Verse 52 from the Calendar of the Soul

When from the depths of soul
The spirit turns to the life of worlds
And beauty wells from wide expanses,
Then out of heaven's distances
Streams life-strength into human bodies,
Uniting by its mighty energy
The spirit's being with our human life.

A sad Farewell

This term at Golden Hill has begun with deep sadness for the loss of our long-standing primary teacher, Rebecca Pampling. Rebecca came to us in 2006 from Boulder, Colorado in the USA, an experienced Steiner teacher with much to offer our school. Her tireless and loving dedication to many aspects of school life is well known to teachers and parents, both past and present. For the first four years of her time here, Rebecca taught the senior composite class, from Classes 5-7, and held the primary school through changes of teachers with great strength and stability. In 2010, Rebecca began a new cycle, welcoming a Class One group, who were joined the following year by the graduating preps, and those children form her current Class 2/3. In addition to teaching from a deep understanding of the Steiner curriculum, Rebecca was involved in many areas of the school, and held many different roles over the years, from applying for grants, to cleaning out the gutters at Busy Bees. Her passion for cleaning out and organising the storage in the school was legendary. On trips to her birth country, the US, Rebecca on several occasions spent time sourcing books for the children and had built up an extensive library. Rebecca had suffered some illness recently, and had tendered her resignation but it was not until she travelled to the US for the holidays to visit her family that she was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer and could only be offered palliative care. She had fully intended to return and complete the last term of teaching her class, whom she loves so much, and had made plans for both her home and school. She was, although unwell, determined to visit her family, and many people have expressed gratitude that she made it there. Her sisters, brother and family were able to give her loving care in the last 10 days of her life, and she was, although not fully conscious, able to hear messages of love from people in Australia and the US, before passing away peacefully in the arms of her family on Saturday 13th October.

The class are now being taught by Mary-Lou Small (Monday-Thursday) and Christine Blamey (Friday) until their new teacher Ingrid arrives next year.

The school community is planning a memorial for Rebecca, and we will give further details soon.

Her mentoring of other teachers will be very much missed.

Love to all who are grieving Rebecca,

Denise for the College of Teachers
This verse by DH Lawrence was submitted to a newsletter by Rebecca after her resignation was announced. It was her farewell to the school community......

**Song of a man who has come through**

Not I, not I but the wind that blows through me

A fine wind is blowing the new direction of Time.

If only I let it bear me, carry me, if only it carry me.

If only I am sensitive, subtle oh, delicate, a winged gift.

If only, most lovely of all, I yield myself and am borrowed.

By the fine, fine wind that takes its course through the chaos of the world.

Like a fine, an exquisite chisel, a wedge blade inserted;

If only I am keen and hard like the sheer tip of a wedge

Driven by invisible blows,

The rock will split, we shall come at the wonder, we shall find the Hesperides.

Oh, for the wonder that bubbles into my soul,

I would be a good fountain, a good well-head,

Would blur no whisper, spoil no expression.

What is the knocking?

What is the knocking at the door in the night?

It is somebody wants to do us harm.

No, no it is the three angels.

Admit them, admit them

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**Quiet pouring**

The following verse gave Rebecca strength in challenging times. It inspired her so much that she used two words as her email address (quiet pouring). I hope it will offer some comfort to those who are grieving for Rebecca, as it is for me.

With Love, Denise

‘Quiet I bear within me, I bear within myself, forces to make me strong. Now will I be imbued with their glowing warmth, Now will I fill myself with my own will’s resolve. And I will feel the quiet pouring through my being. When by my steadfast striving I become strong, To find within myself the source of strength, The strength of Inner Quiet.’

**Teachers for 2013**

We are happy to announce the appointment of two new teachers to begin the 2013 school year. Both are from New Zealand and are currently completing their Diploma of Steiner Education at Taruna College in New Zealand.

Chrystal Rogers will be taking Yvonne’s current class, who will be joined by the children graduating from kindergarten to form a Class 1/2 for 2013. Chrystal comes highly recommended by her tutor at Taruna and has completed her practicum in a Class One this year. She has also worked at the Hohepa Rudolf Steiner community for people with intellectual disabilities, and participates in an anthroposophical study group. Chrystal’s main strengths lie in the areas of Literacy, Mathematics and Art.

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**News from Class 1**

Welcome back to term 4! I hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful holiday and you are ready for the excitement of this term. The class has much to look forward to: swimming, the Christmas play, Christmas craft and much more. All will be revealed in due time.

Our parent meeting for this term will be on 24th October at 3pm. Swimming lessons will be held in week 3, permission slips have been sent home this week.

Yvonne

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**Hats**

Students are to wear hats with a brim all round for adequate protection. The “no hat, no play” rule applies in our school. Beanies may be substituted in really cold weather.

In wet weather, a raincoat and suitable footwear is required for children to play outside.
Class 4/5 News

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready for another eventful term. Our final class meeting for the year will be held on Friday 26 October at 3pm.

Changes/ updates for this term:

- Mark Jones will no longer be taking students out for remedial maths lessons and will instead work alongside me within the class for two sessions a week to assist children who may need extra support.
- Swimming lessons will be held in week three - permission slips soon to come.
- Greek Olympic camp to Perth (Class 5s only) will also be held in week three - info and permission slips out this week.

We warmly welcome Maia Harcourt (to class 4) and her family (to the school community) for this term

Regards

Eliza Allan

Class 6/7 News

Welcome back to all under these difficult circumstances. I’m still reeling in shock and deep sadness at the sudden ‘passing’ of Rebecca, as I’m sure the whole community is. Over the last two years Rebecca has been such a support and inspiration in my life. Her honesty, passion for teaching, selflessness, depth of wisdom and willingness to grow and forgive with an open heart has helped me through my difficult times and challenges. Her selfless, giving nature and reverence for life has been a pillar of ‘goodness’ for the school and a gift to all her students (past and present) that is forever embedded on the wings of eternity - she has left the world a better place.

I’m so glad she got to see our class play, The Little Prince and the words the The Little Prince said when he was saying goodbye to the pilot: “It is this body; it is too heavy to take with me. It will be like an abandoned shell, there is nothing sad about shells is there? You know I will look at the stars as well. Do not come any further; I must go on by myself,’ and then the Pilot says, “Many years have passed, and I do find my sorrow has eased, not entirely but a little. I find myself looking at the stars at night, and I can hear them chiming with laughter.”

‘Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven
where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy’

-Eskimo Proverb

Ben Mackenzie

AUSTRALIAN STEINER CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

The state government have advised our school that in approving the use of the Australian Steiner Curriculum Framework in our school, we are obliged to inform parents of the following.
1) The Australian Steiner Curriculum Framework (ASCF) meets the same outcomes as the Australian Curriculum which is to be used in most mainstream schools.
2) The ASCF may differ from the Australian Curriculum in terms of the age at which some content is covered and this may have implications for your child if they transfer in or out of a Steiner School.
News from Peppermint Cottage Playgroup

Spring is coming, spring is coming,
Birdies build your nests.
Weave together straw and feather,
Each one doing your best.

Welcome back for term 4 everyone, and welcome to new and returning families too!
Term 4 is always a busy term at playgroup, with the warmer weather and end of year celebrations sailing towards us.

We are again running sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9.15am to 11.15am. Please come and join us!

We are also seeking expressions of interest for anyone who would like to attend a mothers and babies group once a week for children under 12 months. If this interests you please let Sabine at the office know.

With thanks, Silvia, Clare, and Theda

Guitar and Piano for Sale

♦ BEALE PIANO 4 years old black Beale Piano with stool in excellent condition
  new: $3,4000 S for a bargain price of $1,700
♦ Admira Classical Guitar in excellent condition with original case Price: $250

Call Ben on 0401 820 864

Albany Study Group

A group of interested people are meeting fortnightly on a Tuesday evening to study Anthroposophy. We have just started “Occult Science” by Rudolf Steiner Any interested people are welcome to come along any time.

For details please call Catlyne Hos on 0411 811 253 or email: catlyne@me.com
We will meet again on 23rd October.
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