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Aug/Sept 2012

STAG news - Popular Project

At the community engagement dinner, people proposed 35 projects that they would like to see happen on the Tableland. The most popular one was the sealing of the Strathbogie/Merton road, with a total of 26 votes. There are a number of reasons why this project may not get up. Firstly, nobody put their name down to work on this, so nothing will happen unless somebody does. Apart from that, it has been tried before and was not successful because most of the road is in the Mansfield Shire and at that time Mansfield Shire Council showed little interest in sealing the road. The amount of traffic on this road was not considered great enough to fund sealing the road as well. So saying, it is obviously important to a number of people on the Tableland and if anyone wants to pursue this further they should get in touch with STAG.

Strathbogie Tableland Action Plan

The community action plan has been worked on since the community engagement dinner, and a draft action plan circulated to all who attended and to other interested residents. From the list of things people want to see happen over the next 10yrs, and the projects proposed on the night, the STAG committee has identified 6 themes. These themes will be included in the action plan and projects organised around them. The themes are Transport, Health (including the needs of older people), Environment, Township, Arts and History.

Project Planning Meeting

Everyone who elected to work on one or more projects proposed at the community dinner was invited to a recent planning meeting. Twelve people turned up on a cold wet night to plan various projects. Four people started work on the new residents kit (Environment theme) and another four discussed putting a brochure together for a self-guided tour of former school sites on the Tableland. (History theme) The idea of a history lunch was discussed with reference to the 'history cafe' that takes place in Alexandra once a month. Themeda talked about the art group (an idea proposed by Them at the dinner) which is now up and running and meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Rec Ground from 2-5pm; people bring along art pieces they are working on and enjoy doing this in the company of others.

The STAG committee can be contacted via the general store or by emailing bogieweb@gmail.com. If anyone would like to be added to our mailing list (email or Australia Post) please contact STAG. Copies of the draft action plan are also available.

What's on

September 3rd - 7pm STAG meeting Strathbogie Hall

September 30th - 12 noon Strathbogie CFA BBQ

October 8th - 7pm STAG meeting Strathbogie Hall

December 15th - Christmas on the Tableland

First Wednesday of month: 1.30 - 4.00pm - Strathbogie Garden Group, 5790 8636

Every Second and Forth Sunday - Church service at Strathbogie Church - 11.30am

Fortnightly - Guided Meditation— 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm—ph Julie 57905356

Fortnightly—Strathbogie Knitting Group 7pm. Ph Robyn 0408 529773 or Deb 57905398

Every Wednesday - Material Girls - 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome - Ph Jenny Walker 57905111 or Jill Smith 57905159

Every Wednesday - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group - St Andrews Church - Strathbogie (except in the School Holidays) ph Di Mackrell 57905241

Every Fourth Sunday 9-11am - Friends of the Bridge to Bridge. New members always welcome.

Sunday 30th September BBQ for all CFA members and Families, and prospective members At the Strathbogie Rec Ground from midday



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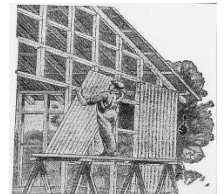
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Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the store. The TT team.

STAG NEWS - Draft Action Plan update

Not much progress has been made on the Action Plan and follow up projects this month due to illness and the fact that a number of people who put their hand up to work on projects are away for the winter months. Some projects are underway; the art group meets monthly, a group to establish ways to inform new residents about the Tableland has been meeting and the roadside weeding group is happening. A group devoted to history has also been established. Watch this space for more news on the Action Plan. Anyone wanting to take action on a project please contact Heather Cousland on 5790 5301.

A forum with presentations from all Action Groups across the Shire is taking place on 4th September in Euroa and will be reported on in T.T.

STAG meetings for the rest of 2012 will be held on Mondays 3rd September, 8th October and 12th of November. Meetings take place in the Soldier's room at the Memorial Hall at 7pm. ALL WELCOME.

STAG NEEDS YOU

The Strathbogie Tableland

Action Group

Needs a SECRETARY

Invitations welcome

Contact Heather on 5790 5301



This is a report submitted by one of the Morris dancers to the troupe at the Strathbogie Bush Dance. On the weekend of the Bush Dance (11th August), they also performed at the Violet Town Market, before heading up the hills to Strathbogie.

Top Gig!

Violet Town - This is a bit better than your average market. Quite big and better eats than usual. Also reasonable room for dancing at four points in the market. At around 1.30pm we repaired to the Ellen Frances. A very nice and thick vegetable soup was available.

Then on to Judith and Peter's place and Strathbogie. You don't really know how much you have missed the clean fresh country air tinged with the smell of eucalyptus until you get back to it. This is Strathbogie ranges at its best, driving through a tunnel of trees over hanging the road, we wound our way until the road petered out and there was Peter and Judith's abode amidst farm land and native bush. Plenty of parrots and other native birds. We were ushered into a large warm den complete with pot belly stove. The band went off to the Hall for a last minute practise, while some of us had a power nap. An evening drive back to the Strathbogie Memorial Town Hall, and we were welcomed to a glorious battered barramundi chips and salad provided especially for us by the local neat little café/restaurant across the road-lovely old wooden tables. A very reasonably priced meal. Hazel and I shared an excellent bottle of Stone Dwellers Shiraz, -a Strathbogie vineyard. I shall be looking out for that one in the future. Then to the Barn dance. There was some apprehension here since the attendees were apparently a bit thin on the ground last year. Our fears were completely unfounded. Large hordes of locals all eager to participate in barn dances. The band ably led by Martin with Cathy, Lindsay, Bevo and Naomi. And calling was by Norm.

We ended by doing a small bracket of dances.

Chook Chasing (hanky dance)

Rorke's Drift (complete with Martin's pith helmet)

Which the locals loved.

Later there was a group of very weary but happy Ravens that wended their way back to the kind hospitality of Judith and Peters. There is a moment in "Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy" when he looks out at the stars and this was such a night. We looked up at the heavens and the breathtaking forest of bright stars.

Great Gig. By David

And now a report from the organisers - It was good to see so many people enjoying themselves at the bush dance on the 11th August. As can be seen from the above report the musicians plus Morris dancers relish their time in the Strathbogie/Violet Town district. Norm Ellis, the dance caller and the band lead by Martin Hungerford do put a lot of effort in to making the dance a success.

Big thankyou's must also go to those who helped set up the hall: Anna Reyeneke, Carol Crowe, Charles O'Connor and Ken Dunnachie and to Naomi and Hamish for the clean up. Also, as always, thank you to Kim Usher for his assistance with the promotion.

NOW, to continue this annual winter event we need some volunteers to run it. We are happy to go on making the music arrangements, but we need others to do the promotion and the hall.

If you are interested please call us. Judith & Peter Durston 5790 5106

STRATHBOGIE CFA NEWS - The first thing that should be said is thank you Eric Tame. Having put up with all the meetings and rubbish involved with being a Fire Captain for the best part of TEN years.

Thank you once again Eric from myself and all the other members of the Brigade.

The second thing is to introduce myself David Hamilton so that Eric can avoid any more **pain**. So if you have any questions involving the CFA please contact myself and leave Eric alone, for a well earned rest from Brigade matters.

Now time for a friendly reminder, as I write this in a rainy August day, you will be reading this in the optimism that it is just one more month of Winter left!!

With this in mind an early fire season could be only **8 weeks away**. I am not saying get your fire plans ready now, what I am saying is start your cleanup NOW! To avoid the last attempt to burn debris around your house. After reading that last paragraph you might laugh. But if you have heavy fuel to get rid of, by the time it dries out and you have time during the normal busy spring the opportunity may have slipped on by. Leaving your house sitting next to a time bomb (think of black Saturday not the green surrounds you see right now).

On a lighter note the time table on the truck roster has been changed, to a more predictable week of the month format. For all those who still wish to be members but can't make it on a Sunday AT ALL could you please ring me and we will try for a run during the week, I know who you are!!!
Thank you, David Hamilton Phone 04270510446



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Rightfulness

by Donmil

Tony's voice is more strident;
His chest no doubt hairier,
But Sophie, to my mind,
Is quite a lot scarier.

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Sept 7 - 9 - "We Have a Pope" (M)
& "The Orator" (PG)

Sept 14 - 16 - "Tomboy" (G) & "The Door" (M)
Sept 21 - 23 - "Trishna" (MA)

& "A Royal Affair" (M)
Sept 28 - 30 - "The Kid with a Bike" (M)
& "Romantics Anonymous" (M)

Oct 5 - 7 - "Declaration of War" (M)
& "King of Devil's Island" (M)

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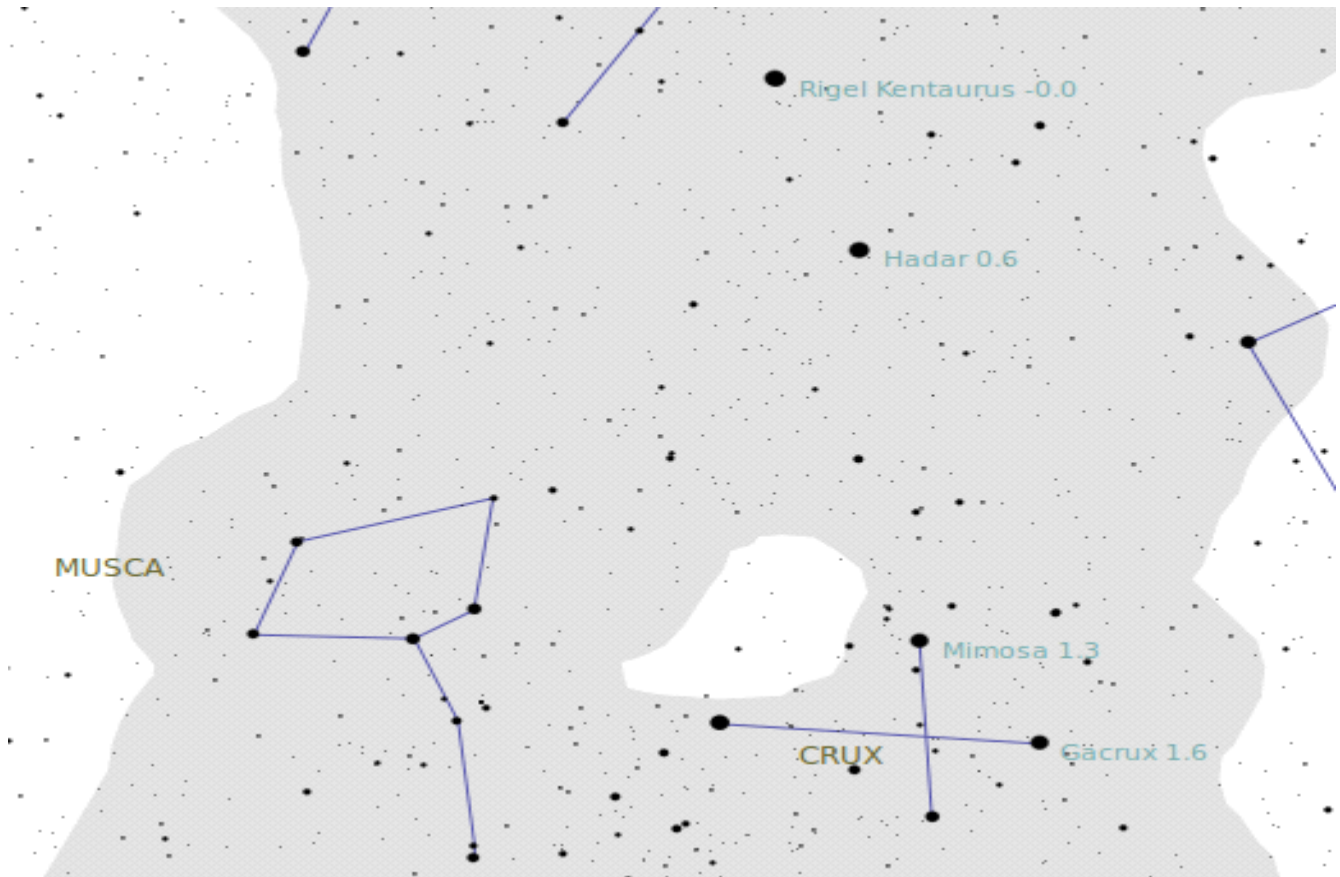
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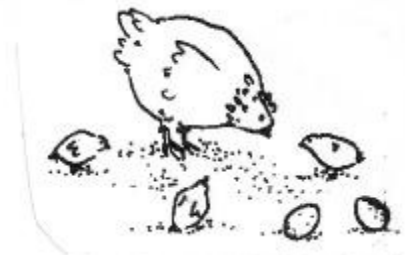
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Stargazing in Strathbogie



Looking South from Strathbogie on a clear night this time of year, the Southern Cross is clearly visible below the pointers Rigel Kentaurus and Hadar. Just East of the cross is the little constellation Musca, The Fly, which is easy to find at the foot of the Cross, and marked by four obvious stars. Admittedly, the pattern looks nothing like a fly, to the unaided eye, the brightest stars of Musca seem to form a distorted rectangle.

Information from Kstars(David Joyce)



BOOB BUS TO SHEPPARTON



Community Health Outreach Health Service in Violet Town will once again be conducting a BreastScreen trip to Shepparton

Priority is given to women aged 50-69 years old
Breast screening mammogram once every two years
is primarily recommended for women in this age group

**The next Boob Bus will be in October
(date yet to be confirmed)**



Please phone Julie on 5736 6366 for enquiries

The missile missed

by Donmil

Magnusson (James)
Went off to the Games
To show the whole world how to swim
But – what rotten luck! –
His plans came unstuck
When the others swam faster than him.

The lesson to learn,
As a wise man has said:
You earn gold in the pool,
Not inside your own head.

Written by Ken Dunnache.....I recently had a chat with Ian Beattie about early times and how they managed.

Three Beattie brothers selected land in the early days about 1860. Jack and Daisy lived in Beattie's Road and sailor Jack lived with them until 1931. Sailor Jack was nicknamed Sailor as he had served in the Merchant Navy round about the First World War.

When Ian was born they moved up to Shields Lane in 1926 onto a property of about 130 acres. Eventually five children were born here. Daintie still lives in Alexandra.

They milked 18 cows by hand. The cream at that time went by train down to Kilmore Butter Factory as they paid a better price than the Euroa Factory. These cows were run on a neighbour's paddock. Eventually the cream went to the Strathbogie Factory once or twice a week by horse and cart. The Factory burnt down in the early 1930's and rebuilt again.

Ian did four years schooling by correspondence. This, of course, threw a lot of responsibility on the parents, particularly the mothers. He then went to the Kelvin View school, where he and the subsequent family walked four miles both ways each day; a very long way for children.

His father, and eventually the boys, grew about three acres of potatoes using an old Fordson Detroit tractor with steel wheels. The plough had a seat and they rigged another seat as well. Using a three furrow plough, one person dropped a spud down a tube into the middle furrow and other put a ring of fertilizer around it. They were harvested by hand and sold for 10/- a bag (\$1) at the old Beehive Store near the overpass in Euroa.



Jack did some rouseabouting among neighbours. They ran about fifty sheep. After milking in the morning they went out and cut ferns with a fern hook until milking at night.

Sailor Jack was M.C. at the local dances in the old hall (Doug's Garage.) The music consisted of the violin, piano and drums. Sometimes Barry Ellis joined in with his saxophone. They didn't have any power so it was all lanterns with lighting kero. The hall had a kero tank on the outside wall with a pressure pump which fed the main light in the hall. When the light got a bit dim someone went outside and pumped it up again. The non dancers went out the back room and played cards. This tradition was carried on when the new hall was built.



Not having any power at home meant all lights were lanterns and hurricanes. They eventually got a 12 volt system with a one horsepower Briggs & Stratton motor. Then came a Ferguson Tractor with hydraulics and rubber wheels. What a difference that would have made.

What rabbits they didn't eat were sold. First the skins; they were stretched on a wide frame until they dried. Then Harris's opened a freezer in Euroa about 1960 and they took the whole rabbits. These were sold for 1/6- a pair (30 cents.)



Their first car was an old Buick then a Renault. For a while they had a motor bike and a side car. Ian remembers setting out on a jaunt with mum and dad on the bike and four kids in the side car. What fun they must have had but also it would have been very hot and very cold. Mr. John Croome was the baker at the time in the township. The oven is still in existence in the main street.

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During this conversation Ian mentioned the new road. I said "here, hand on a minute, what's this new road?" He said he could first remember it being made in 1929 using horses, scoops, drays, picks and shovels. Then Jim Gibson joined in and said his father worked on it in 1922. So much for the new road!!! The old road is still there starting just below Dennis and Di Mackrell's and going past the Strathbogie Cemetery. Some of the older cars had trouble climbing the hill. Ian said Beatties Road and Delaheys Road were the same road right through. Hard to imagine now but the "new road" cut through a couple of paddocks and changed things around a bit.

Ian, Bob and Neil went fruit picking through the season in the Goulburn Valley to supplement the farm income.

The football team (known as "The Hillmen") were active and there was always a dance after most local games with a Ball at least every year. New years eve was a big night out with a combined tennis and cricket club dance.

I found that early history very interesting and we certainly have to take our hats off to these early settlers as they managed to rear a family and eke out a living in those early days. They still managed to go to the local football match and a dance at night. Imagine the fun they had. No amplifiers in those days. They didn't need them.



During the fifties at dances in the new hall there were so many people doing the Barn Dance we had to make two circles around the hall. All the children joined in which is how they learned to dance.

Thanks to Ian for these memories and wishing him a happy retirement in Euroa.
Ken Dunnachie

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Strathbogie Tableland Action Group Report July 2012

Sixteen people turned up for the STAG AGM held on 30th July, 2012. Chairperson's report, Treasurer's report and Communications sub-committee report were delivered and accepted. A report on the draft Action Plan and one from the Roads sub-committee were delivered from the floor. Thankyou to everyone who came and participated.

Committee members following the AGM are:

Chairperson	Neil Barter
Vice-Chair	David Hamilton
Treasurer	Peter Boyd
Secretary (Acting)	Heather Cousland
Minute Secretary	Carol Crowe
Grants Officer	Bertram Lobert
General Members	Ellen Conroy, Pete Kelly, Doug Watson
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Chairperson's Report Strathbogie Tableland Action Group - presented at the AGM July 2012

For what is only a truncated part of the past year I submit, with pleasure, a report on the STAG organisation's activities.

After a meeting was held subsequent to the last AGM of the group, an election for office-bearers was held and there were some difficulties filling the positions.

We had an absent volunteer who was prepared to hold any position, who, when there were no takers for the chairperson's job, was elected. A vice-president was elected and then the position of secretary was called for. Once again an impasse came about and so the nominated vice-president took on the job of chairperson and the aforementioned person was nominated for secretary. Fortunately no such drama occurred for the treasurer's position.

The transition from the previous committee to the current one was handled in a very professional manner, which made the task of the new committee much easier. Thank you on behalf of everybody for that assistance.

Many meetings of the new committee took place, far in excess of the mandatory two per year as there were many things that needed to be done, not the least of which was to organize the bi-ennial, or is that bi-annual, community consultation meeting, which determines the group's priorities for the forthcoming period of time.

An extremely successful dinner was held to facilitate the above, with outstanding assistance being given by the Shire's officer, Liz Scarfe. At that dinner the updated Community Directory was launched together with the updated community website. (www.strathbogie.org)

Another highlight of the evening was the opening address by Jon Frederick.

A tremendous amount of time and energy was devoted to that meeting by members of the STAG committee as well, and they are also to be publicly congratulated on their efforts.

Projects discussed at the community dinner are being sorted and actions taken place where individuals have declared their interest and have committed to these in one way or another.

The future looks rosy as far as some of these projects are concerned, but the ongoing commitment of individuals to the STAG committee and to the various projects is urgently needed. I urge everybody to seriously consider being involved in whatever area they can. Neil Barter



Strathbogie Campus

Aug/Sept 2012

Fundraising has been a big focus at our campus for some time with the latest being notification that we have received \$193.70 for our first lot of Paul's caps which were sent in recently. This fundraiser is running until the end of the year so please keep sending them in to school. This is a very simple way of earning a few dollars as well as keeping more plastic out of landfill.

A huge thank you to all community members who have supported us so wonderfully by sending in Coles vouchers and Woolies stickers—we are in the process of finalising the count and sending them all off to be checked. These two initiatives gain us sporting equipment & classroom supplies. A big thank you also to Franz & Janine Kloft who not only have sent stickers up from Euroa but have sold raffle tickets for us as well.

Hockey 7s

What a great day we had in Wodonga recently, competing in the regional comp. Congratulations to Lachy, Malachi, Sean, Hannah, Jacob, Ryley, Molly, Jayden and Brian for their impressive teamwork and efforts throughout the 4 games they played in the tournament as well as a 5th friendly match after everyone else had headed off. Big thanks to Chris Chittick who, when she wasn't umpiring, was always offering advice as was Angus Murray. We also owe big thanks to Damin Croxson and Felix Arnold who joined us again and coached the players with great skill; the kids certainly appreciated the depth of their knowledge on how to move the ball as well as their bodies about the field. Although we were not winners of any games the kids demonstrated they were indeed winners of all that is good in sports people—tried their hardest, supported their team mates, were fair and considerate of the opposition and umpires and didn't let a loss defeat them. Well done to all!!



We have a roof!!!

At last the covered walkway between the new & old buildings has been erected, and it looks great. Children can now access the toilets and the old building undercover.

While the works were in progress we relocated to the hall for safety reasons and we thank the Hall Committee for letting us use the space—it certainly suited a wet day timetable with bad-minton, volleyball, dancing, drawing and reading all happening on the full day we spent there.



Congratulations to the Junior School Council for having raised \$58 through the Sock It To You fundraiser—a win win—we get quality socks and the JSC makes some money!!



Children as Authors Results

Just before the end of school last Friday we received an email from Libby Library with the much anticipated results of the Children As Authors writing competition. Once again, the Strathbogie kids put in a great effort to produce some wonderful written and illustrated pieces of work. With this in mind we were very pleased to applaud some winning entries from our campus. Congratulations to official winners (W) and Honour recipients (H) as listed be-low. The winning works from all students on Libby's Library run will travel and be read by all of her students—we love seeing the amazing works from other students and appreciate their hard work and efforts.

Enormous thanks to Libby for again running this program—we all really love and value it!

GRADE

Jessica Chapman, Prep *The Rainbow* W

Matthew Chapman, Year 2 *The Devil* W

Emily Law, Year 6, *Maximum Directions* H

FACTUAL

Upper: Tom & Brooke McIntosh, *Edward Ned Kelly* H

Lower: Scotty Barns, *Ned Kelly* W

Natalie Middleton, *Melbourne* H

FRONT COVER

Upper: Ryley McDonald *Boom!* W

ILLUSTRATIONS

Lower: Matthew Chapman, *The Scary School Bus* H

Upper: Sean Stanley, *Framed* W

MARC AWARD

Lachy McDonald *The Evil Date* equal W

Eggs and Chickens

Once again we are incubating some eggs at school. Thanks to Bec Croxson for delivering the eggs, which came from a poultry farmer in Albury, and Graham Moore for the loan of the incubator. The students are doing the morning turn & the staff the evening turn. We are hoping for a lovely variety of chickens from the 2 dozen eggs—stay tuned!!!



PERANBIN OLYMPICS & FUN RUN

We had a fun day at Violet Town recently when all campuses met to participate in our second Peranbin Olympiad. The teams were (very English!) - Weasels, Hares, The Eye, Thames, Badgers, Bobbies, Big Ben and the Foxes and the kids cheered and waved their team flags enthusiastically during the Opening ceremony.

Following this we took part in the Adidas Fun Run (a whole school fundraiser and our Olympic mara-

thon) before returning for some very fun events including thread the string and bean bag head relay. Congratulations to everyone for having such great spirit and demonstrating just what good sports our kids are.



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