The Golden Quill

News from the School Coordinator

The days are noticeably longer now and warmer too; drier will need to wait for a few months yet. This means that the school's Open Day and Spring Festival are just around the corner. This is the first time for a long time that the school has separated the two events and we want the school to shine for Open Day and let the Spring Festival be more of a family festive event. There are a lot of jobs to complete before the 14th September, please contact Mark Jones and also P&F to help with the busy bee or other preparations.

As you are probably aware Council has committed us to building a new classroom for the start of next year and yesterday we received verbal approval for the bank loan. This means that we have a lot of detailed organisation that needs to happen over the next couple of months so that construction can begin in time. I desperately need some assistance to make sure that all the i’s are dotted and t’s crossed – in a timely fashion. If there is anyone in the community with the expertise, can you please contact me very soon.

The list of plants suggested by Terry Farrell to be planted around Rebecca’s memorial is still at Sandra’s desk. We hope that many of the people who knew her take the opportunity to plant these memorials on a planting day to be announced in the near future.

Finally, the Family Participation Scheme is well underway and 14 families have logged hours onto the database for this term alone. It does now need someone to get the final crinkles smoothed out and its profile raised. This is the role of the FPS coordinator and it is now very important that someone in this community takes on this role. It is not intended that this person do more than set procedures in place that are practical and make sure it has a high public profile, as it will usually be up to the teachers and P&F to find the actual jobs to be done. Council considers this job so important that it wants to offer money to someone to take on the pioneering work of making it fully functional. Please note that this is not an ongoing remuneration, simply an acknowledgement of the importance of having a scheme that works well and fully accepted by the community.

Robert Gillman
Cubby house construction needed!

Both the playgroup and the kindergarten outside play areas are in need of cubby houses. If you have the skills for this project please contact Silvia (playgroup), or Denise (Karri kindergarten) to express your interest and to discuss the specific details. We are in need of 3 to 5 people to help with this. Building materials would be supplied, but extra material would be gratefully accepted. Remember that this would count towards your family's FPS hours!

Environmental Committee

Kindergarten maintenance and beautification job list

For people looking for direction on 'what needs doing' around the school, and ways to add to their FPS hours here are some jobs ideas from kindergarten:

- Kitchen bench tops and window-ledges need oiling
- Foyer floor needs painting (holiday job!)
- Two broken tiles in the bathroom need replacing (we have the tiles)
- Large pine bench outside needs sanding and oiling
- Window frames need treatment to protect from weather

Environmental Committee

CRAFT GROUP

It is lovely to have our Craft Group back after the holidays. As usual, we meet on Wednesday from 12 to 2pm at Peppermint Cottage.

You are welcome to join at any time and come as often as fits into your life.

Class 1/2 made plus and minus flashcards

Calendar of the Soul—Week 46

The World!
It threatens to stupefy
the innate power of my soul.

Memory!
Illuminating out of
the depths of the spirit,
Come forward now!

Strengthen my vision,
which can only be sustained
by the forces of my will.
News from Playgroup

“Oh angel mine, protect me fine,
Night and day, early and late,
Till my soul enters the heavenly gate.”

On Thursday Playgroup we sing this angel blessing after our story, just before home time. It is a lovely song to sing as a lullaby as well, before sending your child off to sleep.

We are welcoming the new spring sunshine, as the jonquils glisten in the garden. We welcome new faces for all three Playgroups, Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings, p.15 to 11.15am and the Parent Baby group on Wednesdays, 10am to 12pm.

Warm blessings, Silvia, Clare and Theda

News from Silver Birch Kindergarten

We still feel the presence of the Winter. Here is our Winter poem with actions:

*Winter tells us little bulbs
To tuck our heads in so,
Then we will not need to shiver
When the cold winds blow*

*Spring will come with sun and showers
Soon to raise our head
Then we'll grow and grow and grow
Right out of bed*

The next market (Friday, August 30) will be hosted by Karri and Silver Birch Kindergartens together. We are looking for volunteers for the roles of: setting up the stall, selling and serving the tea and packing up. We also need donations of savoury/sweet finger food. The funds will go towards building new adventures in our playground. Please, contact Karli at 0408 781 133 to help with our stall.

Regards, Christine and Sophia

News from Karri Kindergarten

*Rain is falling down
Rain is falling down
Pitter, patter, pitter, patter
Rain is falling down!*

The rainy weather has kept us inside on a couple of occasions with our kindergarten yard becoming a squelchy mud-puddle! Yet, the first signs of spring are appearing, little leaves on our deciduous trees and the first blossom on the crab-apple tree. “Lightening”, our “junior” hen, has laid her very first egg, much to everyone’s excitement. We look forward to being able to make muffins each week with the eggs.

Thank you to Kylie (Sienna’s mum) who has offered to work in our herb garden as Spring approaches, and some sewing too. Finally, a big thanks to Annett for collecting the fruit box.

Warm wishes, Denise
News from Class 1/2

This week in our Maths Main Lesson we met our final gnome: Timmy Times. Over the four weeks we also got to know Dilly Divide, Portly Plus and Mini Minus. The stories we hear about the gnomes help us to get a humanistic picture of the four processes.

Portly Plus works slowly,
to fill his pockets deep.
When he’s finished counting,
he happily goes to sleep.

Minus has a loving heart,
but his pockets are always bare.
For what he doesn't lose,
he tends to always share.

Dilly Divide is always fair,
he makes sure all have equal share.
He divides up everything he sees,
equal shares for you and me.

Times is quick and able,
he gathers with great speed.
He knows that 5 and 5 and 5,
equals 15 fast indeed.

Arohanui, Chrystal

News from Class 3/4

We are half way through our History of Writing main lesson. Beginning with cave art, estimated to be 40,000 years old, then ancient Sumerian cuneiform, Egyptian hieroglyphics and so on until we arrive at our modern seraph. It is proving to be a thoroughly enjoyable, hands on, journey through time.

On another note, we will be sleeping over in our classroom on Friday the 30th of August. The class is excitedly thinking up and remembering lots of fun games to play. I just hope for fine weather!

Warm regards, Ingrid

News from Class 5/6/7

This week we welcome Jayd, a student teacher from Melbourne Rudolf Steiner Seminar. Jayd is completing her final teaching practicum in our class and will be here for four weeks. Thank you to Annett Foreman for hosting Jayd. It is great to have another pair of hands to help with play preparations! Information on costumes will be coming home early next week.

The class enjoyed a visit from librarian Robyn and author Kylie Dunstan this morning, when Kylie showed us some of her books and explained the publishing process.

A note on fancy stationery: A request to parents to please avoid buying it for school. As of late, we have had fancy bendable rulers (that snap and click and manage to drive us all up the wall), fast food erasers, a pencil sharpener in the shape of a toilet and so-on. While these items are all great finds and lots of fun, please encourage your child to save them for home as they can be a major distraction during class. For example, if anyone hears that someone has a fancy new giant rainbow pencil that smells like bubble gum and dispenses glitter, the WHOLE class wants to get up and have a look, unable to focus on any bookwork until the item in question has been adequately viewed, commented on and tested :)

Thanks for your cooperation!

Regards, Eliza
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