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Friday Quill
Weekly Newsletter Publication

Important dates

- **Friday 4th Sept**
  Kwoorabup Markets

- **Tuesday 8th Sept**
  Violin Concert

- **Saturday 12th Sept**
  Spring Clean Busy Bee

- **Thursday 17th Sept**
  Class 6 Consolidation
  Dress rehearsal at Civic Centre

- **Friday 18th Sept**
  Spring Festival

- **Friday 18th Sept**
  Class 6 Consolidation play
  Rehearsal
  5.30pm in the forest by the creek

- **Sunday 21st Sept**
  Class 6 Consolidations
  Performance of ‘A Midsummer Nights Dream’

THANK YOU
Thank you to Green Skills for the loan of two large quilts, This will assist in improving the acoustics in the hall.

Bonne Fête des Peres

P = parfait (perfect)
E = excellent
R = rate (highly rated)
E = exceptionnel (exceptional)

[An acrostic poem using French adjectives about the qualities our Dads possess]

Bonjour les familles de Golden Hill. For over 1000 years many cultures around the world have celebrated Father’s Day in many ways from prayer services asking St Joseph (the father of Jesus) for assistance, to native South Americans offering sacrifice to the Paternal Gods. The French and other Europeans formalized this celebration with la Fête des Peres over 80 years ago. They offer their fathers a red rose and something blue, while sharing a meal and/or doing something as a family that Papa likes to do. For those who remember a Papa who has left this world, then families traditionally light a candle in memory and place a white flower on the grave of their loved one. This Sunday in Australia many families will be celebrating Father’s Day in many different ways – if you are then, Bonne Fête from all of the Staff and Students at Golden Hill.

With warmest wishes, Elizabeth.

Violin Concert
Tuesday 8th September
All welcome

Acting School Principal

This week in our College Meeting the teachers reflected and discussed on the deeper meaning of Spring which we celebrate in two weeks’ time. We talked about how we are experiencing Spring this year and ways we are bringing it into our teaching. The burgeoning life and rhythmic forces we celebrate at this time of year are represented in many ways, often associated with the time of Easter in Northern Hemisphere. Here in Australia we can experience a huge range of climates and seasonal differences depending on which Indigenous ‘nation’ we are situated in. The Noongar People explain to us that this is the season of Djilba. The wet days start to give way to warmer midday temperatures, white and cream blossoms fill the bushes, and new born creatures are easily spotted. Our changing nature tables reflect our desire to bring the soul mood of the seasonal changes into our homes and classrooms for the children to focus their quality of wonder on. What are some ways we can reflect the truth of Spring here on this land in our nature tables? Look around you, and if you have any photos or ideas for the celebration of Djilba here in this part of the world, I would love to collate them for our festival file. Please send your ideas in to scoordinator@goldenhill.wa.edu.au
At the end of each year, each class teacher asks a parent to indicate if they are interested in being the helper for the next year ahead. These have been variously called 'class helpers', 'class rep', 'class angels', and 'teacher support'. The idea in Steiner Schools is that these are the warm and supportive parent contact for the year, beyond the scope of the class reps that state schools now often have. They liaise most closely with the class teacher and P&F for help needed for festivals, busy bees, craft, flower, gardening and washing rosters, taking minutes at class meetings, a warm hello to new parents, and all the nurturing touches that teachers have found tried and true recipes for assisting children at school. Often in Steiner Waldorf schools, it is the class helper who coordinates a meal roster to assist a family or staff member in need or with a new child. It is always helpful to have a parent newly appointed by the class teacher in this role ready for the Summer so that any new families can easily be welcomed into the community, and to prepare things for the year ahead.

At any time our teachers welcome any parent who is to provide support in ways that assist the smooth flow of the class. Please contact the teacher who will endeavour to give you a job that fits in with your skills.

Here is a list collated from the requests in class meetings and other communication from teachers here at Golden Hill during 2015:

- **Craft helpers**: (no skills needed-we just like an extra adult to 'anchor' the class)
  - rolling wool
  - cooking helpers
- Gardening (especially playgroup and kindy)
  - sweeping, raking the yards
  - flowers roster (we all love flowers!)
- Making puppets, dolls, and playcapes for the classroom (especially Kindergarten, Classes 1 and 2)
- Parents to accompany us on walks, visits to forest
- Driving for excursions
- Reading programmes (for years 3 and up)
- Creating a soup roster for winter terms
- Helping us in our building projects (class 3)
- Sorting out the clothes and drink bottles on the verandahs
  - washing the curtains and playcloths
  - providing a demonstration of a skill
  - recycling/cleaning beeswax and crayons
  - mending desks
  - Laminating name tags and placemats
  - Attending excursions
  - Cooking for a family or teacher at a busy time
  - Preparing and mending resources for teachers
  - Cleaning
  - Festival assistance
  - Woodwork and gardening lessons assistance

(we need a ratio of 12 children:1 adult for these lessons)
Parent Involvement Event
Thank you for taking the time to make our school shine!

2015's 3rd Busy Bee with Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 12th of September 2015
between 8.30 am and 12.30 pm

Here are the TLC jobs you can help with and might be able to bring helping tools/material along to make it easier:

- Weed the main road verge (Watsonia, etc.)
- Hardenbergia at the back of the office has died
- Hinges to some class rooms desks need repair
- Mulch over sand around basketball court
- Remove rubbish under class 5/6 and 6C building
- Re-define paths between office and class 3
- Patch up mud paddles on path from office to Maggie’s office
- Spring clean class 3
- Scrub off acrylic paint on class 4 and 5/6 verandas
- All reachable windows can be cleaned (without a ladder)
- Trip to the tip with stuff around hall carport etc.

Job ideas for families which can’t be there on Saturday:

- dye curtains for class 3
- remove cobwebs in hall
- remove marks on walls (blue tack, …)
- windows in hall

RSVP so we can provide a nourishing Sausages Sizzle for all of us
Please bring a water bottle and a hat and any time sheets you might have at home

Any questions and RSVP:
Annett: 0458 069 049 – atomnett@westnet.com.au
I am pleased to announce that Ilan and Karen Trom will be our new Markets Co-ordinators. Ilan and Karen being a weather of events management and catering experience to the role, and have a long relationship with our school.

Elise Everett

Last week’s “Big Quill” launched our Environment Committees Master planning process. Please submit your ideas for our school grounds and building layout on a sheet of A4 paper, named as an individual, a class or family to the Environment Committee in-tray in the office.

Elise Everett

Note to all students,
Lunch orders will now be collected from your classrooms instead of the desk outside the office.
Class 6 Consolidation students will collect from your classroom on a Thursday.

Community notices consistent with the values of our Steiner School may be published for a nominal fee $2.00 for a family notice $5.00 for a business.

Family In Need
If anyone can help, there is a family in need of a place to park their camper trailer. They will require the use of basic facilities (water, bathroom etc.)
Please contact - 0477 944589 If you have some spare room, or alternatively please contact the school office.

WANTED
Sturdy nappy change table for the hall toilets.
Please let the office know if you have one spare.

WANTED
Help required- Vehicle needed to transport Tipi poles from School to Inlet dive. The longest of the poles is 8.5m.
Please contact Tom if you have such a vehicle.
Thank you very much PH: 0401 826 419