

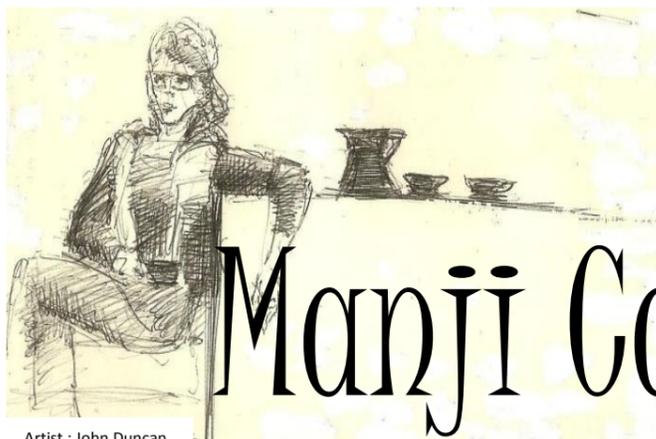
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SAYING FOR THE MONTH

I can resist everything except temptation.

Oscar Wilde

CHAT SUBJECT

If you could have any super power.

What would it be?



Welcome to our February edition. School days have returned, the household routine is back in place with sleep-ins over for a while. The kids will be getting to know their new teachers and becoming familiarised with their year's program, it's always an exciting time.

Our Congratulations go to the recipients of all Australia Day Awards.

Our thoughts have been with the fire ravaged area of our South West, and with the local farmers who suffered such terrible crop losses in the recent deluge. Making history can be interesting, but it can also be devastating. Let us hope the rest of the year is better.

And we get an extra day this month, perhaps we should plan a celebration on our bonus day for 2016. Happy Birthday to all Leaplings, born on 29th February.

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The Story of the Re-Branding of Manjimup Primary School

This article describes the story to our community about the re-branding of our school in the latter half of 2015. The re-branding reflects what the school means to our community; that is the students, the staff and our parent groups.

The idea behind the change to our school logo and creating a new brand was driven by Principal, Mr Gareth Palmer and was supported by staff, School Board and the Parents and Citizens Association of the school. The main purpose behind the re-brand was to:

- Improve our school's profile in our community;
- To create a design that has a strong vibrant identity that allows us all to feel a sense of pride of our school; and
- To create a bold visual that represented the school's vision and future directions.

We felt that the brand needed to reflect what the students feel about the school - the starting point was then with them - we asked groups of students from across the school to describe their feelings and thoughts about what the school meant, and what their future aspirations were. The brand then needed to reflect who they were and what they wanted to become as individuals. The students chose the following words as favourite descriptors of their school and the students within it:

- a) Resilient b) Tolerant c) Inclusive d) Creative; and e) Critical learners f) Respectful g) Global citizens

We then took those thoughts and ideas to a company in Busselton, called Gumption. Craig Garrett, their graphic designer, met with Administration in early September and from that point Craig created the brand. Primarily, the logo icon symbolises the school as a community who learn and grow together. The arrows of the logo represent the various inputs that students need on their journey through our school; creative learning, play and support from family and friends.

The colours are a very important feature in our new brand icon - they represent many things - the diversity of our school - and you will notice that the colours become warmer as you move around the circle from light blue, green, yellow to red and finally the dark blue that represents the whole school.

- Deep blue - representing solid community, a sense of our 104 year history, trust, knowledge and academic excellence;
- Green is for tolerance, resilience and learning;
- Sky blue is for our limitless ideas and creativity;
- Yellow represents our positive aspirations; and
- Red represents warmth, welcoming, inclusive and our nurturing CARER values.

All of the colours combine to form a vibrant, energetic and modern logo symbolising the creative, happy students who join together to enjoy a well-balanced education.

The colours also represent our four faction colours - something that will become a very significant feature of our school in 2016 - Carinya, Yarrimbah, Kyabram and Manjin will have regular mention as we celebrate sport on Fridays and students wearing their new faction shirts proudly and immersing themselves in competitive spirit.

You'll see the 'togetherness icon' in our new web site and app and newsletters - it represents the 5 CARER values:

- 1) Cooperation 2) Attitude to Learning 3) Respect & Care 4) Equity and Opportunity 5) Responsibility

The CARER values is the glue that keeps our school culture connected and guides our conduct and behaviour and the method by which we treat each other.

In 2016 we will have a phasing in of new shirts with the re-brand logo being available in July. Up to then parents have the option of purchasing existing shirts at a reduced cost from Manjimup Monograms. The school's landscape and environment will change dramatically - the new school signage will be on show in February 2016. When the students return for the start of the new school year there will be the new brand sitting proudly at the front of the school, side by side with the Manjimup Education Support Centre's branding, recognising our dual site residence. The front office will have a face-lift with the new brand sitting below the reception desk.

Another highlight of the re-brand is the new look undercover area. In our story behind the brand change you would have heard about the re-emphasis on factions for 2016 and this will be celebrated through large

Many Big Days Out

With the Warren Agricultural Show about to celebrate a special milestone this year, one hundred years since the first local Show, it set me on a memory trail, back to when I was young. It was always such a big day out! My Mother would be flat out on her Singer Treadle making new dresses for the females in the household, plus it was a hat and gloves day, oh yes, we dressed up for the Show. Back 'then' you never turned up at the Show in jeans and a T shirt. Absolutely not. Well, in all truth, T Shirts and Jeans were not even in our vocabulary, or our wardrobes.

My Dad would never miss the Show, he'd be decked out in his neatly pressed trousers, favourite dress shirt, tie, and probably a jacket. (There we are in the photo, in our best gear.) These were the days when everyone knew everyone else in the district and Dad would come home with a broad grin, retelling many yarns he had shared with his mates.

As a young teenager I would roam the sideshows with my friends, parading my new gear, and making my meagre shillings spread as far as they would around the rides and whatever else the show had to offer.

The chair-o-plane was always a highlight. Amongst all the "try your luck" side shows back then, I remember the open mouthed clowns claiming a few of my pence but I didn't ever have any luck, no prizes ever went home with me. There were some mysterious tempting side shows with amazing sights behind the tent flaps. I most certainly did not venture into the boxing tent, I can kind of recall the voice of the spruiker baiting the local lads to come and test their muscles against the travelling boxers. The sound of the drumming lingers in my memory.

The first show in May 1916 was held in a hall where the current Manjimup Town Hall is, then it was moved to the Recreation Ground, which is now Imperials' territory. The Show was not held during the war years, starting up again in November 1947. According to a little history I have discovered, around 1959 the Road Board allocated 5000 pounds to the Agricultural Society members to convert the area that is now Rea Park into their Show Grounds. That area had been set aside for a horse racing track but apart from the bigger trees being felled it was still bush. Thousands of volunteer hours went into producing an oval, cattle yards and basic facilities so the Show could go on. I have been told that the painting of the low picket fence which surrounded the perimeter of what is now Tigers' Footy Oval, was not finished until after sundown the night before the Show.

In 1975 Show Day was changed from November to March to suit the commitments of the farming community who were the backbone of the "Ag Society". It wasn't until 1973 that Friday night entertainment was introduced, previously there would be a Show Ball the night of the Show. I recall times as an older teenager - my agonised feet after spending the day at the Show and then tottering off in my pointy toed high heels to the Town Hall for the Show Ball that night. Ouch.

Good luck, and thanks, to the current Show Committee. Being secretary for a year or so around 1977 taught me how much work goes into running the event. Congratulations to past and present committees on all those successful Shows over the 100 years.

Well Done!

Thumbs Up! To Brad Hanrahan of Toy World, for a great community effort. When the Northcliffe fire headed to the ocean last February, Brad was at Windy Harbour and with the exit road closed he couldn't leave. So he set his camera to work. Then he compiled a 2016 calendar and all profits from the sales went to the Northcliffe Bush Fire Brigade. Around 650 have been sold, so what a fantastic donation is that. Well done Brad!



CUCUMBER

As cool as a cucumber, a refreshing thought when we are feeling the heat of summer. Someone said to have this degree of coolness is relaxed, calm and in control of their emotions. Easy to understand when this phrase may have originated from the fact that even in hot weather the inside of a cucumber is approximately 20 deg. colder than the outside air.

Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) is a widely cultivated plant in the gourd family, *Cucurbitaceae*. It is a creeping vine which includes three main varieties: slicing, pickling and burpless. It is believed to have originated in India and been grown for at least 3,000 years, it was a great favourite of the Romans and Greeks who introduced it to Europe and is now a part of modern cuisine in most countries. It is a well-loved addition to salads and sandwiches for most of us and our temperate climate in the south west gives ideal growing conditions.

The ideal time for planting is September to January, a little protection from the hot sun helps and they can be grown successfully among sweetcorn crops, getting the benefit of shade and something to climb up or trail around. They prefer a slightly acid soil, well drained and friable with the addition of plenty of organic matter, well-rotted compost is ideal, and a straw mulch to keep the roots cool and to prevent the crop from coming into contact with the ground. They will need a good watering and liquid fertilising, always water at the root zone as they can be susceptible to fungal diseases.

There are several varieties to choose from: Spacemaster - a stocky little cucumber with 20cm fruits, Armenian Burpless - ribbed skin and yellow flesh, Lebanese - long and thin fruit with big yields and Apple Cucumber - prolific numbers of crisp, creamy skinned fruit.

Cucumbers are a good source of B vitamins, they are 95% water which keeps your body hydrated and helps eliminate toxins, the skin contains a good amount of vitamin C. Placing a slice over the eyes reduces puffiness and eating a few slices before going to bed will help cure a hangover, can't vouch for this but worth a try!

Liz's Kitchen Rules

CUCUMBER SOUP

Ingredients: 60g butter, 1 diced onion, 3 cucumbers roughly chopped, 1.5 litre chicken stock, small bunch chopped chives, small bunch chopped parsley, juice of 2 lemons, 200 ml single cream.

Method: Melt butter in a large pan and sauté the onions over a medium heat until softened, reduce heat to low and cook for 5 minutes. Add stock, bring to the boil, reduce heat, season and simmer for 4-5 minutes, add chives, parsley and lemon juice and cook for a further 5 minutes. Transfer to a blender and puree until smooth, allow to cool, refrigerate until cold, just before serving, whisk in the cream. Place in bowls and top with a few finely chopped chives, cooling and delicious, ideal for a summer starter or as a light lunch with a crusty slice of sourdough to dip.



Cooper's Story.

We have to admit that Australians are consumed with sport. Either physically participating, attending matches, or of course, there are all the armchair specialists and all those many many hours of conversation, and enthusiastic debate. There are experts in all of these fields, aren't there?

Money can be made by those with the talent and ability to actually be a performing expert, and you may like to hear we have a young lad in town who is hoping to be in this category, working his way towards stage one of achieving it.

Cooper Longbottom is aged 15. His dad, Peter, is a keen golfer, so Cooper has been on the course playing caddy over the years, and since the age of 13 he has been matching his Dad at the Tee. Now he is giving his best shot to becoming a professional, starting with Junior Golf Ranking competitions. He is being coached by Shani Waugh, who was Australian Amateur Ladies Golf Champion, and now guides some of our young promising golfers.

2016 will be a big year in the Longbottom household, attending competitions with the South West Pennants' Squad in Perth for the next five weeks, the Southwest Development Squad all winter, and Ranking Tournaments all through the metro area throughout the year. You would have to be young to cope with all that! And in addition to his school commitments Cooper works in Woollies stacking shelves three nights a week, and is on the course practising as much as he can be.

No need to comment that his parents are super proud. His Dad coaches the Junior Golfers and loves to see his son's natural skills. Mum, Pennii, of Empire Hair, says Cooper has a major love for golf and a passion for the profession. "He is a Manjimup Golf Club member, making his start at this club and he loves it here in Manji!" Pennii is prepared to drive him to wherever the competitions are, in Perth and through the South West. There's a satisfied smile seen as she says perhaps it will give her a chance to catch up on a few of the current movies while she waits for the eighteen holes to be played out.

Good luck Cooper, we wish you well on your endeavour and may you achieve your goal.

Green Island

Have you ever been to Green Island? It is located just 25km east of Manjimup on Graphite Road. A beautiful picturesque place situated on the Donnelly River which meanders around the land thus giving the appearance of an island.

There are 21 camp sites available, a small park fee is required, paid in an honour box to Department of Parks and Wildlife. There are fireplaces for bbq in allocated areas only and beware of fire season - summer all fires are prohibited. Pets are also allowed on a leash at all times. An eco-toilet is supplied as well.

The Bibbulum Walk track passes through Green Island and continues onto One Tree Bridge which is approximately 5 kilometres along the river and through the bush. The Mundi Biddi Bike Trail is a mere 250 metres from the camping ground. Both these tracks go from Perth to Albany. Green Island was originally a Group Settlement block owned by a Mr William and Mrs Clara Green. Group Settlers were given 25 acres of land and with the help of the others in the Group were to each clear enough land to build themselves a home and start a farm to earn an income. Most Group Settlers were from England, but Mr Green was from Kalgoorlie and had knowledge on farming so was the leader of this Group Settlement Number 23. In 1921 Mr Green and his son Gordon arrived at the Group Settlement and cleared the land and set up home and twenty one months later Mrs Green and the rest of the family - which consisted of nine sons and three daughters arrived by train to Manjimup then had to be transported out the Green Island by horse and cart. The children loved the move to the area, they had to walk (5 miles) just under 10 kilometres to school there and back each day, Mrs Green didn't appreciate the move as much as she had moved from a settled town to become a "pioneer" again.

The Green family grew oats for hay and milked fifty cows twice a day by hand. It was one of the biggest dairy of the time and they had over 200 pigs which were sold. Where Green Island camping site is where the family orchard and vegetable garden was located. These gardens were needed to keep food for the family as this was not readily available like today. By 1930 Mr Green was diagnosed with silicosis (a lung disease caused from inhaling mining dust when he worked in Kalgoorlie), he was ill and later died in Perth in 1935, Mrs Green never returned to the family farm and she later died in 1938. Two of the sons took over the running of the farm and things became too hard and they later returned to the Goldfields and worked there, another brother had bought his own farm and descendants still live in Manjimup today.

So if you go out to Green Island wander along the banks of the river and look at the beautiful wildflowers in spring, the ferns and the tall karri trees and think of Mr and Mrs Green arriving ninety four years ago and the hardship they endured to clear the land and try and make a living from it.



FEBRUARY

February must be the most romantic month of the year with Valentine's Day on the 14th when we can hope to win over the object of our affection with hearts and roses and chocolates. And if that fails ladies we have 29th February when it is quite permissible to propose marriage. Although, there is a snag here, according to tradition women either have to wear breeches or a scarlet petticoat to pop the question. But it's not all bad, should your man refuse your proposal on Leap Day he must buy you 12 pairs of gloves!

The Roman month Februarius was named after the Latin *februum*, which means purification, a ritual held on February 15th in the old lunar Roman calendar. February remained the last month of the year for roughly 200 years until the calendar was re-evaluated and February became the second month, with January being the start of the new year, however this new 355 day calendar could not stay in sync with the seasons because it did not account for the amount of time it takes the Earth to orbit the sun. Julius Caesar was responsible for the creation of the Julian calendar which added an extra day every four years to coordinate with the solar cycle of 365.2425 days, much easier for everyone. February is the shortest month of the year, people born on February 29th are known as *leaplings* or *leapers*, technically they celebrate their birthday once every four years but most observe it on February 28th.

Zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (Jan 20th - Feb 18th) and Pisces (Feb 19th - March 20th). People born in this month are tolerant and open-minded, but tend to stick to their beliefs. They are compassionate, sensitive, imaginative and sympathetic to the feelings of others. They tend to be romantic and sentimental, but they may give in to escapism. Their greatest attributes are their visionary nature and compassion. They are the people who take the world to the next level; they make others see things in a new light. Their ability to break the rules and help others reach their fullest potential makes them one of the most understanding characters of the zodiac.

If you are a February baby your birth flowers are Violet and Primrose, your birthstone is Amethyst.

Famous names with February birthdates are authors *Charles Dickens* : David Copperfield and *Jules Verne* : 20,000 Leagues under the Sea, actors *Clark Gable*, *Burt Reynolds*, *Elizabeth Taylor* and *Jennifer Aniston*, musicians *George Harrison*, *Johnny Cash*, *Sheryl Crow* and *Alice Cooper*, three American Presidents, *Ronald Reagan*, *Abraham Lincoln* and *George Washington*, tennis champion *John McEnroe* and *Steve Irwin* the Crocodile Hunter. Songs with February in the title include "One February Friday" - *Frankie goes to Hollywood* (1984), "Two Days in February" - *Goo Goo Dolls* (1990), "February Stars" - *Foo Fighters* (1997), "February Song" - *Josh Groban* (2006) and finally "February Air" - *Lights* (2008).