please note these dates:

Friday 24 August and 7 September
After school Market at School Hall

Wednesday 29 August
School Photos
Please remember to drop off your form and payment at the Office

Saturday 1 September
Renaissance Ball
At the School Hall
Tickets at Spot News

Saturday 15 September
Busy Bee

Welcome to new Students:
We warmly welcome Felix, Poppyanna, Carina, Ben and their parents into Golden Hill Steiner School and Community

Verse 44 from Steiner’s Calendar of the soul

The world is threatening to stun
The inborn forces of my soul;
Now, memory come forth
From spirit depths, enkindling light;
Invigorate my inward sight
Which only by the strength of will
Is able to sustain itself.

Karri Kindergarten News

"Old Mother Goose, when she wanted to wander
Would ride through the air on a very fine gander"

So begins our new circle, the "Mother Goose Movement Journey" which incorporates many favourite and familiar nursery rhymes, such as "Hey Diddle Diddle" (the children jump over a rod, one by one whilst this is sung) and "Jack and Jill" (the children climb up onto a wooden box and down the other side whilst we sing this rhyme), all woven together as a story. The children have been really enjoying our nursery rhyme book, and ask for it again if I try to rotate it with another from the shelf, so I had a feeling this would be a fun and popular circle, which also incorporates a variety of movement challenges.

Thankyou to everyone who came along to our parent/teacher meeting on Monday, it was great to see so many of you there, and to have your enthusiastic input. I will be sending home a summary of the information presented within the next week. It was heartening to hear that you would like more parent education, and in order to best meet your needs in this area, I will also be sending home a survey to gather more information.

Gratitude to Summa who will be collecting the fruit box each week and also to Nikki and Lorelle who will be preparing our herb patch in readiness for Spring planting.

Unfortunately Peter Rabbit (or one or two of his mates) have feasted on the peas Lorelle planted a while back, so if you have many tips for keeping out the rabbits, please let us know. We plan on continuing with the herb theme, plus a few easy to grow and yummy to pick vegies. The children really enjoy their herbal teas and guessing which flavours Clare has brewed that day. Cathy and Troy have taken Mr and Mrs Chookie home for some TLC, the little white pekin hen was looking rather poorly, and not doing too well with the cold weather, so we hope for more sunshine and that she is well enough to return to kindergarten soon.

Warm wishes
Denise
News from Class 1

It has been beautiful to have all the children back from their holidays. A special welcome back also to Ben and his family. Ben has joined the class back this term after having been away last term.

Our English/History mainlesson has now come to an end. We have enjoyed listening to various Indigenous stories, to draw them in the book and write short sentences about them. The children have now finished writing their first reader.

This week we will start with our math mainlesson, which will begin with the story of the Ten Flashing Fireflies. Over the next four weeks, we will continue to explore the four processes as well as the quality of numbers.

The children have particularly enjoyed learning to play ‘rock, scissor, paper’ during their Japanese lessons. I often observe them playing the game while they are eating their lunches.

Craft is much enjoyed by everyone. We are felting a small bag, which has proven more challenging than first anticipated. However, we are slowly getting control of the wool over the slippery rock and beautiful shapes are emerging. We are all waiting to discover how the bag will continue to unfold.

Yvonne

Class 2/3 News

Naming and doing words, prefixes and suffixes, contractions. We are beginning a foray into how language is constructed, that subject loathed by some and fascinating to those who bring a sense of wonder to how we form our speech. This is just the preamble to a study block on Grammar.

Meanwhile we travel in our Morning Lesson with the stories of Enos and Enoch. The first, a scoffer for anything to do with Divinity, making a false idol and imbuing it with life. The second, bringer of the light who can read the Book of Life given to Adam. The one brings pain and separation, the other surrender and unity. Thousands of years later they are still both alive in humanity. Hmm.

Our building project comes at the beginning of next term. If you have any wooden bits and bobs you can donate to the building of the cubby for Playgroup please do it now. We have to make plans and buy materials.

Enjoy the warmth of the sun, the beauty of the flowers, the birdsong. Check out our oat patch. Wow a crop of oats! Come sing and dance with us at the Spring Festival. Thank you.

Rebecca

Silver Birch Kindergarten News

The mornings are still crisp, although there is a touch of spring in the air.

Last week the children and I planted a variety of bulbs in our wee garden as the sun blessed us. We await their spring colours!

Our beautiful room is snug and warm as we play and sing, work our wax, paint with pleasure and bake our bread.

We currently have vacancies for all of our morning sessions - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – and invite new families to register their interest with Sabine in the Office.

We warmly welcome Poppyanna and Felix and their families to our Kindy and school.

Christine and Sophia
Class 4/5 News

A big warm welcome to Carina Cocking who has recently joined class 5.

This week marks the first week of our Drama/ play main lesson and boy has it been a dramatic one...

We are still coming to terms with how to make sure everyone that is involved in the play is satisfied with their part and how to make it work for everyone. Big thanks go out to Silvia (the ‘theatre director lady’) who has kindly volunteered her time to help the children out with some drama warm ups and offer a few tips on the play... thanks also to Grant who has managed to secure some theatre flats from DHS that we can use in the play.

Thursday’s violin concert at the hospital went well, with patients thoroughly enjoying the children’s performance and impressed by the level of skill they displayed. Jude hopes to make this a termly event and I am certainly in favour of the idea.

Thankyou to all those parents who set aside the time to come to our class meeting last Monday. Unfortunately, I have left my notes at school, but as far as I can remember, here are some of the points that were spoken about.

Indigenous educational/P and F:

Some parents asked how the Indigenous culture/ seasons were incorporated into the curriculum. Students hear various stories from the dreamtime/ indigenous mythology in Class 1, 3, 4 and 5 (some of these were incorporated into our local geography block back in first term and will be revisited in our next main lesson- another geography one). Next term, the class will be going on a indigenous-run camp and will participate in bush tucker walks, etc. The idea is that the children will develop positive associations with local indigenous people. However, if parents are keen to see more recognition of indigenous culture/ seasons in the school, this is something that needs to come from P&F (parents and friends group). The school does not currently have a P&F convener so if anyone would like to put their hand up for it.....?

Violin:

Violin is the sort of instrument that needs to be practised regularly, or little progress is made and frustration is imminent. I feel that the more the children practice at home, the easier it will become for them and the more they will enjoy it.

Facebook.

I expressed some concern over the fact that Facebook is starting to come up in conversations between the children. Personally, I feel that it is inappropriate for children of this age to have their own facebook accounts and I would strongly advise parents to wait at least a few more years before allowing this. It is the perfect tool for online bullying and gossiping and children of this age do not have the maturity to know what is appropriate/ inappropriate to post online. Online mistakes do not go away and often come back to haunt them. Several parents shared some negative experiences of Facebook.

Timetabling:

Children now have violin on Thursdays.

Homework:

If I feel that children have not been using their lesson time wisely, I will send work home with them to finish off. I feel this will help them to develop better time management skills in the lead up to high school, and encourages them to finish what they have started. However, I don’t believe in giving homework for the sake of giving homework as I think children need that time after school to unwind and just be children.

Regards

Eliza
**Class 6/7 News**

We’ve put on our sailors cap and are now exploring unknown lands and seas. We are learning/discovering how the concept of the world changed as MAN the DISCOVERER ventured into unknown lands and seas. The great ‘Age of Discovery’ began during the 15th century, when European mariners such as Columbus and Magellan set off in search of trading routes and new lands. Their great epic journeys reveal the richness of human courage, striving and vision of these times.

On Friday, we set off for our camp to the Balingup Medieval Festival and everyone has been busy getting their appropriate costume and I look forward to seeing nobleman, ladies of the court, merchants, fair maidens etc. It looks like a wonderful weekend is ahead of us as the festival will include: Roving Entertainers, Wizards, Dragons, Medieval Entertainers, Knights and Men at Arms, Jugglers, Jesters, The Whistling Viking, The Eco Faeries, Michael Pirateman and much, much more. One of the highlights of the weekend will be dining at the Medieval Feast which is set up to replicate how it would’ve been back in that era. Apparently, anyone misbehaving will put in stocks and have rotten fruit thrown at them. We shall be performing on the Stage on Saturday and our performance will include: recorder, singing and violin. An action packed weekend is ahead of us!!

On Thursday will give a Violin Performance with Jude Iddison at the Denmark Aged Care Facility at the Hospital and this will also help us to prepare for our performance at Balingup.

We continue to practice our play ‘The Little Prince’ and if any parents have skills in making costumes and feel inspired to help out in this area, I would love to hear from you.

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

Ben Mackenzie
**Market Day! Market Day! Market Day!**

Our inaugural fortnightly market will be trialed THIS Friday August 24th, after school, starting 2.45pm. Hooray!

Parents of Eliza’s class 4/5 please remember to bring along a sweet or savoury food item to sell for afternoon tea. Class 4/5 will be putting the money raised towards their Ukulele project, so please come along, have some cake or savoury treat, a cuppa and a chat!

Market stalls are $10 each. Market stalls can be set up from 12.30pm on the Friday. Please spread the word – if you know anyone or are someone with something to sell - Fresh produce, craft, food, the more there is to sell and buy, the more fun it’ll be!

The next market will be in a fortnight’s time – September 7th - and this will be a fundraising effort for Karri and Silver Birch kindies – as we would like to raise some money for a groovy new grain mill – so please put this date in your diaries now!

All help with set-up and clean-up contributes to your FPS hours – please let me know if you can assist!

Cheers

Silvia

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Friday August 24th after school

Friday September 7th after school

**Renaissance Ball**

On Saturday September 1st the beautiful Golden Hill Steiner School Hall is going to be transformed back to the 16th century to become the venue for Denmark’s first Renaissance Ball.

This Ball will feature a group of popular Renaissance Dances learnt by community members over the last two months with Nari Lees, Ballet Dancer and Dance Teacher. The dancers will dance for you and then have you join the simpler ones with them.

Sarabande Ensemble and friends will play for the dances during the evening lending an authentic renaissance musical touch.

The event is fully catered and wine etc will be available to purchase. Mulled wine as you arrive will be complimentary. It will be a glorious evening!

Tickets as $30.00 each are available at Spot News.

**Seeking House swap**

Family of 3 seeking to swap our lovely character home in Mullumbimby (15mins from Byron Bay) for a lovely home in the Denmark area during Dec/Jan break. Our dates are flexible and can vary in length from 2 to 4 weeks. If interested please call Belinda 0434 677398 or email belindakeech@hotmail.com.