



Beaumaris Waves

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A Wintry Message from the President

Well, here we are at the start of winter and we are now being allowed a bit more freedom to get out to visit family and friends if we feel inclined. For many of you this might feel too soon and I respect your desire to stay safe in the warmth of your own home.

We are still unable to carry out any of our usual activities due to the COVID-19 social distancing rules so we are restricted to communicating with members by phone or online. With this in mind the committee has used ZOOM to induct two new members into our group. Many of you may have already met them as they have attended the obligatory two meetings before the pandemic arrived.

So, on behalf of all the members we welcome Judy Brook and Neville Hunter to The Probud Club of Beaumaris Bay. I trust that they enjoy the friendship and fellowship of our Bayside club.

The committee is still contacting members via phone, Zoom and our newsletter and website and I also urge you to pick up the phone and keep in touch with you friends from Probud too.

Hoping you are all staying safe and well.

Marilyn

June birthdays



Helga Anderson; Judy Brook; Peg Campbell; Liz Dunkley; Fay Flynn; June Hill; Ann Morgan; Helen Siemering; June Wood. We wish them good health and many Happy Returns.

Activities

Hello Everybody

We have all been home resting, reading, cooking, cleaning and eating and now slowly there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

As mentioned in the May Newsletter, we are really looking forward to our first meeting being ...

Coming out of Hibernation Morning Tea and Celebration

The date is to be confirmed once we have permission to use the Golf Club.

Soon after we will be having a lunch and get together at **Arcobar** in Heatherton.



Then a Day Trip to **The Dolphin Research Centre** in Hastings.

So start sorting out your party clothes and be ready once we have the all-clear to do so Everything is organised, we just need a date.

Best Wishes

Geraldine McGann

Walking Group (1st Monday)

Convenor: Ken Launder (Ph 9584 1432)

A walk around the water feature at Waterways has been organized for anyone interested at 10.30 am this coming **Friday June 5**. We will meet outside the Nest café (Melway 92 F2). Refreshments available afterwards.

On **July 6** we will walk through the 285 hectare Braeside Park which is made up of a series of diverse environmental communities. When driving east along Lower Dandenong Road the park is on your right-hand side with the entrance directly opposite Sandleford Street (Melway 88 D8). On entering, parking is available in a car park close to the entrance or a second car park a short distance further in. We will meet in the first car park at 10.00 am. Our walk will be in a southerly direction along the Howard Road/Wetlands trail which eventually connects with the Red Gum trail thereby returning us to our starting point. Depending on restrictions in place at the time we will decide where we will go for refreshments.

Computer tips

Email etiquette – Using capital letters in the body of an email is tantamount to shouting. If sending to multiple recipients, use the Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) facility to protect the recipients’ email addresses from bots trawling the Internet in search of such addresses. If you use “Reply all” in reply to a message sent to multiple recipients they will all see your response, which you may not want to happen. Instead use the Single Reply back arrow option on the screen to reply to just the sender, or start a new message.

Microsoft Windows Tips – there’s lots of on-board help for Windows in its browse Tips facility.

Room with a view

Every man should have a shed or a “man cave”. Although I don’t have a shed, I do have a “man cave” in the form of a study. It is here that I spend a lot of my time. The first thing I do of a morning is to turn on the computer in the study and check my emails and the daily news. Before the coronavirus pandemic I could watch the passing parade in my street through the study window as I sat at my computer: neighbours rushing to catch the bus around the corner; noisy whipper-snippers assaulting one’s hearing; fervent proselytisers vainly knocking on unwelcoming doors; a man urinating into a street bush; window cleaners and gardeners at work; birds squabbling over territory; a neighbour washing his car; dog owners feigning ignorance of their mutts defecating on the nature strip; the thump of rubbish bins being emptied into gigantic bulbous council trucks; a woman “walking” a big dog in a pusher (no kidding); street trees being butchered by power company contractors; tradies in their souped-up utes coming and going; the leaves of deciduous trees in our garden changing colour and shedding their leaves as the seasons change. The street is a lot quieter now with the social distancing rules occasioned by the corona virus pandemic.

No doubt the study reflects my personality. The desk is my house’s communications centre dominated by a computer and its peripheral devices. Books with their colourful dust jackets residing on crowded shelves are evidence of the different phases of my life. Framed prints and certificates adorn the walls; souvenirs from my travels jostle for space with family photographs; a barometer (a retirement gift) silently warns of an impending change in the weather. At night, as I turn off my desk lamp, the warm glow of the standby lights on the various electronic devices tells me that they are asleep and that I should be also. And so ends another day of life in my study.



Pied Currawong seen from my study



Another of my visitors

A traveller’s tale

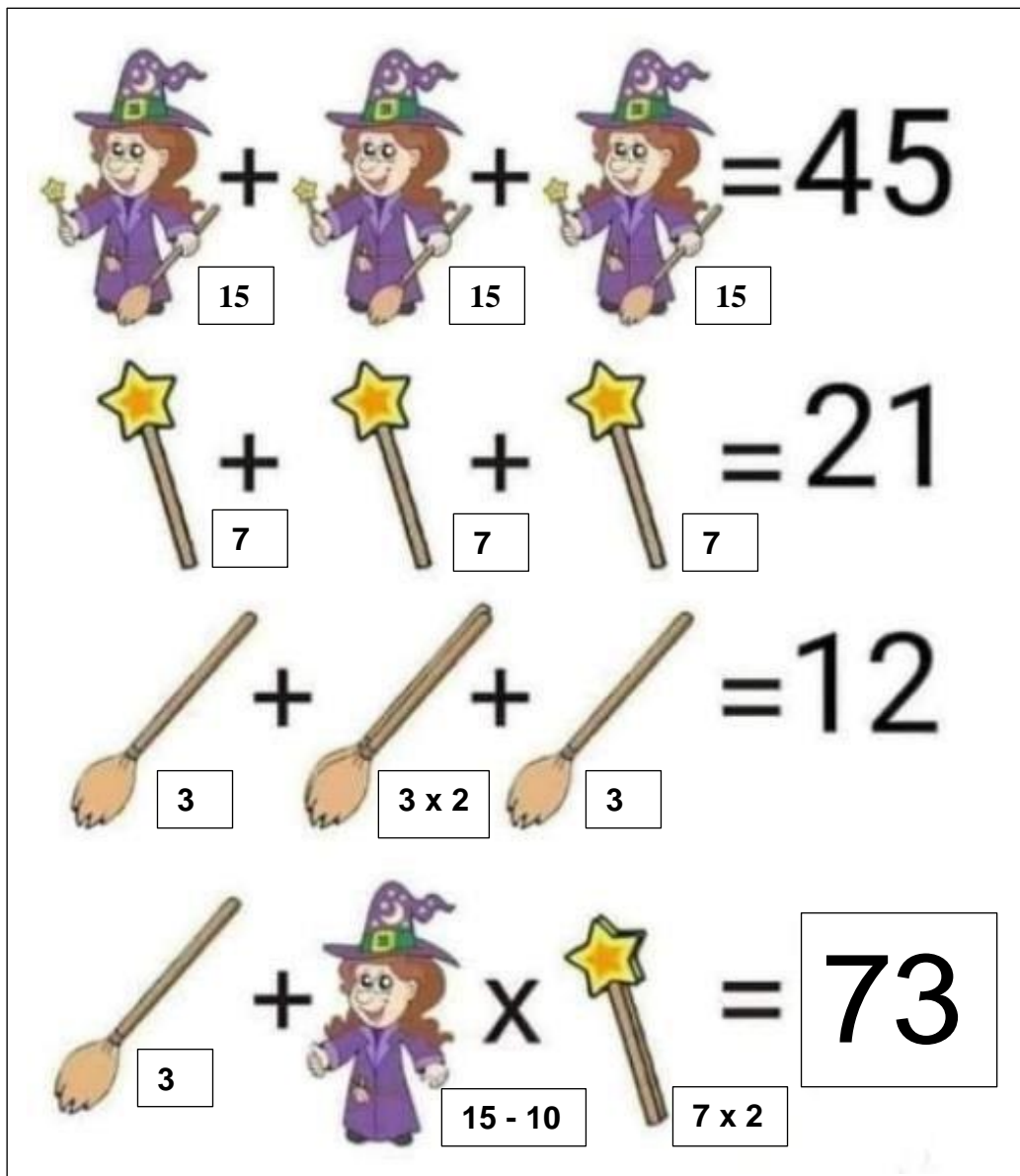
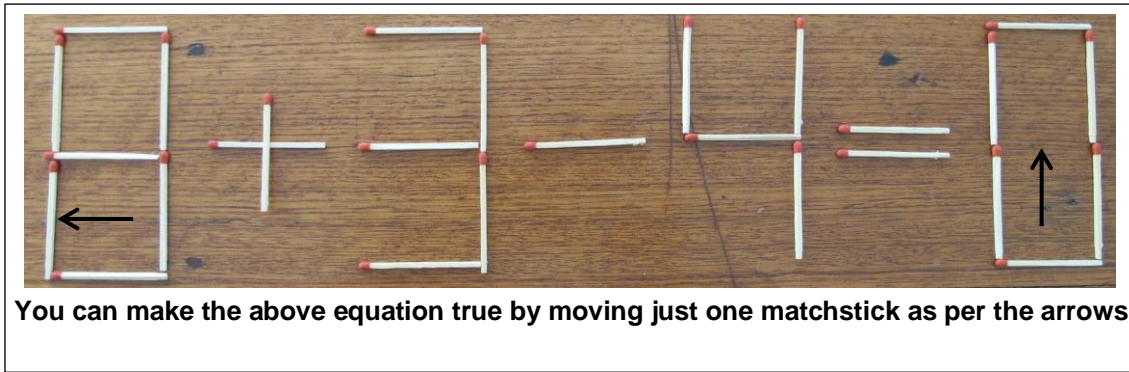
When my wife Jan and I were in Paris some years ago we went out for dinner in Montmartre, famous for its Sacré Coeur basilica and the Moulin Rouge theatre. The Metro underground railway being the most convenient way of returning to our hotel in the vast French capital, we retraced our steps to the nearest underground station.

I am sure I proffered a one hundred franc bank note to the ticket seller for a *carnet de billets* (ten discounted tickets) costing less than fifty francs at the time. However, I only received the change from fifty francs. Naturally I queried the discrepancy with much sign language and school-boy French, but to no avail. A couple of Mormon missionaries who were waiting in the queue, and spoke better French than me, interceded on my behalf but also with no success. Then an English-speaking Parisian came to my aid but he also had no success in obtaining the correct change for me.

Finally, in desperation I summoned up my best schoolboy French and said to the ticket seller, “Je demande à voir le manager!” (*I demand to see the manager!*) to which she replied, “Je suis le manager!” (*I am the manager!*) I had to admit defeat and accept my loss, but nevertheless “J’aime Paris encore” (*I still love Paris.*) In hindsight, maybe I had enjoyed dinner too much?

Graeme Storey

Solutions to puzzles in the May 2020 newsletter



Did you notice the double images of the brush and wand in the above two lines and the empty-handed figure in the bottom row? This affects the value of some of the elements in the puzzle.

The answer is 73 because the multiplication sign takes precedence over the + sign (as per the maths rule for 'order of operations'), therefore has to be evaluated first. There are implied brackets around the two right-hand figures in the bottom row.