please note these dates
29 October to 2 November In term swimming
1 to 3 November Class 5 Greek Olympics Camp in Perth
Sunday 4 November 10.00am in the School Hall Memorial for Rebecca Wells
The Karri Kindergarten Parent Teacher meeting which was to be held on Monday 5th November will be postponed to a date to be advised
Please note that the Sacred Earth Concert is on 6 December, not November as advertised last Newsletter.
Bursar on annual leave
Maggie Wake our wonderful Bursar (finance person) is on a well deserved annual leave until 27 November. Any urgent questions please talk to Sabine in the Office.

Verse 50 from the Calendar of the Soul
Thus to the human ego speaks
In mighty revelation,
Unfolding its inherent powers,
The joy of growth throughout the world:
I carry into you my life
From its enchanted bondage
And so attain my truest goal.

Memorial for Rebecca
There will be a memorial for Rebecca on Sunday 4th November. Everyone is welcome, please bring flowers for the flower mandala.

Helpers needed to clean the Hall
We need some kind people to help clean the hall on Thursday and Friday afternoon this week before Rebecca's memorial. Jobs that need to be done are: Window cleaning, taking down of black tape, general tidying up. Please come along on Thursday after school to help. Thanks from the Environment Group.

Exemption from Compulsory Fulltime Education for K5 children in WA
Following extensive discussion (led by SEA's Tracey Puckeridge) with Mark Brown (Director of Education, and Training Regulation, WA), Western Australia's five Steiner Schools were given the power of discretion to implement K5 attendance rosters free from the K5 Compulsory Fulltime compliance requirement.
News from Karri Kindergarten

"Come on out, look about, come on out
Roses grow by the gate, and for you they will wait
Come on out, look about, come on out
See on a twig, a little guest sits
Rocking, rocking in breezes mild, sings for my child
Come on out, look about, come on out
The sun in the heavens does shine
Come on out now my child, it is time
Come on out, look about, come on out, come on out"

Spring is in bloom in our kindergarten, the roses growing by the gate greet us as we arrive each morning, and, now and then the warm sun shines down as we play. The baby magpies squawk impatiently as their mother searches for worms." Blackie" the hen has come to live with "Mr Peck" the rooster (thanks to Benjamin's family), and he is much happier for the company.

Aquila and his family welcomed a little baby girl, Lyndall, born on 4th October. Congratulations! Genevieve (Freya's Mum) has organised a meal roster for Cathy and Troy, so please add your name if you are able to provide a meal.

It was lovely to meet dear Luiza who came in for a three-day trial and will be joining our preparatory group (six-year-olds) for 2013. Luiza and her parents, Sandra and Brad are in the process of moving to Denmark, we wish them well with their home renovations and moving.

We have a new morning tea menu this term, as follows;
Monday; Buttered Popcorn
Tuesday; Spelt Bread
Wednesday; Mini Muffins
Thursday; Bircher Muesli
Friday; California Rice (with almonds, butter and Tamari)

Please let us know if there are any foods your child can not eat, and we will adapt to suit.
A reminder to please ensure your child has a sun-hat at kindergarten, and for those who stay all day, check to see if toothpaste and toothbrushes need replacing, and send along blankets and cushions if you haven't already.

Warm wishes
Denise

News from Silver Birch Kindergarten

Welcome back to all our beautiful children as we settle into Term 4. There seems to have been much growing during the holidays and many smiles to greet us when we returned!

Inside play has seen the children share wonderful games altogether and their play very imaginative.

Outside in the garden, we have spotted “Little Peter Rabbit" about as well as a handsome black lizard-an old friend to both Kindies. We warmly welcome Siri and her family and wish her a wonderful time at silver Birch and beyond.

Blessings to you all
Christine and Sophia

News from Class One

We started the term with the last math main lesson. Yubuk has been visiting his sister and her daughter Yulara. Together with Yulara he travels to the market at a nearby village where they purchase food and drinks. ‘Yulara, if we both want four apples each, how many apples do we need to buy altogether from the vendor?’ asks Yubuk. Yulara's favorite stop is at the story teller, who tells her beautiful stories from faraway lands. We use these stories as the basis to practice the timetables for the numbers 2 and 3.

Mrs Mary Mack has come to visit the classroom and the kids are so eager to clap and sing this song. What a joy to watch them every morning, and what a challenge to keep them in the rhythm (the wish to go faster and faster is just too great).

We are all excited about the swimming week, more news about the swimming in the next newsletter. I hope everyone has been enjoying this glorious Spring weather,

Yvonne

Class 2/3 news

Class 2/3 have been busy with their play Esther Star of Persia, over the last two weeks learning songs and words. Thanks to those people who have volunteered to assist with music and costumes etc. It is a beautiful play taken from the book of Esther in the Old Testament and is the one that Rebecca chose for her class to perform this term. We will be working really hard on calling the play to life over the coming weeks. I am grateful to be able to travel the journey of this play with Rebecca's class. Here is a short excerpt from the theme song of Esther star of Persia:

'We Shall tell You' a traditional Hebrew melody by Diane Tatum

“We shall tell you a tale of glory
A tale of power and a tale of might
We shall tell you of love and good fortune
And of how courage can set all things right.
“When we lift our eyes aloft to starry skies May our thoughts arise to where they light in birth. When our thoughts descend Into our hearts again May we comprehend The blessings of the Earth.”

Volunteers wanted: We need some kind people to help untie all the ribbons from the Maypole that was used at The Spring festival. If you have a spare half an hour your help would be most appreciated. The Maypole is in the storage shed.
Thank you, Mary Lou Small

Class 4/5 News

Homage to Zeus Horkios

O Zeus Horkios, Zeus supremely great,
To thee our holy rites we consecrate.
O various formed, from whom nature springs,
Receive now our oaths, as our quests begin.

Chiefest among Gods, splendid lord of all,
O blessed father, may our prayers befall,
As expiations to thee King divine
All seeing, to these sacred rites incline.

Grant royal health and gentle peace beside,
All parents powerful and mighty guide,
With favouring mind benevolence send
And grant this day a pleasing end.

After months of training and weeks of nervous excitement, the time has come for our very own GHSS Class 5 Olympians to travel to the Greek Olympics in Perth for a celebration of athletic prowess. Children from Steiner schools around the state will come together on Friday morning to recite the above Homage to Zeus, just as the original Greek athletes did so many years ago.

At the age of 11, children have a gracefulness and balance of weight in their movements. The lightness of the young child and the beginnings of the strength and weight they will have as teenagers are now evident. This relates directly to the philosophy of the Greek athlete who strove to strike a balance between the spiritual path (lightness) and physical attainment (weight).

As a parent pointed out in our recent class meeting, the original Greek athletes would actually compete naked as a celebration of the achievements of the human body. However, us class 5s are a little more conservative and will be wearing our white tunics on the day.
May the almighty Zeus bless us with grace and good sportsmanship!

Last week was the end of our second Australian geography block, in which the class embarked on an imaginary road trip around Australia in a huge tour bus complete with swimming pool and monkey bars (which we had lots of fun designing during a maths lesson on scale drawing). Through stories, we visited the Snowy Mountains, learnt about the European discovery of Australia on a trip to Botany Bay, scaled Australia’s highest mountain (now if only we could remember how to spell it) and ventured on down into Victoria and Tasmania. In South Australia, we took a trip up the Murray River and went looking for opals in Coober Pedy. Along the way, we also heard lots of dreamtime stories from various parts of Australia and filled our books with all sorts of maps. We will pause our trip for now and are looking forward to getting ‘back on the road’ next term!
Eliza

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.
**Class 6/7 News**

Spring has finally come with its much appreciated warmth and its magical kaleidoscope of colours blooming throughout the Denmark area.

For the past two weeks we have entered the world of ‘Geometry” (literally) as we are discovering how it permeates ‘within us’ and all ‘around us’ - a secret to be found in nature and the world and that geometry has a language for describing the world - a language that God has created. Next time you seen a rainbow observe the beautiful concentric circles forming a semi circle; hexagonal forms in certain crystals, flower petals, snowflakes, honeycombs and the famous ‘Giants Causeway’; spirals in sea shells, our galaxy, a water vortex (whirlpools and bathplug vortex) etc etc.....

What is geometry?

“Geometry permeates MAN
His image in NATURE
His art and his CREATIONS
It lives in the spiral of the vine
The watery vortex of the tornado
The swirl of the nebulae
The enclosing shell
It lives in the sphere of the falling drop The eclipse of the planet’s paths The cube of the salt crystal The cell of the beehive If fills space: it encloses space Line relates point, And point line.”

A change of rhythm for this week as the primary school partakes in its annual swimming lessons at the Albany Aquatic Centre and the hot weather has come right on cue.

Have a wonderful week!

Ben Mackenzie

**MSG**

No, I am not going to lecture you on monosodium glutamate! Instead the abbreviation stands for Mother Support Group, an initiative that has been conceived to aid community networking. The intention is to form a group that requires minimal maintenance, so it fits into everyone’s busy lifestyle, and yet offers mothers the opportunity to be of help as well as receive assistance when needed (as in the case of illness, the birth of a new child, mental break-downs (!) etc). If you are interested in becoming a part of this initiative, please contact 98452575 for further details.

Warm regards, Jess

mother of Kiama and Sumai Heller-Bhatt.

**Honey**

Cheap, beautiful honey for $6/kilo. Call Jock Ross on 0428 481 032.
News from Peppermint Cottage Playgroup

Guten Morgen ruft die Sonne,
Guten Morgen ruft der Wind,
Guten Morgen ruft der Vogel,
Guten Morgen ruft das Kind.

We have started learning a new German good morning song at the Thursday playgroup – it is lovely for children to hear and try to emulate sounds from other languages.

We have also done painting, planted some pumpkin seeds in our garden, and harvested some teeny tiny radishes.

Fees have increased from this term - $70 per child per term, plus $10 yearly insurance. The $10 casual rate will remain the same.

There’s been some new smiling faces joining us, or moving from one group to another – there is, however, still more room for you to join on either day – why don’t you pop in, or tell your friends with young children?

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 to 11.30am
With thanks, Silvia, Clare, and Theda

Craft Group News

The craft group has had a bit of a hiatus – and we’re changing our meeting day to Mondays – 9am to 12pm, starting on Monday the 12th of November, and meeting fortnightly at Peppermint cottage from then.

I’m also in the process of organizing a doll making workshop with Eliza Allan – more details in the next newsletter, please let me know if you’re interested!

Last term some of the craft group members were interested in buying wooden crafts from Chris Robins in time for Christmas – namely play frames and small carved wooden animals. We need minimum numbers to proceed with an order – please let me know if you’re interested!

See you on Monday 12th of November – we will hatch plans what to get up to then!

Cheers, Silvia

9848 3738, or 0435 006 228

Market Day! Market Day! Market Day!

Our fortnightly markets will be gearing up again soon – the first one scheduled for after school on TUESDAY the 20th of November.
From Denmark Chamber of Commerce

Help us bring in the Spirit of Christmas at the 2012 Christmas Parade.

Thursday December 13th. Entertainment starts at 5pm. Parade at 6pm.
Decorate your bikes, pets, prams or parents and be in the parade.
Shop local and be in the draw for the cash prize raffle.
Grab a Christmas colouring in sheet from your schools front office and find your art work in a local business window. Loads of festive fun to be had. Call the Denmark Chamber to register a stall or parade entry 9848 2065

DONATIONS

In December Yamika and Sunni Jackson from class 2/3 are travelling to Bali wanting to help a little boy soothing his extremely rare skin disease by taking as much papaw ointment for him as possible.
The boy is called Kumang and already lots of people are helping keeping him alive by dropping off ointment at a bar in Kuta, Bali. The ointment is nearly impossible to source on the island and we would like to support Kumang in his healing process. If you feel like supporting the children, please donate some cash or drop off papaw ointment either at the office or at class 2/3.

Early Childhood teacher – Focus on Kindy 4

Silver Tree Steiner Schools seeks a kindergarten K4 teacher beginning in 2013

For further information contact Deb Williams on (08) 9295 4787 or admin@silvetree.wa.edu.au
Applications close: Monday 5th November, 2012
Applications to:
The School Administrator/Principal
695 Roland Road, Parkerville WA 6081 or by email: admin@silvertree.wa.edu.au

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA, Japan and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a volunteer host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

I would like to inform Golden Hill Steiner School students and their families about this exciting opportunity to experience a different culture without having to leave their homes. It’s a great way for them to learn about a new country and share an unforgettable experience with the entire family!

Sandra Harders
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Festival Feedback Form

We hope that you enjoyed the Spring Festival/ Open Day that was held recently at the Golden Hill Steiner School. Please take the time to fill out this form so that we can continue to improve our festivals.

Please indicate your overall experience at the festival, please circle one:

- Good/ Great
- Average
- Poor

What did you like most about the festival?

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How do you think the festival could be improved and why?

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Further comments/ suggestions:

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Please return the form to the Office, thank you