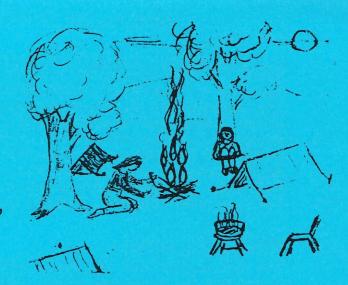
Moonlight Campout at "The Runs"



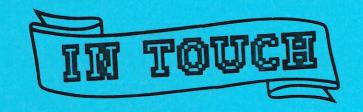
WEEKEND 27-28 OCTOBER, (FULL MOON)

ARRIVE FRIDAY NIGHT

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND:

- \* Out door Mass at 11.30am Sunday all welcome
- \* Moonlight walks
- \* Scenic bushwalk to Elizabeth Beach
- \* Supervised surfing
- \* Visit "Family Boatshed"
- \* Visit "Green Cathedral"
- \* Sing-a-long around the campfire

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Dear Hope-givers

I recently received a letter from a priest in Bihar, India. He was expressing his thanks to our Parish for providing financial assistance for the education of village school children. The letter of thanks was quite heartening. We often hear so much about world poverty and the hardships of children. The enormity of the problems, frequently repeated on television screens and newspapers, tend to freeze us into a hopeless inaction, but not this time! The efforts of organisers of last year's Parish Mission Fete obviously brought great support and encouragement to those in need. Our practical caring does make a real difference!

So much of our Parish life revolves around the time and energy freely spent by volunteers who assist in so many areas — including our Messengers who deliver the 'In Touch'. We owe our thanks to these many people. It's through the ongoing caring of many in so many simple ways that our Parish becomes a living and lifegiving community. May God's Spirit inspire in us all a growth in goodness, and a deepening desire to express our faith in caring for each other, no matter how simply we may do this — surely there's no better recipe to drive away the gloominess of pessimism or indifference.

Let's pray for each other.

(Fr.) Kevi

Comments "The food was great and I didn't have to wash up!" PARISH DINNER Ann McCall "Good to see new faces." Most enright the eventud. "It was heaps of fun 'cause we get to play games." Daniel Murace, age 8. Kelly McDermott, 496 41. "It was excellent!!!" "A most enjoyabel day." "You get to see everyone you haven't seen for a while, and fun playing sport. A good

family day in all."

John Matlawsky

# NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Social Justice Sunday was marked on September 30th. Fifty copies of a booklet "Social Justice in Everyday Life" were sold after Mass. The Australian Bishops released a statement which commenced with the following "Part of working for the advance of God's Kingdom is to be found in working for justice in our world. Anyone who is a believer and a committed follower of Jesus Christ must be concerned to further the cause of Social Justice".

# Aboriginal Sunday

"To belong to our society, Aborigines are entitled to preserve their cultural identity, while remaining open to others. Aborigines should not be forced to assimilate, that would be like forcing people to be migrants, becoming part of a foreign culture against their will..."

- Australian Bishops, Sept 1990

#### Planning Committee

Our Bishop, Leo Clarke is presently encouraging the establishment of a Planning Committee for our Diocese. The Committee will have 6 people from Parishes as well as priests and religious. Over the next year or so, this Committee will help all the Diocese go through a provess to establish an overall Diocesan Plan. This Plan will, with God's help, seek to address key areas of concern for our Church's mission in this part of our country. Nominations for suitable people for this Committee must be forwarded to Fr Kevin before the end of October.

#### Parish Mission Fete

Money raised last year supported education work for village children in India. A letter was received recently thanking us for the \$900.00 contribution.