



**Golden Hill
Steiner School**

Friday Quill

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Friends of Golden Hill Steiner School,

Many thanks for a wonderful end to the year. The Christmas Carols by the river was a lovely affair. We followed this with the Stepping Stones Ceremony and had a fabulous turnout at the Class Moving Busy Bee on the same day. Many thanks for those who assisted in making things happen!

The highlight, of course, was the Graduation of Class 6. Many thanks to the parents and Class 6 students and Chrystal for the preparation they put into such an engaging and very moving Graduation Ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and families for the support and guidance they have provided to both myself and Verity in our transition to Denmark. We feel very welcomed and like we belong and look forward to further building on the connections we have made since moving here. We are ever so grateful.

For those around on Thursday, December 21st, we would love to welcome you to assist with sorting school resources from the class that need rehoming, reporsing, recycling, reusing. We will follow this with a Solstice Celebration.

Wishing you all the joys of the season, have a very Merry Christmas, enjoy a well deserved chance to enjoy family time and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.

Best wishes!
Jacqui Hamblin—Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Office Open
Monday, 22nd
January 2018

Staff return
Monday, 29th
January 2018

Students return
Wednesday,
31st January

New Moon Gathering

Thursday December 21st

From 4pm @ GHSS Hall

Sorting school resources in the Hall—BYO drinks and a plate to share
Solstice Celebration to be held after sorting!
All Welcome!

Hi all,

2017 has been a big year for us all. The school has more certainty and stability supported by our work on Policies, Procedures, and Professional Development.

We started the year off without a Principal and with a new Chair of the Board. A Governance, Leadership and Management Team was put in place to look after the running of the school and keeping things going as smooth as possible for our students, parents and staff. A big thankyou to Christine Blamey and Tegan Brown for shouldering much of the burden and issues. Also big thanks to AISWA and SEA for their guidance and support which we relied on heavily.

Jacqui Hamblin started in Term 2 as Principal and has proven time and again that we have chosen the best person for the job possible. Jacqui and her daughter Verity have settled into the school and community very well.

I am often asked about the 'Steiner' and 'Anthroposophical' training and understanding of the staff at Golden Hill Steiner School. All members of staff at our school are committed to the Steiner Curriculum, the best outcomes for students and their own personal development and training. Professional Development for all staff and Board Directors is a priority and this year alone we have co funded many endeavours. Jacqui, Tegan and myself attended the Steiner Education Australia Governance, Leadership and Management Conference in South Australia. All of our staff have been attending Professional Development workshops here in Denmark, Perth and over east throughout the year. We have a few new staff being mentored and trained on the job who are also settling in well and feeling well supported pedagogically. GHSS continues to provide education and interest with the Environment and Indigenous input into our Curriculum.

In 2018 we would like to see Parent Education become a priority. The P and F has been restructured to support this and we have commitments from many 'Steiner' educators from all over the country who will be willing to visit Denmark and offer talks and workshops. This will only happen if there is enough interest and support from the parent community of our school. Please ask yourselves "how much 'Steiner/Waldorf' education do I have and what am I willing to do toward that..." Please let the P and F and Admin staff know your interest and commitment.

2018 is Golden Hill Steiner School's 30th year celebration. Keep an ear out for upcoming events and calls for assistance.

I would like to thank personally all staff for their best efforts this year in dealing with many changes and their continuing personal growth and education. I would like to thank all parents for their commitments and trust. I would like to thank all Board Directors for the humility and will required to keep on looking toward a hopeful future. I would especially like to thank all students for being here and giving us all purpose.

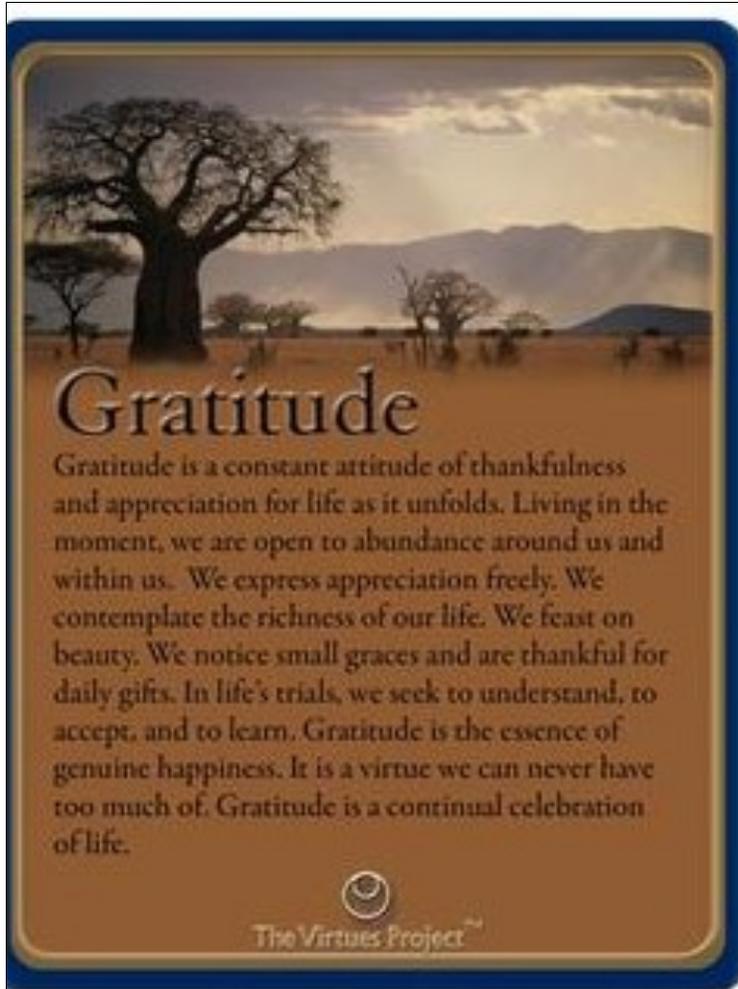
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Regards

David Stockdale

Proud Chairperson Golden Hill Steiner School

Virtue of the Week



"Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude."

DENIS WATLEY

The Practice of Gratitude

I am grateful for my life.
I perceive the blessings in each moment.
I continually express appreciation.
I reflect on the good things of life.
I find value in my tests.
I celebrate abundance.
I am happy.

*I am thankful for the gift of Gratitude
It is the magnet of my joy.*

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Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



Thank you to all who supported
Golden Hill students in their Jump Rope
for Heart 'Jump Off'

We raised close to \$2000