

TURON VALLEY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 2015

Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter. We hope you enjoy the new format which has come about by the necessity to reduce costs. We acknowledge the value of the Newsletter and hope that by reducing publishing costs we ensure its longevity. We would love to hear your opinions.

If you have information to share, items for sale, help required or advertising events, please contact us at either School so your articles can be included in the newsletter. If you would prefer to receive your copy via email rather than from the local shops, please let us know.

LOCAL HISTORY

Robert Dowker Codrington

On 22 December 1857, Trooper Codrington rode to meet the gold escort from Sofala. His duty was to escort the mail and gold down Wyagdon Hill and into Bathurst. When he was reported missing, a search was conducted and his body was found off the side of the road in a ravine at the top of Wyagdon Hill. He had been shot through the heart. Bushes were found piled up on the side of the road and it is thought that the bushrangers hid behind them before robbing the escort and shooting Codrington. The escort passed unmolested.

Local legend has it that Codrington was shot by an old enemy who returned to England after the murder. This theory remains unsubstantiated.

In late 1860 John Higgins [alias John Davis] appeared in Albury Police Court charged with "having on the 22 December, 1857, shot Robert Codrington, a mounted trooper, in the District of Sofala, Bathurst." He was found not guilty. An alleged witness to the murder was Richard Henry Mills Sampson, a man known for giving false evidence in a previous trial. His statement, true or false, is as follows:

"At that time I was going from Louisa Creek to Bathurst to spend Christmas. I there met the prisoner with three other men. Two of them were travelling with the deceased trooper. I rode up sharply, and was immediately covered by a gun by one of the men. The prisoner, whom I now distinctly recognise, shot the trooper Codrington, and then proposed to shoot me. A man named Cole, whom I have known for years, was one of the party, and he said I would not blab. The murder took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I was about 50 yards away from them when I first saw them. The prisoner said several times "shoot him" and called the others cowards. He then shot Codrington himself, and was the only one of the party who had a gun. I did not see what they did with the body."

Constable Codrington was born about 1834 and joined the gold escort about 1854. At the time of his death he was stationed at Cheshire Creek Barracks.

Source: NSW Police Archives


- Submitted by Ken Webb

NSW Police Archives

QUILTING WORKSHOP

The Turon Art Group is holding a quilting workshop at Sofala Memorial Hall on Saturday, 29 August, 2015 from 9.30am—4.00pm. The workshop is for beginners or experienced quilters, so if you would like to learn a new craft, please contact Deb Davison, 6337 7489.

There will be a booking fee of \$10.00 to cover cost of materials. Tea and coffee will be provided but you will need to bring your lunch.




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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

SOFALA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Learning Caring Sharing

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Principal Emily Jones

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

The students, Mrs Shelton and Phil have been very busy creating a vertical garden where they have planted our strawberries. They have also planted a range of vegetables that will be used for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden project and cooking classes. The students have built composting bins and have learnt a great deal about the importance of composting and how it is made. We are well on our way to having rich, well-nourished soil.

In the classroom, all the students have been thoroughly engaged while learning about the human body. They have looked at a real shin bone from a cow and touched the marrow. This created mixed reactions of 'Ewww, gross', but was a fantastic learning opportunity.

TRIVIA NIGHT

I would personally like to thank all the community members who supported our annual 'Christmas in July Trivia Night'. From those who donated their time on the night to serve or cook food, those who donated prizes and all the wonderful people who came along and had a great time, thank you! The night was a huge success and raised just over \$3000. The students are ultimately the ones who benefit and the money will be used to create learning spaces that are accessible.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR SCHOOL:

Wednesday 26 August

We would like to invite all parents in the community to a 'Healthy Eating and Lunchbox Ideas' session run by the Cancer Council. The session will be held in the School library from 2.30 to 3.00pm.

Cleaning out

We have the following items for purchase. If you

would like any of these things please see Mrs Coyle on Tuesday's. Payments can be made by direct deposit or by cash.

Item	Quantity	Price
padded bench seat	1	\$20
small single desk	1	\$15
medium single desk	3	\$15
regular double desk	1	\$20
medium school chairs	8	\$5
large school chairs	2	\$8

Sofala Playgroup



Every Wednesday 9.15am - 11.15am
Bring your little ones morning tea
Mums, Dads and Grandparents welcome
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Live, learn and be proud

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Principal: Kerry Halley

We have again enjoyed a busy and productive time since the last newsletter.

EDUCATION WEEK

At our assembly to celebrate Education Week, the children's presentation of assembly and of their projects demonstrated their very positive attitude to learning. We are all very proud of them.

Congratulations to Alex, Phoenix, Shelley, Melanie, Sam and Cooper K on receiving their silver certificates.



Congratulations to Mrs Zapel and the Wattle Flat P&C for being recognised as our local heroes.

BEGINNING SCHOOL

This term, eight pre-school children commenced our Beginning School program. After an anxious start and a few tears for some, the children are settling happily into being at "big" school. The program will run on Friday mornings until 21 August, with further sessions to be held in Term 4. Any local children, eligible to commence school in 2016, are welcome to join us. Please contact the School for more information.



MUSIC

The children are practising earnestly for the upcoming Eisteddfod at BMEC on Monday, 14 September. The children will compete in the Small Schools Choir and Verse Speaking sections.

Anyone wishing to watch the children perform will be able to purchase tickets at BMEC on the day.

Weekly music lessons continue and the children are preparing for their end-of-year performance.

BOOK WEEK - "BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD"

We are holding "A Mad Hatter's Tea Party" and character parade to celebrate Book Week. Children will be dressed as a favourite book character on Thursday, 27 August at 2.15pm.

SPORTING NEWS

Western District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Myles on qualifying for shot put and discus, and congratulations to our relay team - Sam, Myles, Marcus, Benson and Cooper (reserve) - who will be competing in the P6 relay on 28 August. All of our children put in a massive effort when competing at the Bathurst Small Schools Athletics carnival this year.

Edgell Jog

Students, staff and parents will compete in the Edgell Jog to be held on Sunday, 6 September. By entering a School team, we are eligible to be awarded a trophy and \$200.00 prize money. Wattle Flat won this prize when we entered in 2012.

Swimming Lessons

Every Wednesday for the last 14 weeks the children have travelled to Bathurst for swimming lessons. These lessons, funded by Sporting Schools, will continue until end of term. We are seeing growth in everyone's swimming ability and strength.

EXCURSIONS and CAMPS

Camps

Last term the Stage 2 children attended the Bathurst Small Schools overnight camp in Dubbo. A wonderful time was had by all as they visited the Western Plains Zoo, the Old Dubbo Gaol and Wambangalang Environmental Centre. Thank you to Mr Bullock for accompanying them.

Mr Bullock and the Stage 3 children are excitedly looking forward to five days at the Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber next term.

Hill End Art Camp

Hill End Public School has once again offered places to our Stage 3 students at the art camp to be held early in Term 4, providing our children with another great learning opportunity.

Steam Train

As part of our unit this year on the history of Bathurst we are all going on a heritage steam train ride from Bathurst to Wimbledon on 21 August.

P&C NEWS

Congratulations to Deb McGee for winning the P&C's wood raffle, which raised in excess of \$260.00. Thank you for your support.

The next P&C meeting will be held following the Cancer Council's 'Eat It to Beat It' fruit and vegetable workshop on Wednesday, 26 August. If you are interested in attending the workshop please contact the School.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Jollies" from 10.00am – 2.00pm (and every second Wednesday of each month) at the old Sofala Hall. Please bring a small plate of something to share. For further information please phone: Buelah on 6337 7177 or Margaret on 6337 700.

Dr Wilson: First Tuesday of the month From 2.30pm till 4.00pm.

Community Nurse: Every Monday From 10am till 11am @ Sofala Community Hall.

SOFALA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION — Fourth Monday of each month @ 10 am SOFALA MEMORIAL HALL.

WATTLE FLAT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION — Third Tuesday of each month @ 6pm - WATTLE FLAT PUBLIC SCHOOL..

BATHURST LIBRARY VAN —The Bathurst Mobile Library will next visit Wattle Flat and Sofala on Wednesday, 9th September. Future dates for 2015 include: October 21 & December 2.

WANT TO PLAY A ROUND OF GOLF? Check out Wattle Flat Golf Course, Phone Ron (6337 7538) for more information.

SES MEETINGS— First and third Mondays of each month at 7.00pm, SES Shed, Sofala .

Panners inn
coffee shop

PIZZA

is now available from the
Danner's Inn on Saturdays
only from 6.00 – 5.00 pm.
Orders can be phoned in and
picked up from the Danner's
Inn or the Sofala Hotel.
Phone 02 6337767




WESTERN GOLDFIELDS MUSEUM


82 Upper Turon Road, Sofala

Phone: 02 6337 7196

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www.wml.org.au	

Turon Art Group Sofala

COST: FREE
SATURDAY 29TH
AUGUST 2015

Quilting Workshop for
beginners to advanced.

Learn a new craft
\$10.00 booking fee will
apply (for materials)

Venue: Sofala Memorial Hall
Tea and Coffee provided
BYO Lunch

TIME: 9.30AM—4.00PM

CONTACT: DEB DAVISON
PHONE: 02 63377489

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