1,888 students registered at four Acton schools

Almost 2,000 students registered in Acton's four schools for the fall term, a New Tanner survey revealed. However, there are also many students attending EC Drury in Milton and the new Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, and other Christian schools, in Georgetown, which would put the 1,888 actual figure well over 2,000.

Principal Don Warren reports there

are 400 students attending Robert Little Public School, the same number as last year, from kindergarten to grade 5. The school is located on Education Lane off Main St. N.

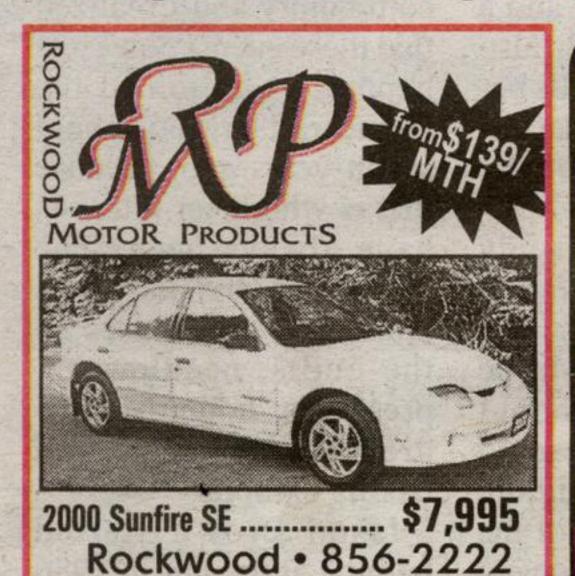
Principal Elsa Stolfi and new viceprincipal Julie Armstrong have 577 students from kindergarten to grade 8 at McKenzie-Smith Bennett school on Acton Boulevard. The number is up 27 from the 550 who registered on the first day last year.

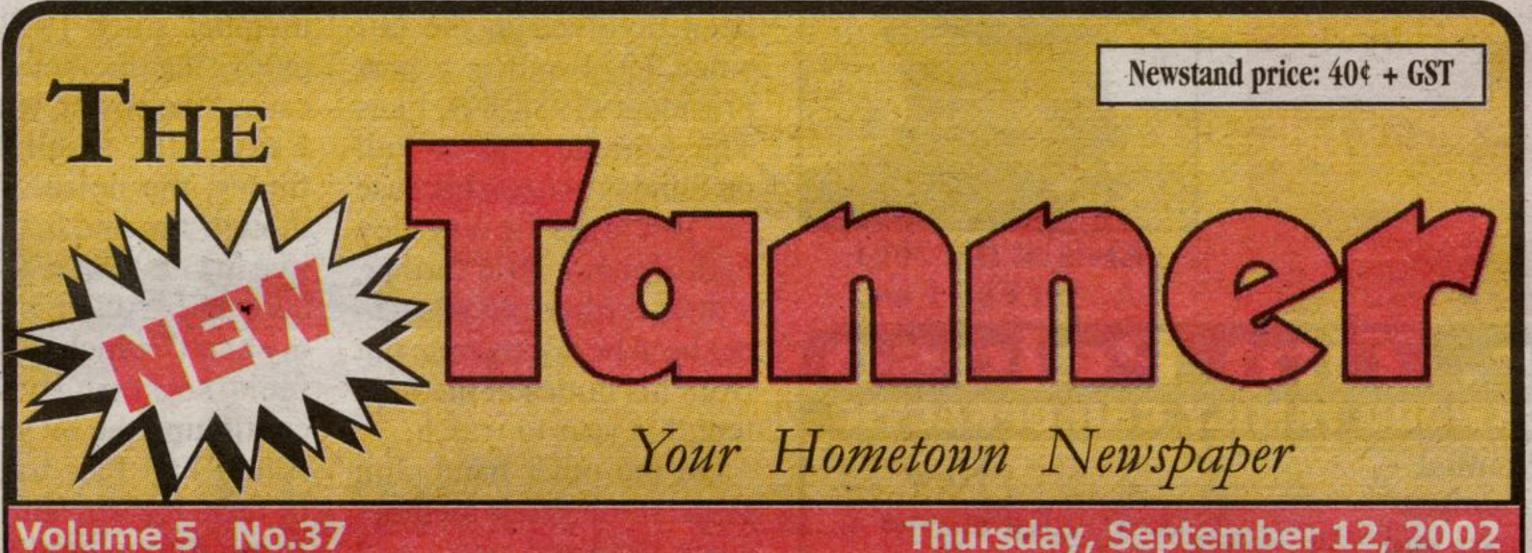
Numbers at Acton High School are down slightly from last year, with 529 students registering. Acting principal is Bill Taylor who took over while Principal Greg McPherson is convalescing from an illness. Heather Stewart has been appointed to fill the vice-principal's position from Mr. Taylor.

St. Joseph Catholic school reports

382 students registered on opening day, up 32 from last fall. Colin Simpson is returning to the principal's position and Gail Rutherford of Georgetown is assuming the vice-principal's chair.

St. Joseph's also has two new teachers on its staff of 22 with Ann Scheepers-Nevnis teaching grade five and Christine Marshall teaching Jr. Kindergarten in the morning.







What's Inside



The annual Terry Fox Run in Acton is on Sunday. See story on Page 4.



The Eden Mills Writers' Festival had a good attendance despite the high temperatures. See Page 14 for story.



Saturday was a day for soccer champions. See photos on Page 17.

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Acton Fall Fair has its own unique small town flavour

Youth dies in crash

A 17-year-old, Georgetown youth was killed in a single car collision on the Sixth Line, just north of Steeles Ave.; on Monday, September 9, at 3:30pm.

Halton Police said a 1995 Volkswagen Jetta was travelling north on the Sixth Line when the driver lost control and entered the ditch on the east side of the road where it struck a large tree. Police and Halton Emergency Medical Services responded but David Coelho of North Ridge Cres., Georgetown, the

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SNUG AS A BUG: Halton Region Health nurse Jeanelle Vanbesien helps Julie and John Richler from Rockwood install a baby seat properly in their mini-van in preparation for their big day. – Angela Tyler photo

Rank smell casts pall over west end of Acton

Phones at The New Tanner were busy over the past week with complaints about the smell emanating from nearby farmers' fields where it is alleged liquid hog manure was being sprayed. The overpowering smell was so bad people were calling the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture with complaints, alleging it was affecting

the health of both themselves and their children.

Although the smell permeated the west end of Town especially north of the CN tracks on Scene St., Lakeview subdivision and over Fairy Lake onto Mill and Cameron Streets, other areas of Acton were affected as well.

The smell was exacerbated by the

extremely hot, humid temperatures which seemed to trap the fumes from the manure into one area of town. It

was still rank early this week.

Tina Vlietstra told The New Tanner she had to rewash a whole load of laundry, which was hanging on the clothesline of her Scene St. home.

The smell also soaked into the lawn

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Ready for three days of fun

Once you've seen one fall fair, you've seen them all, right?

No way, say organizers of the Acton Fall Fair, touted as "one of the best little fairs in Ontario," going since 1913.

With its picturesque fairgrounds—situated—in Prospect Park surrounded by Fairy Lake, the Acton fair focuses on agriculture and the surrounding community, unlike some of the larger fairs that offer demolition derbies and big name entertainment to lure customers through the gates.

The Acton fair has been consistently profitable over the past decade or two, due in no small part to the dedication of its volunteers, the support of Acton and area businesses and wise fiscal control by the secretary/treasurer. Because of this financial security, the board of directors is able to continue to focus on the "small town" flavour that makes the event uniquely Acton's.

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