**Golden Quill**

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**Dates to remember...**

**Wednesday 4 April**
Council meeting 3pm to 5pm

**Thursday 5 April**
Last day of term I

**Thursday 26 April**
1st day term 2

**Maundy Thursday April 5**
Parents are invited to come along & join us on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm as we wash the children’s feet and tell an Easter story in Class One. Please bring towel and massage oil. The teachers

**Autumn Festival**
Wow, what an amazing day it was! The activities, the food, the men’s choir, the beautiful harvest display, the list goes on!

Hats off to our wonderful P&F and all those other hard working volunteers who pulled out all stops to ensure a wonderful day was had by all children.

The school is truly blessed

**Verse 27 from Steiner’s Calendar of the soul:**

To delve into me being’s depths
Stirs up prophetic longing,
That. Self-beholding, I may find myself,
As gift of summer sun, a seed
Which, in autumn’s mood, lives warming
As driving forces of my soul.

**AGM Apology**

Apologies for the postponed AGM. We are waiting for the Auditor to return our financial report.

We will then set a new date for the AGM

**EASTER MARKETS : Helpers needed!**

Many thanks to those people who have come forward to help set up on Saturday April 7th at 8am. We have three puppet shows organized for the Markets and we need some generous people to help with packing at 3.30pm.

Please ring Mary Lou on 9848 2989 or 0424 225 245. You can also leave your name at the school office.

Thank you for your assistance, it is appreciated.
Mary – Lou Small, Marketing

**Welcome Mark**

We are happy to welcome Mark Jones as our Literacy/Numeracy support teacher and LOTE Japanese teacher as of term 2 2012.

Mark has a passion for languages and teaching.

**Dress Code**

Just a reminder to all parents that while we do not have a school uniform here at Golden Hill, we DO have a dress code. This includes:

- Plain clothing (no slogans/images bigger than a fist)
- Minimal black/grey
- No bare shoulders or ‘spaghetti straps’

If children come to school dressed in unsuitable clothing, they will be asked to turn their shirt inside out or to wear an item from the lost property basket for the day.

College of Teachers
Karri Kindergarten News

It is lovely to be joining the Kindergarten at this time and the children are responding very well.

We had a birthday this week, Stella turned six.

Happy Birthday Stella!

We are listening to a story about the Easter hare this week and enjoying the lovely Autumn weather.

Happy Easter and holidays to all.

Mary-Lou and Clare

Class 1 News

We all enjoyed the beautiful day celebrating the Autumn Festival. What a joy to see the children and the parents participating in the various activities.

In the classroom, Yubuk and the princess are slowly approaching the Rock Kingdom and the children are eagerly awaiting the moment when they arrive back to the kingdom. They have another four days to walk before they reach the big gate of the castle where the King is waiting to be reunited with the young princess.

The children have been busy learning and practicing the numbers from 1-12 in both the Roman and Arabic form. In our German classes, they have been learning new songs and new games and they started learning to count to 10. To learn the numbers, they have the help of an ‘dicker Tanzbaer’ (a big dancing bear) which comes from the wood looking for a friend.

These are the last few days before the end of Term. I wish you all a beautiful Easter break and a fantastic holiday with your children.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 26th April for the start of Term 2.

Alles Gute

Yvonne

Class 2/3 News

We have been practicing for our renditions of famous fables. It is great fun and it is also not polished like a school play which is also fun. The children came up with most of their costumes and props everything from a homemade beautiful lion’s mane to a trap for the fox’s tail.

We are weeding again in our field which as soon as the rains come will be sown with oats. Check out the bamboo rabbit fences we made with Neil. Yea Neil.

We passed the 2000 counting mark on our way to 10,000. Diligence.

We wish you all a blessed Easter. May Christ’s message from the Cross illuminate your hearts.

My mother woke up singing the morning she was prepped for open heart surgery this past week and went into the OR with a smile on her face. The nurses fight over who gets to be her nurse. She was happy to stay here and happy to go; it didn’t seem to matter to her. She is living the Easter message in California.

Blessed be.

Rebecca

Attendance

Another reminder to parents that ALL absences need to be reported to the school. If you are picking your child up from school early, please remember to complete a sign-out form at the office before you leave.

Thank you

College of Teachers

Contact the Office on 98 481 811 or Mary Lou — 98 48298 9/0424 225 045

THANKS EVERYONE

Mary Lou Small

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Yvonne
How to have the best camp ever

- In to 4 to five cars place 13 giggling class 6 & 7 students and 4 adults. Into the gaps squeeze food and gear.
- Drop them off at camp in the Bush
- then stir them up with canoes, stars, water, talent, balancing rocks & roaring wind with lots of laughter, glee and goodwill for a roller coaster ride of their young life.

Theresa Beecroft

Fun and totally Cool

Canoeing, swimming, orienteering, beach walks, star gazing up close, a midnight feast complete with ghost, topped off by a fabulous talent night, marked this year’s year 6/7 camp at Gilcreek.

Thank you ben for all your forward planning, your behind the scenes work, as well as the constant herding, motivating, supervising and positivity during the camp.

Your talent as a super prepared MC extraordinaire did not go unnoticed!

Thank you students for being such a cohesive and friendly group, helping each other with humour and making the adult’s job of supervision easy. It was a pleasure to watch you interact and have fun. Talent night was AWESOME!!

Thank you to those parents who cooked on Tuesday ( special thanks to Dallas and Kevin who shopped, cooked and supervised the cooking as well). Having the meals prepared really made a difference to us at camp. We also very much appreciated the muffins and cakes that parents prepared at home. Thank you!

Special thanks to Kardi for her meticulous planning and organizing. And thank you to the parents (Theresa, Ivar and Debbie) who attended the camp, going to bed LATE and getting up EARLY each day in order that everyone got fed and that things ran smoothly.

Camp 6/7 was non-stop, full-on and totally cool.

Debbie Boon

What the children say...

“Not having everything organised made the camp very enjoyable. Best camp ever, ever”. Chelsea- Marie

“Very very fun, loved each moment!” - Ava

“Fun” – Jayden “Going canoeing was the best!” – Evie

“It was fun”. Willa “Totally awesome”. Caitlin

“Talent night, afterwards and midnight feast were totally awesome.” - Liliana

Class 4/5

Class 4/5 are off to the Alpaca farm this week in pursuit of ungulates as we continue our studies on ‘Man and Animal’. Thank you to all those wonderful parents who are willing to help ferry us out there.

Last Friday we were treated to a very special morning learning all about the magical world of bees with Gavin and Sarah. Gavin brought in one of his hives and we passed around some of his special beekeeping equipment. We watched the honey being extracted and tasted the honeycomb. Gavin was then generous enough to let everyone bring home a sample of the honey. Thank you so much for giving so freely of your time and knowledge Gavin and Sarah, we enjoyed it immensely!

The end of the week wraps up the term as well as our main lesson on Man and Animal, and some of the children are already eagerly awaiting next term’s first lesson block on the Norse Myths. I have become so attached to these amazing children in the short time I have been here that I am starting to think I might just miss them a wee bit over the holidays! Autumn is such a wonderful season here in Denmark so I hope everyone has a lovely outdoorsy holiday enjoying the last of the beautiful weather. Have a happy and healthy Easter and see you all back at school on the 26th.

Eliza
Class 6/7 news

Our camp to Gilcreek Scout Centre, Albany, was a great success and much fun was had by all. We were blessed by perfect weather and our wonderful chaperones, Theresa, Debbie and Ivar, made it effortlessly flow through their dedication, humour and commitment to the task at hand.

After unpacking and applauding our five star accommodation, we set off on our first adventure to Emu Point and walked along Middleton Beach where we found the perfect spot to swim. After tackling the waves, we made our way back to Emu Point for more tranquil waters and the barnacles proved very popular with the children, as did the playground equipment.

After a mouth watering lasagne (thanks to Kevin and Dallas for buying the food and making such a delicious cuisine) we explored the stars (we were able to blow the clouds away during the day) with three members from the Astronomy Club in Walpole. Len, Bob and Susan shared their exhaustive knowledge with us as we viewed the stars and planets through three huge telescopes. The highlight of the night (though there were many) was the glorious sight of Saturn with its iconic rings.

The next morning we ventured out onto the river in our canoes in perfect weather with our leader Scott Drummond. It was sheer joy to be paddling downstream where we met a family of ducks who seemed a little distressed at our arrival. We finished off our journey with a game of canoe-soccer and a three all draw was a fitting result. Getting the canoes back to the shed was a challenging task but we got there in the end.

With a hot afternoon on our doorstep, Scott took us to the oval to practice our orienteering skills. With everyone looking and feeling rather exhausted and overcome by heat, we seem to lose our way in trying to find our way though some of the children did find their way back to the starting point. The heat took its toll and off we went back to Emu Point to cool ourselves off before the big talent night.

After a dinner of homemade pizzas (bellisimo!) we primed ourselves up for talent night with some drama games and the dressing relay race proved to be a lot of fun.

The moment had arrived to share our talents and what a night it was (I heard Elvis was in the building but apparently he’d left). Many of the children had been rehearsing weeks before hand and it was a delight to see their hard work pay off. The night included comedy, dancing/gymnastics, singing, joke/riddle telling, recorder/drumming and much more. If only there was a Hollywood talent scout there!

After rising early from a late night (thank goodness I didn’t know about it) we cleaned up and made our way to the Porongarups—our destination was Castle Rock. With a somewhat now tired group of children, there was some resistance to climbing but once we got there it was an awesome sight to behold. We managed to balance the Balancing Rock (we have pictures to prove it) and the view from the top of the summit was spectacular with the strong, icy winds nearly blowing us off like pieces of paper.

It was a very full three days and two nights and it takes everyone’s cooperation to make it work. I like to congratulate the children for being diligent in helping out with their rostered tasks; to our selfless serving chaperones Debbie, Theresa and Ivar; to our volunteering visitors sharing their time and skills; to Kardi and her organizational skills; to Kevin and Dallas and to all the parents who helped prepare the delicious food and to Martin who helped us at the last minute to get us there. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand and made it possible.

Have a wonderful, restful holiday!

Ben Mackenzie
Denmark Fiddlers at the Easter Markets this Saturday

A reminder that the Denmark Fiddlers [which includes all the Steiner violinists] is invited to play at the Denmark Markets

When: Sat 7th April

What time: Please be there at 11.30 so I can tune your violins. We play from 12.00 till 12.30

Where: Main stage at the markets

What to bring: Your violin, lots of enthusiasm and a big smile

What to wear: Bright clothes!!

Any questions ask Jude on 98451370

School’s new website now live !!!

The new school website is now Live at http://goldenhill.wa.edu.au/.

Many thanks goes to COT and Council for overseeing the project, and to all parents, teachers and staff, who contributed to the written and visual content.

Please visit the website for -

· Photographs of this year’s Golden Hill Autumn Festival
· Useful links to online Steiner associated resources
· Information about the Australian Steiner Curriculum
· Downloadable Pdfs of the Golden Quill Newsletter
· News from the classroom, Kindy through to Class 6/7
· School Noticeboard Updates and Calendar of Events

You can Sign Up for email notifications to be sent to your inbox, regarding updates to the Noticeboard or Calendar.

The development of the website will be ongoing, so please do contact the office if you have any suggestions regarding content or usability.

Thank you to Lydia and Conrad Kenyon for great work putting it all together!!