

TURON VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our term 3 community newsletter for 2014. We hope that everyone is surviving the colder weather and looking forward to Spring!

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 Prue Woods



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

This road closure will continue **until the end of September** (weather permitting between 7am and 5pm weekdays).

This closure does not affect Tanwarra Lodge or Chesleigh Homestead.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA NIGHT



A great night was had at our annual Sofala Christmas in July Trivia Night. Thank you to the Sofala P&C Committee and friends that volunteered their time to make it a fantastic night.

We received this email from Philip in Sydney who will be back next year! Let's hope he brings lots of his friends!

A big Thank you also to our local sponsors - 4J's Wattle Flat, Wattle Flat General Store, Sofala Pub, Panner's Inn, Colin and Eva Clapman, Edward and Crowe Families.

Hello Office Staff,

I happened to end up in Limekilns on the weekend because my camp site of choice near Orange was locked. My sister and some friends invited us to join them at Sofala for a trivia night and dinner. Wow, what an understatement. The food was absolutely top shelf, the programme was brilliant (challenging) and the sense of community better than I ever experience in Sydney. I can see this being marked on our 2015 calendar in bold red pen!

A big thank you to all involved and I hope you reached your target for raising funds.

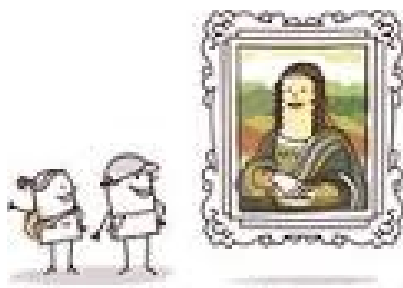
Regards

Philip Brainwood
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"This book on speed reading is due back in ten minutes."

The Bathurst Mobile Library will next visit
Wattle Flat and Sofala on
**Wednesday, 10 September and
22 October, 2014**



**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

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<p>www.wml.org.au</p>	



SAVE THE DATE



2014 BRONZE THONG

26TH AND 27TH OCTOBER

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever before. We have an exciting new program of events and fun for all ages and interests, as well as all of your favourites. The program has been extended to cover the whole weekend. Grab your friends and come along for an action-packed weekend.



For more information see our website:

www.bronzethong.com.au

or call Tracey on 6337 7581

	<p>RURAL HARDWARE & PLUMBING SUPPLIES</p>
<p>3837 Sofala Road Wattle Flat NSW 2795</p>	
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Pick up or Dine in

Monday-Friday 5pm to 9pm

Saturday and Sunday 9am to 9pm

Pizza, Devonshire Tea, cakes, tea and coffee

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



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SES MEETINGS

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



Fishing Season will open October Long Weekend

***"The Jollies" next meet 13 August, 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***

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 25th August 2014.

All Welcome

Local History

Submitted by Ken Webb

SOFALA TIMELINE

1851. Gold discovered by two men, Raphael and Lester at Golden Point east of Sofala, three weeks after the gold strike at Ophir in late February. 1500 miners are reported to have come to Sofala in the first few weeks.

1853. Licensing regulations were causing many problems but the major problem was the regular flooding of the Turon. Miners moved south to Green Wattle Flat to prospect the creeks which provided no flood problems and good gold.

1856. This is the year that the first Chinese miners arrived in Sofala - about 150 men.



(Jin – The Chinese Character for Gold)

1858. Alluvial mining was booming, the miners were making money and all the businesses were thriving. New

businesses were opening on a regular basis. At this time five schools were operating; four churches; police station, hospital and doctors; and shops where people could buy almost anything available on the market in Sydney at highly inflated prices due to transport costs.

1861. The population of Sofala dropped to 1,646, probably due to gold discoveries elsewhere. A few miners who struck it rich went back home to family and set up a business of their own. 642 Chinese miners lived in Sofala at this time.

1864. Sofala produced over 26,000 ounces of gold valued at over 100,000 pounds. This indicates that the amount of gold being found was dropping. In July 1851 96,000 ounces was sent on the gold escort. Nobody knows the amount of gold taken privately. 2,088 miners' rights were issued; 61 business licences; 19 leases over a distance of 2,700 yards of river bed claims and 10 acres of land leased for mining purposes.



**Dr Wilson's
next visit is
Wednesday, August 20th, 2014
From 2.30pm till 4.00pm**

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



Phone: 6337 7053

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



PLANTS FOR GARDEN AND FARM

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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.



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 63377075**



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Principal Jaime Medbury

It's hard to believe that we are in term 3 of the school year already. I am in the fortunate position of being the Relieving Principal of Sofala Public School whilst Mrs Jaime Medbury is the Relieving Principal at Dareton Public School during Term 3. The staff, students and parents of Sofala Public School have been most welcoming and I look forward to meeting more members of the local community as the term continues. Thank you also to Wattle Flat and Hill End Schools for their assistance and warm welcome.

We have had a very busy term thus far, so sit back and enjoy reading about our students' adventures and experiences during term 3.

Prudence Woods

P&C Trivia and Christmas in July

The term commenced with the fabulous Christmas in July Trivia Night, which was hosted by our P&C. The meal was spectacular and the hall had a wonderful ambience for the event. Congratulations to the P&C for preparing and hosting the evening. Thank you to students Lily Crowe and Maddi Davison for assisting during the evening and thank you also to the guests who attended. Your support is greatly appreciated.

'Aboriginal for a Day'

Recently Sofala Public School hosted 'Aboriginal for a Day' with Wattle Flat and Hill End Schools attending. The day gave the students from the three schools a chance to interact and play with one another, as well as to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Sofala's P&C. Students learnt about traditional Aboriginal dancing, storytelling and art. It was an educational and entertaining day

for all. Our Aboriginal mufti looked fantastic too. Sofala student, Jai-Jai Lucas, presented the welcome to country at the beginning of the day in a most impressive manner. Well done, Jai-Jai.



Jai-Jai presented the Welcome to Country

Our New Teacher

In week three we welcomed our new teacher, Mrs Sharon Shelton, who will be teaching our students each Tuesday and every second Wednesday. Mrs Shelton is an experienced teacher-librarian and we look forward to utilising her many skills throughout the year. Welcome to Sofala, Mrs Shelton.

We thank Mrs Tracey Watson who has been Sofala's relief teacher from Term 1 to the beginning of Term 3. You have been wonderful with our students!

Well done, Blake!

I received a fabulous email from Mr Paul Faulkner, the manager of the WPSSA Opens League, in regard to Blake Martin's role in the Western Opens Rugby League team at the NSW Championships. Well done, Blake, for being such a great representative for the team and also for Sofala Public School. The following is part of the aforementioned email:

"Congratulations to Blake Martin of Sofala Public School, who competed as a part of the Western team in the NSW PSSA Opens Rugby League Carnival, held June 17-19 at Kingscliff on the North Coast. The team, led by coach Mr Andrew Hooper of Grenfell Public School acquitted themselves tremendously well over the three days, growing in confidence and cohesion each game, impressing coaches, parents and spectators with their steely defence, determination and commitment."

N.S.W. P.S.S.A. OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Kingscliff 2014



Welcome, Mr Davison

Whilst Mrs Sylvia Coyle is on leave, Mr Darryl Davison has been the School's General Assistant. Thank you, Mr Davison, for keeping the School so neat and tidy and ensuring it is safe for our students to play in. We wish Mrs Coyle our best whilst she is on leave.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

This term all students are participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Students keep a record of all physical activity they participate in during the week. We do this each Monday morning and staff and students alike are pleasantly surprised every week at how active our students are. Keep up the good work.

'Mr McGee and the Biting Flea'

Our students were lucky enough to be able to attend the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre and watch the performance of 'Mr McGee and the Biting Flea'. The performance was based on six of Pamela Allen's picture books and it was thoroughly entertaining for

young and old! Thank you to parents for transporting the students to Bathurst - your time is greatly appreciated.



The cast of 'Mr McGee and the Biting Flea'

Active After-school Communities

Our students have been very busy this term with Active After-school Communities (AASC). On Mondays students have been participating in cricket with Trent and each Wednesday they have been learning about netball with Julie. During play times at lunch and recess I can see students utilising some of the skills they have been taught during AASC. Thank you to Trent and Julie for presenting such exciting sessions.

Bathurst District Athletics

On 1 August 2014 Maddi Davison, Myles Martin and Blake Martin attended the Bathurst District Athletics Carnival. I believe all students represented the School with great sportsmanship and achieved wonderful results. Congratulations to these students. Myles had a particularly successful day. He placed second in the Junior Boys discus and in shot put Myles broke the 1987 record of 8.82m with his put of **8.92m**! Well done Myles. Will we see you in the Commonwealth Games in years to come?

Road Safety and Recycling Talk

The students in K-2 listened to a talk about road safety and recycling conducted by Bathurst City Council. It was a very informative presentation and the Kindergarten students received a special bag of goodies to take home, which was very exciting. Well

done to Chelsey Mitchell who thanked our guests.



Our road safety talk

Small Schools Creative Arts Festival

I was fortunate enough to attend the official opening of the Visual Arts component of the Bathurst Small Schools Creative Arts Festival recently. Sofala students had completed a photography course earlier in the year and our display consisted of a printed photograph of each student. Accompanying the photograph was a QR code, which enabled those viewing the exhibition to scan the code and learn more about the artwork - a great combination of art and technology. Congratulations to local photographer, Ms Clare Lewis, Mrs Medbury and our students for creating such fine artworks.



A section of Sofala School's display at BMEC

The Creative Arts Performance for the Festival will be on Tuesday, 12 August, with the performance starting at 6pm. The students

have assisted with choreographing a dance called 'Happy' and it will be exciting to see the students on stage. If you have not pre-ordered tickets, there will be some available on the night at 5:30pm for a 6pm start.

School Learning Support Officer Opportunity

Our wonderful School Learning Support Officer, Mrs Kristen Clark, is awaiting the birth of her fourth child in September. Whilst we will sorely miss Mrs Clark, it does give us the opportunity to ask interested applicants to consider the following position:

Applications are invited for the temporary position of School Learning Support Officer at Sofala Public School. Applicants must have relevant working with children check. Duties will include:

- Working one-on-one or with small groups in the classroom, as required by classroom teacher.
- Minimal administration work for classroom.
- Experience working with special needs children an advantage.

Specific Selection Criteria

1. Awareness of the needs of students with disabilities.
2. Ability to work with students with emotional, physical or intellectual disabilities.
3. Effective communication skills.

The position is for five days a week during term time from 8 September until 19 December, 2014.

Applications close: 29 August, 2014.

Please forward a curriculum vitae and covering letter addressing the criteria as outlined above. The contact details of two referees should also be included and sent to:

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WATTLE FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL



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TERM 3

What a busy time we have had already! The children have visited Sofala Public School to be 'Aboriginal for a Day'; entertained a group from Assisted Living at Tanwarra Lodge; formed a rock band and are preparing to perform at the Bathurst Small Schools Spectacular; embarked on an entrepreneurial challenge; learnt new skipping skills while they raised funds for Jump Rope for Heart; and are preparing their choir and verse speaking items for the Bathurst Eisteddfod. The capabilities of these children never ceases to amaze me. They are enthusiastic learners, with a great attitude and exemplary behaviour. We are extremely proud of them.



'Aboriginal for a Day' art and storytelling activities

BATHURST DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday, 1 August Molly, Ryan and Sam (and their parents) braved extremely cold weather to compete in the Bathurst District Athletics Carnival. Sam placed first in the 8 years 100m sprint and will now compete in Dubbo at the Western Regional Carnival. Molly finished 4th in her 100m sprint and 9th in the long jump. Ryan finished 5th in the discus event. Well done!

BEGINNING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Beginning School Program starts on Wednesday, 13 August 2014. This program will run each Wednesday

until the end of term 3, to give those who are eligible to attend school here next year an opportunity to familiarise themselves with school routines and expectations. It also allows parents an insight into their child's readiness for school. The program is available for all Wattle Flat children who turn five prior to 31 July 2015.

Please contact the School for more details.

BATHURST SMALL SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The children have been practicing earnestly for this year's performance at the Bathurst Small Schools Spectacular to be held at BMEC on Tuesday, 12 August 2014.

Under the expert tutelage of Mr Lee Wilcox from the Mitchell Conservatorium of Music, the children have been learning guitar and percussion.

As part of their preparation, they recently rocked Tanwarra Lodge at Sofala, entertaining a group of our community's older citizens. The children's performance raised smiles, caused dancing in the aisles, lots of foot tapping and there were many appreciative comments at the end of the show.



The children's artworks are part of the Bathurst Small Schools Art Exhibition at BMEC. These works will be on display until Wednesday, 13 August. After that they will be on display in our School hall. Thank you to Buelah Sanson for working with the children.



PIE DRIVE

Orders for the first round of our pie drive have now been submitted to Beck's Bakery. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Pies will be delivered on Thursday, 14 August and will be available for collection from 4J's or the School that afternoon.

Due to requests from some of our local residents, Beck's Bakery will also supply small pies, as singles or in packs of four, for those who find this more convenient or practical.

Our next round of orders will be due by Wednesday, 27 August with delivery on Thursday, 4 September. Order forms are available at School and 4J's.

BOOK WEEK

On Wednesday, 20 August, Hill End and Sofala students will be joining us for an action-packed day. The children will attend the Life Education program, Responsible Pets program and participate in Book Week activities. Children and staff will complete the day with a book character parade.

KIDPRENEUR

The senior children (Years 3-6) have embarked on an entrepreneurial challenge this term. During the eight week challenge they will create and name their own business, design their logo, make their products, manage their finance and stock and finally take their products to market to sell. This is an exciting project developed by the Halogen Foundation.

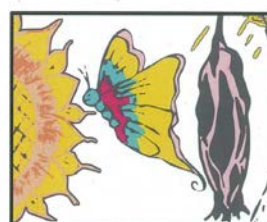
Out of the DARK

A Family Violence Support Program for Women

Out of the Dark is a free 4-week program for women who have experienced family violence (including emotional, sexual, social, religious, physical, and financial abuse), run by facilitators from Bathurst's Family Violence Awareness Group. This program aims to help women better understand family violence, make informed choices and regain control of their lives.

Topics include;

- Types of family violence
- Myths and facts about family violence
- Power and control in abusive relationships
- The cycle of violence
- AVOs and safety planning
- Recognising healthy relationships and the warning signs for unhealthy relationships
- The impacts of family violence on children
- Finding help and support



Dates: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October (4 Wednesdays)

Time: 10.30am – 2.30pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Venue: Central West Women's Health Centre, 20 William Street, Bathurst

To register: Contact Annelie at CWWHC (02 6331 4133, (M) 0427 314 133, healthed@cwwhc.org.au).

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