Dear parents, guardians and friends of Golden Hill Steiner School,

Welcome to all our children and families. The beginning of the school year is exciting but sometimes a little daunting if you are new but it is wonderful how quickly new and old blend together and the rhythms of school life become second nature.

There are a few changes in kindergarten and the primary classrooms: Lisa Dowden-Parker has joined us to teach in Silver Birch, the 3 year old kindergarten group; Denise Bullen has returned to work with the older kindergarten students in Karri Kindergarten; Christine Blamey is Class One teacher; and Joanne Lock is our new Class 3 teacher. Neal Collins is back as gardening teacher.

Welcome to all these new and returning teachers.

In other staff news, Sue Bennett-Ng has been employed as a temporary School Administrator to support the work of the Council and Principal. Welcome, Sue, and thank you for stepping in. As your interim principal, I will be at school for part of the term (arriving on Monday 8th February) and I am looking forward to catching up with children, staff and families.

I would also like to thank Denise Bullen for taking on the role of Chair of the College of Teachers, the group which guides and supports the educational and pastoral work of the teachers.

I would like to wish everyone involved in the Golden Hill community a rewarding and joyful year, and trust we can all work together to see our school and community continue to thrive and grow.

With warm wishes
Barbara

Parent Welcome Centre

A group of parents are enthusiastic about creating a ‘Parent Centre’ where family carers can drop in for a cup of tea, share resources to enrich our parenting, to laugh and tell stories together!

Think about what you would like to bring to this initiative—what needs and what resources you have. If you’d like to help please call Annett Forman 0458069049 or Gay Blake on 0428761466

If any one has an old caravan we can borrow, to act as a short term base, please let the office know.

Council News

A big welcome back to all of our Golden Hill Community! And an especially big welcome to our new families and our two new teachers, Joanne and Lisa.

Your Council works to care for the “big picture” of the School and holds responsibility for legal and financial compliance with Government requirements. This year we are looking forward to hosting regular school meetings to share news and hear your views.

The GHSS Council meet monthly with the AGM to be held in April.

There is always an opportunity for parents to contribute by joining Council – we currently are recruiting for experience in financial and/or business background. Please contact Gay Blake on chair@goldenhill.wa.edu.au if you would like to be involved.
Parents & Friends

AND away we go. Week one flew by and oh how smug I do feel ... four mornings in a row and all four kidlets out the door, shoes, bags, hats and lunches, tick, tick, tick and TICK... a miracle indeed. I know it won’t last, I know there will be hiccups (loud hoohaa, scary Mama), but for now I’m smug ... s...m...u...g...!

With the feeling of “Oh yehhh... we can do this” still lingering can I tell you all about the Golden Hill Steiner Parents and Friends? The pot of possibilities is bubbling away already with craft group running on Friday mornings over at Peppermint Cottage with Kay and her fellow creators. The ready-steady-POP (nearly) Sarah Barker is gathering momentum for a real live Op Shop here at school (truly!) and all manner of other goodness may soon be ours to share...

The P & F promises to be a place to share, learn and create and along the way, build the relationships that strengthen our community. And because I have a foolish need for tea and cake, let’s do that too!

So. Let’s get stuck in. Next Friday the 11th wander on over to Peppermint Cottage. 9am. I’ll bring cake...

Toodle hoo. Katja (who fervently hopes she hasn’t jinxed her mornings with all that smugness).

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Op Shop
Call out for saleable Items

If you have quality clothing or bric a brac you are happy to release into the recycling circle of the GHSS Op Shop. Please contact Sarah Barker or notify the office via email.

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATES
It is important for us to have up to date health information for your children here on file at school. Please assist us with ‘Medical Alert’ information especially for Asthma or Anaphylactic plans. Contact the office for further information on what is required.

Attendance
Please let us know if your child/ren are not going to be at school.

Whether absent for the morning or afternoon, due to sickness, an appointment or a rest day at home. we must record your child’s absence and have an explanation on file.

Email or telephone the office prior to 8.30am

Meet, Greet and Cake Galore.

Hi folks, Katja here (again)
Oh what a wonderfully generous bunch you are. Mondays “Meet and Greet” for new families was just humming with foody goodness and conversation. I am so, so heartened by the warmth and good intent of our community ... what a good, good, gooooood space for our moppets to grow and thrive in hm?

So, to those kind bakers who found space on the first day of school to gift some baked wonderfulness , you are aweeeesome! Thank you.

Happy Weekend to you all - Katja

Community Notice
Are you interested in sharing ideas for vegetarian and raw superfood lunches or getting beeswax food wraps for home and lunches.
I will be at the Kwoorabup Markets on Friday afternoon from the 19th February. Also orders can be taken by phone on 0481242244. Mira . Mammatree Creations.