The Golden Quill

News from the School Coordinator

What a fantastic performance on Friday night! Our school looked smart on stage, everyone worked hard, sounded really great and wow’ed the audience at the very full Civic Centre. I have had several old-timers say that the school has never given a total package like that ever before. A huge thank you to Chrystal, Ingrid and especially Bruce, Jude and Eliza. We got overshadowed by our violin friends, but we can aim for even better next year. Our students did us proud - again.

Then, on Saturday, there was an excellent talk by Sean Burke about how critical it is for parents and teachers to understand that there are more than 5 senses. He showed clearly how the training of each sense in turn, starting with the new born baby’s development of touch, is essential for all future developments. It was, in my opinion, a wonderful talk with real substance for all parents at this school. I certainly learned something new and, unfortunately, there were only two parents in the audience.
I was embarrassed that we had a speaker coming all the way from Perth and there was so little support from the parents. I clearly need to do a better job of advertising, but please remember that last year you were demanding that the teachers organise talks about Steiner education. All is not lost, Sean will be back on **Saturday, 22nd June from 10am to midday** to present the next talk in the series - the topic this time is Educating the Will. We need our community to understand as much as possible about why we make the educational choices we do. That's why we decided to make admission a gold coin donation and the school will carry most of the cost. Please feel free to ask any of the teachers if you want more details about the 12 or more senses covered in the talk. The office also has some copies of the handouts distributed during the workshop.

Please also remember that during the last two weeks of term, there will be parent interviews. We expect all parents to make time to view your child's work and ask questions about progress.

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**Calendar of the Soul—Week 35**

*Can I become so conscious of my being that I may find myself again in the urge of my soul to create?*

*I feel that I have borrowed strength to fit my own self into the self of the universe with humility.*
News from Playgroup

Banksia Bright, shine your light,
through the dark of winter’s night.
Wattles with your tiny suns,
warm our hearts till springtime comes.

Our beautiful liquid amber tree has shed nearly all its brilliant leaves, and our daffodil bulbs are starting to peep through the soil. Winter solstice is on its way!

All Playgroup and Parent and Baby group parents are warmly invited to a special Early Childhood Winter Festival on Thursday the 20th of June, 5pm to 7pm. There will be a story, a bonfire and songs, a lantern walk and finger food supper. Please ensure your child (ren) have had a good afternoon tea/dinner before you come along!

We will be making lanterns as part of our activities in the next fortnight, and singing lots of winter songs. Our beautiful new brochure has been printed – please give a copy to all age-appropriate families that you know. We warmly welcome new faces.

With thanks, Silvia, Clare, and Theda

News from Silver Birch Kindergarten

Chip-chop, chip-chop,
Collect some wood for the winter cold.
Chip-chop, chip-chop,
Collect all the wood that the baskets will hold.

Welcome to winter. Here is a winter warmer all the children love to eat each Tuesday:

200g polenta   Seasoning
120g butter    100g grated parmesan
600ml milk (can mix water and milk)

Heat milk (without boiling). Add seasoning. Add polenta, a little at a time. Stir constantly to prevent lumps. When thickened, remove from heat, add cheese and butter. Stir in well.

This month we will be celebrating. Our Winter Festival will be held in our Kindy grounds. This is for our Kindy students and will be held in the evening of June 20th (Thursday). Your child will require a small lantern for our lantern walk. There will also be a bigger celebration the next evening in the school grounds, which all families are welcome to share. There will be more information following. Remember: Time to make a small lantern with your children. See the lantern in our Kindy if you are seeking ideas.

Missing: a small hand knitted doll about 10cm tall—Is she living with your family? Please, bring her home.

Stay warm. Kind regards, Christine and Sophia
News from Karri Kindergarten

“I was scraped from the flour box and swept from the bin
Baked in the oven and cooled on the sill
I ran away from Grandma, I ran away from Grandpa
And I will run away this minute, I will!

This song tells the story of a little round bun, which along the lines of the gingerbread man, is baked, then rolls away, and after being chased by grandma and grandpa, meets some other animals who are also not able to catch him. It’s woven into our morning circle adventure incorporating the use of beanbags which the children roll up and down their arms when the brown bun sings his rolling song. Lots of fun while basic movement and co-ordination skills are being practiced.

A small group of interested parents attended our parent/teacher meeting held last Wednesday evening, thanks to each of you for your input. I will send home a summary in a separate note.

With our numbers increasing, an impulse has arisen for a separate Early Childhood Winter Festival, offering a celebration more suited to the youngest members of the Golden Hill community. This will be held on **Thursday, 20th June at 5pm**. We warmly invite all our Playgroup and Kindergarten children and their families to attend. You and your children are welcome to attend either this festival, the school festival on Friday 21st June, or even both! Please see the separate newsletter for more information.

Warmest wishes, Denise

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Busy Bee

The school will be holding its next busy bee on **Saturday, June 15th, from 9am until 12pm**. It’s a great chance to help out the school, get some exercise, and catch up with other parents for a chat (the morning tea break will be lengthy!). Last term’s busy bee was fun and productive.

If you think you can make it, please contact Mark Jones on 0409 439 071 before June 14th. BUZZ BUZZ
News from Class 1/2

Kia Ora,

Thank you so much to the families and friends who came to watch our performance at the Festival of Voice, I am incredibly proud of the whole schools performance! A special thanks to Jude and Bruce for accompanying us on the violin and guitar.

Class One and Two has enjoyed the first week of our English Main Lesson- Fables. We are taking turns at acting out the fables, then writing about them in our main lesson books.

The new poem we are learning:

The Lion and the Mouse

Lion lies sleeping, silent and still,
Along comes a mouse and thinks he’s a hill.
Up the great body the little mouse goes,
Through mane, across ear, and down Lion’s nose.

But Lion wakes up and gives a great roar,
Catches poor Mouse in his long cruel claw.
“How dare you walk over your king and your lord!
For this only death shall be your reward.”

The little mouse shivers and shudders with fright,
Tries hard to think how to put things a-right.
“Forgive my mistake, mighty Lion, I pray,
And I promise to help you too some day.”

At this Lion laughs and shakes to and fro,
But he’s now in good humour and lets the mouse go.

Days come and days go, and some hunters pass by
Who set a great lion-trap cunning and sly.
Lion walks in, unaware of the threat,
And suddenly finds himself caught in a net.

Frustrated he roars with wrath and despair;
Little Mouse hears how he’s caught in a snare.
She remembers her promise and runs without pause
To the spot where the Lion so rages and roars.

Her sharp little teeth set to gnawing the rope,
Thread after thread, now the Lion feels hope.
Soon there’s a hole and the Lion is freed.
The Mouse has kept her promise indeed!

Warm wishes, Chrystal
News from Class 3/4

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Festival of Voice. It was especially nice to have such an enthusiastic audience of familiar faces.

In class we are now celebrating the new season: Makuru, spanning the months of June/July. Along with the cold and the wet we can expect to see mamang (whales) off our coastlines. Keep a look out!

Warm regards, Ingrid

Tango and Jazz at the Liberte ♫ ♪

Heartstrings Trio (our lovely violin teacher Jude Iddison, Colin Reeves and Grant Moulden) will be playing a selection of tango and jazz music at Liberte in Albany on Friday, 14th June, from 8.30pm to 10.30pm.

Irish Music at the White Star

Jude will also be playing a selection of Irish music with guitarist/mandolin player Steve Scanlon on June 16th, from 5-8pm at the White Star Motel in Albany.

Violin News

Congratulations to all the violinists, ukulele, guitar and percussion players who performed at the Festival of Voice. It was great to see and hear so many of you joining in. Big thank you to the children and the parents. We sounded terrific.

Congratulations to the Eisteddfod Fiddlers

Well done to Molly, Imogen, Tia, Izabela and Rosey for their violin performances at the recent Albany Eisteddfod. I know you worked really hard and, as a result, played beautifully.

Jude Iddison
The class have been making excellent progress on their knitting projects - thanks to Sonja and Sarah for coming in and giving us a hand. Well done to Lila, Iyke and Toby, who have already finished their beautiful knitted-in-the-round beanies and have been sporting them on the playground!

One very exciting piece: the class camp fund-raising endeavours have now concluded, with the Bush Dance food proceeds bumping the total amount to over $5000. Yay - we can go to adventure camp! A big huge thank you to Anna and Emma, our ever-enthusiastic fund-raising coordinators, for giving up endless amounts of time and energy towards creating and coordinating (and working at!) the various fundraising events. The class is very lucky to have you.

Annette, our fund-raising treasurer, also deserves a clap for counting all those kilos and kilos of silver coins - thanks Annette. And of course, thankyou to all parents who contributed their food, time and energy. Bring on October! Regards, Eliza
HOST FAMILY NEEDED!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 16 year old Japanese girl who arrived in Denmark in January 2013 and is currently attending Denmark High School.

She is a cheerful person interested in tennis, improving her English and learning about the Australian culture. Together with her host family she would love to experience new activities and simply be part of her host family’s daily life.

We are looking for a family able to host her from the end of June until November 30th.

If you can help, please phone Cassandra at the Student Exchange Office 1300 135 331. Thank you very much for your help.