



ParraPals Newsletter Vol 5, No: 9, September 2011

President's message

Greetings.

Ah, Spring has sprung.

Great time of the year – the best, in fact, for signing up for that computer course you have always intended to do, but haven't got around to just yet.

Term 4 timetable is out and we are ready to book you in – so, just do it, okay?

At our Members' Meeting next Friday 16th Sept, we will have the NSW Police on hand to tell us how they are now using Facebook to fight crime and how you can be involved. If you're concerned about crime in your locality or in Parramatta generally, come along and hear what it's all about.

We are preparing to trial a new system for new members to make as sure as we can that people are booked into appropriate courses.

Sometimes people tell us they are competent in the basics when, in fact, they struggle with some aspects, thus finding themselves frustrated in a course which assumes they know the very things they need help with.

This means that either they feel so frustrated they leave, or that they persist but hold up the rest of the class as they "catch up".

And sometimes, it goes the other way – people underestimate their skills and

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end up in a basic course when they could handle a more advanced course and maybe feeling that they're wasting their time.

In future, we will be inviting new starters to attend a one hour session with a trainer in which we cover the basics one-on-one and at the same time ascertain the most appropriate course to book the person into. This should assist all learners to more fully enjoy our courses.

Our Mac courses continue to attract new members – so, spread the word if you have friends who use Macs. The more, the merrier.

Next month, October, is AGM month. We have already prepared our Annual Report and we are calling for nominations for the committee. If you would like to contribute to the club's activities by being a committee member, please nominate.

Regards

John Moxon
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Term 3 courses

Day/ Time	Dates	Course	Hours	Cost
Mondays 9.30-12.00 pm	October 10,17, 24,31; Nov 7	Beginners - Windows 7	10	\$40
Mondays 1.00 – 3.15pm	October 10,17, 24,31; Nov 7	Managing Digital Photos	10	\$40
Tuesday 9.30-11.45am	October 11,18, 25; Nov 1,8	Create-A-Card Platinum 8	10	\$40
Tuesdays 1.00 – 3.15pm	October 11,18, 25; Nov 1,8	Beyond the Basics – Windows 7	10	\$40
Wednesdays 9.30-11.45am	October 12,19, 26; Nov 2,9	Email & Internet Beyond the Basics	10	\$40
Wednesdays 1.00-3.15pm	October 12,19, 26; Nov 2,9	Beginners - Windows 7	10	\$40
Thursday 9.30-11.45am	October 13,20, 27; Nov 3,10	PowerPoint 2007/2010 To be confirmed	10	\$40
	October 13,20, 27; Nov 3,10	Beyond the Basics – Windows 7	10	\$40
Fridays 1.00-3.15pm	Oct 28; Nov 25	MAC Special Interest Group	2	N/A
Fridays 12.30-2pm	Oct 21;	Genealogy Special Interest Group	1.5	N/A
	Nov 18	Digital Photos SIG	1.5	N/A
Mondays 9.30-11.45am	November 14,21, 28; Dec 5, 12	Beyond Basics- Windows 7	10	\$40
Mondays 1.00 – 3.15pm	November 14,21, 28; Dec 5,12	Beginners - Windows 7	10	\$40
Tuesday 9.30-11.45am	November 15,22, 29; Dec 6,13	Create-A-Card Platinum 8	10	\$40
Tuesdays 1.00 - 3.15pm (5 wks)	November 15,22, 29; Dec 6,13	Beyond Basics- Windows 7	10	\$40
Wednesdays 9.30-12.30 (4wks)	November 23,30; Dec 7, 14	Email & Internet Beyond the Basics	10	\$40
Wednesday 1.00 -4.00pm (4 wks)	November 23,30; Dec 7, 14	To be advised	8	\$30
Thursday 9.30 -11.45am	November 24 ONLY	Beginners – Apple MAC	2	\$10
Thursday 9.30 -11.45am	December 1 ONLY	Facebook – Beyond Basics	2	\$10

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Thursday 9.30 -11.45am	December 8 ONLY	Beginners – Apple MAC	2	\$10
Thursday 1.00- 3.15pm (4 wks)	November 24; Dec 1,8,15	Travel and family blogs (digital diary)	8	\$30

The courses that are full have been excluded from this list.

Book now at reception 9806 5030 (club hours only), Margaret on 9636 7752 (h) or Hazel Labka on 9702 0089 (h). There is no answering machine at the office.



Payments

Most people pay for their courses and membership via cash or cheque made out to Parramatta Computer Pals for Seniors. We don't have EFTPOS capacity.

However, if you wish to pay by Electronic Funds Transfer, you should email our treasurer, Hazel Labka on treasurer@parramattacps.org.au first so that she knows about it, so that she can tell you the account number. You must also remember to put a reference on your online payment so Hazel knows who is making the payment and for what.

New members

Welcome to the following members joining in August:

- Doreen Brown
- Maxwill Corbett
- Kath Cowley
- Jan Englebrecht
- Colin Govers
- Joy Govers
- John Haines
- Jeanette Honeybrook
- Frank Lee
- George Prasad
- Virginia Richards
- Ken Robinson
- Allan Slade
- Carole Stephenson

Apple Mac Special Interest Group (SIG)

Three more members joined our MAC enthusiasts Special Interest Group on 26th August, bringing our MAC membership to 13!

We appear to be the only Computer Pals group in Western Sydney providing MAC activities for seniors. We hope to purchase a couple of Apple MacBook Pro laptops within the next couple of months.

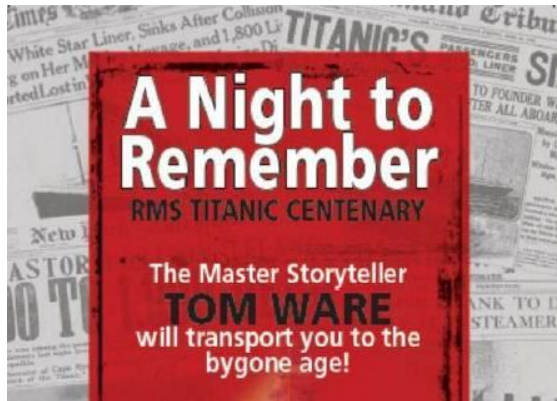
The next meeting will be held on 23rd September in the Gwen Logan room.

Meanwhile, Judy Joyce is running short courses for MAC beginners, and we are hoping to run longer classes by the new year, depending on interest.

Please spread the word for us, and ask enquirers to talk to Judy Joyce on 9871 6820 or Margaret Tucker on 9636 7752.

Remembering the Titanic – 100 years on

Member Tom Ware, a master story teller, member of our club and Writing Champion in 2008 of ASCCA's first Creative Writing competition, is giving us advance notice of an event in April 2012. There are discounts for booking early.



For \$45 (bookings before 30th December 2011 or groups of 20+), you can enjoy a three course meal and be entertained by Tom who will transport you to the bygone age as he relives the story of the RMS Titanic.

Australian Bush Poet Champion, Greg North, will also entertain you with his serious and humorous poems.

After 30th December, tickets will be \$52.

Brochures will be available at the club.

For more information, email Tom Ware at tomware@dundastm.org.au

Project “eyewatch” – NSW Police

The August newsletter provided you with a background to this new initiative by NSW Police. It was launched in early August, and through Facebook, a great deal of information is passed on to the public, and the public has a chance to comment, or provide the Police with information.

At the same time, our Committee has put in an application for a small Seniors Week grant, to run a seminar about Project “eyewatch” and Facebook, scheduled for **Thursday 22nd March in Parramatta**. We have just had a response from Inspector Joshua Maxwell, the state co-ordinator for Project “eyewatch” that he thinks it is a great idea, and has made a meeting room available for the event. So it will be held at Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street Parramatta. We aim to seat 100 seniors, so we would encourage you to keep this day free and invite your neighbours and cousins!

Note that we worked around the days for the Seniors Week Concerts!

Tips and Tricks

How to find what Internet Explorer version you have in Windows 7?

Open Internet Explorer on your computer by double-clicking the icon on your desktop. Alternatively, you can click the **Start** button in the lower left corner, and then click **Internet Explorer**.

Once Internet Explorer is open on your screen, click **Help** from the menu bar at the top, and then click **About Internet Explorer**. A new window opens.



Look where it says Version in this window, and it will show you the version of Internet Explorer you are using. The latest version of Internet Explorer is 9. If the version on your computer is 8 or below, you can upgrade to Internet Explorer 9, if you wish.

We hope this tip has been helpful to you.

~Rita

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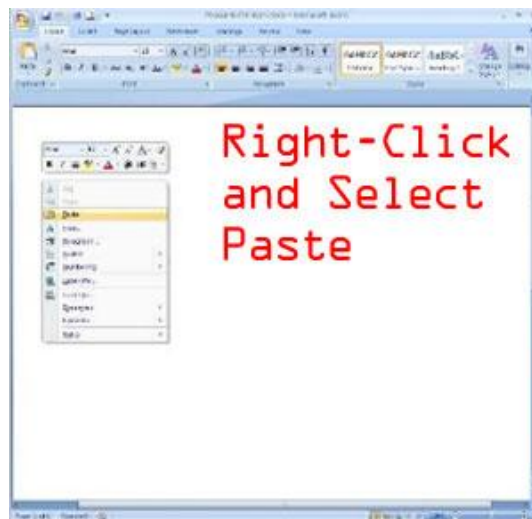
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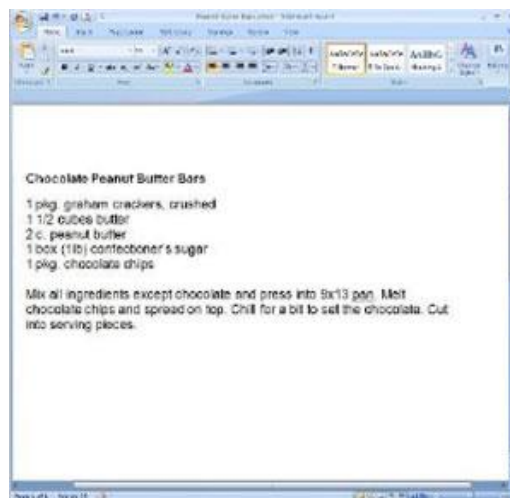


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Dates for Your Diary

Term dates

- Term 4 commences 10th October
- Second half courses start 14th November

- Term 4 finishes Thursday 15th December

Monthly meetings

- Friday 16th September, 9.30am
- Friday 21st October, 9.30am (AGM)
- Friday 18th November, 9.30am

Outings

Q & A – Monday 19th September
7.30pm pickup at Westmead – contact John Moxon 9636 7752

Lunch at the Leagues

- Monday 26th September, 12-2pm Café 88, Parramatta Leagues Club

Special Interest Groups

- Digital Photos meets 16th September, 12.30pm
- MAC SIG meets 23rd Sept 1pm
- Genealogy SIG meets 18th November, 12.30pm

ASCCA events

- 13th annual conference – 16-17 November at Rydges Hotel, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Christmas Party

Friday 16th December,
12-2pm in the Dan
Mahoney Room



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Till next time. *Margaret*