passed away shortly before ANZAC Day. Mr. Winter had in the past been a strong supporter of our School. Our thoughts are with Vera and her family at this time.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 recently completed NAPLAN testing. Results will be returned to the School and to families later in the year.

MUSIC LESSONS

Children in K-2 have commenced percussion lessons and Years 3-6 have commenced guitar lessons. These lessons are taught by Mr Lee Wilcox from the Conservatorium of Music in Bathurst and are generously supported by our hard-working P&C.

Along with these group lessons we have a number of students also having individual tuition from Mr Wilcox, learning the guitar or drums. All students are working hard with individual pieces of music that will be showcased throughout the school year. Well done to everyone involved!

ROBOTICS

Late last term we started a new and exciting program. This year students in years 3 – 6 will have the opportunity to develop their skills and understanding of Robotics. The use of Robotics supports our learning in Science and Technology and is something that the students also enjoy. I look forward to seeing their creations.



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

We finished Term 1 with our annual ANZAC assembly, which was admirably led by Jorja and Jacob. They were joined by Mr. Doug Coppard, who shared stories of his experiences during World War II. Thank you to our families and community members for attending.

STAGE 3 CAMP

This term Stage 3 students from the Bathurst Small Schools attended a three-day camp in Canberra to support their learning in the classroom. Whilst in Canberra, students visited a number of well-known attractions. Ryan, Fergus and Jorja found Canberra a stimulating learning experience and can now share their knowledge with everyone else in the School. Congratulations to these three students for their exceptional behaviour whilst away and thank you to Mr Bullock for accompanying them.

Whilst at Parliament House we were lucky enough to have a special visit from a former staff member of John Cobb, our local Federal Member of

Parliament. Ann spoke about John's interest in the School and presented a special gift to Ryan, Fergus and Jorja for the School.



This event showcases the fantastic job that we all do here at Wattle Flat Public School. Congratulations everyone!

DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to Molly Mashman, who represented the Bathurst Small Schools at the District Cross-country. Molly placed 12th in her age group. Well done, Molly.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Training is well under way for the annual Small Schools' Athletics Carnival. Students will compete in a variety of events – running, discus, shot put and long jump. K-2 students will participate in a variety of tabloid events.

YOGA

We have been feeling fabulous on Fridays because Mrs Zapel has been providing yoga lessons as part of our Active After-school program – well, in this case before School. Staff and students have enjoyed stretching and relaxing. My thanks go to Mrs Zapel for her continued effort and enthusiasm to show student's a new skill.

NSW STATE LIBRARY VISIT

Recently the students were fortunate to have a visit from the New South Wales State Library, which is travelling to a variety of different schools with a large collection of Australian historical artefacts. I'm sure that the visit will be useful for Stage 2 whilst in Sydney.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The students continue to work hard and are delivering excellent academic results. Their behaviour, attitude to learning and their compassion and empathy is impressive and I am very proud of them.

MOTHERS' DAY

This year the children treated their mums to a High Tea to celebrate Mothers' Day and let them know how much they are appreciated. Thank you to the students, who organised the whole event and cooked all morning to make cupcakes and gingerbread.

The mums were also presented with hand-painted china plates. It was great to see so many mums and grandmothers celebrating this special event with their children and grandchildren.

Thank you to Mrs. Rankin and Mr. Bullock for helping the children prepare for this event and a special thanks to our wonderful mums.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Staff will continue to be involved in professional learning, focusing on the new Australian curriculum, technology and leadership.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The 2013 ARS is available on the School website, <http://www.wattleflat-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. If you would like a hard copy please let me know and I'll send one home.

COMMUNITY MEETING WITH JOHN COBB

John Cobb, Federal Member for Calare and Parliamentary Secretary, Paul Fletcher, hosted a meeting that allowed community members to voice their concerns regarding the lack of mobile phone coverage and poor communications in general. About eighty five local residents attended. The Wattle Flat Progress Association will now make a submission for a tower to be installed in the local area.



GALLOPING GUMNUTS

Galloping Gumnuts will continue their play sessions, which run every second Tuesday and cost \$3.00 per child per session. Please call Galloping Gumnuts on 6352 3798 for more information. The next play session will be held on Tuesday, 3 June.

P&C NEWS

It has been a wonderful start to the fundraising year, as we had raffle ticket sales exceeding \$900 for our rural-themed raffle. Thank you to 4Js Hardware & Rural Supplies, Watermart Bathurst and O'Brien Aluminium for your kind donations. First prize was won by Renee Stephens, second prize by Brian Delaforce and third prize by Ron McDaniel.

This term's raffle will be a "Winter Warmer". First prize will be a trailer load of wood donated by the McAllister family and second prize is a hamper. Tickets will be on sale soon through School or at 4Js. Early in term 3 we will be holding a pie drive with pies to be supplied by Beck's Bakery. You will be able to place orders for pies through School or with Di at 4Js. Look out for details later in June. Thank you to all the community who support our School raffles. All money raised goes straight back to supporting our kids.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of Wattle Flat Public School.

Regards,
Kerry Halley