The Golden Quill

News from the School Coordinator

These weeks leading up to the end of term three seem to have been unusually hectic. The school has embarked on a major marketing blitz with a new format for Open Day and articles and advertising in all the local newspapers. Then there is the Spring Festival this Friday as well, with the Class 5/6/7 play and Maypole dancing as the highlights. I have had the odd meeting to attend in the Eastern states and on the last day of term, all the teachers travel to Perth.

In the background I have seen and deeply appreciated the amazing commitment from P&F. To all the parents who agreed to fill potholes in the driveway, bake cakes, guide cars into parking spaces, man the classrooms and so on, thank you. To P&F, your efforts made the Open Day flow so smoothly, I know that the day could not have been nearly so successful without your efforts. Thank you all.

This year Open Day was formatted quite differently, with events in the hall and nothing else to take the focus away from showcasing the school and its students. Because of this we are particularly interested in your feedback. One issue was that there were not so many outsiders looking at the school, although a couple of the teachers overheard some DPS parents afterwards saying "Did you see that they actually do fractions at the school!". We also put a lot of effort into consistent and eye catching marketing. Did this make an impression on you as you wandered around town?

At the same time, the school has been advertising for teachers and ancillary staff. We are about to say farewell to Josh Goodchild and Mark Jones. Both are off to Perth to seek their fortunes and they know they will be missed deeply around the school. Sandra is reaching the time when her baby is due and so we have interviewed three amazing people wanting to work here during her maternity leave. Finally, we need two new full time teachers to carry a class through to Class7. Applications close on Friday and we have some great applicants already.

We have decided to advertise for Josh’s replacement within the school community only and we have already had two interested parents come to us about the possibility of taking over from him. If you would like to apply, please send the
school a CV and brief covering letter. Applications will close on 23rd September and we wish to appoint the successful applicant before the end of the term.

Next week, the term will finish on Thursday, 26th September. This is because the teachers are going to Perth Waldorf School for a WA Steiner Teachers’ Fellowship day. Then there is a two week break and school starts again for students on Tuesday, 15th October. The last term is only nine weeks long and then we have to clean out the chimneys so that that red suit doesn’t get all sooty. On the Friday of the first week back in Term 4, we will have a memorial service for Rebecca Wells at the memorial built for her at the back of the hall. You are all invited to what will be a simple ceremony. Please put it in your calendar and if you see any of Rebecca’s ex-students, they too will be welcome to attend.

On behalf of the staff here, I would like to wish all the parents a restful break, while your children make meals, doing the washing and washing up!

Robert Gillman

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**Calendar of the Soul—Week 50**

The joy of cosmic genesis, revealing itself so powerfully, speaks to my human ego, unleashing forces of its own cosmic essence:

“Releasing my life from its chains of enchantment, and giving it to you I reach my true goal.”

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**Open Day 2013**
News from Playgroup

A special thank you to Arn’s parents and Celeste’s mum for weeding and renovating our garden beds at playgroup in time for Open Day. Your work is much appreciated!

Playgroup and baby group families are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Spring Festival this Friday the 20th of September. The day will begin with spring flower garland making on the verandah of karri kindy. There will be a story, maypole dancing and the class 5/6/7 play. Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.

Next week the Thursday playgroup will go on an excursion visiting the Silver Birch kindy for morning tea. We are looking forward to our visit!

Earlier this term we made delicious apple muffins. Here is the recipe:

2 cups self raising flour
1 cup whole meal plain flour (we used buckwheat flour)
3 tsp. baking powder
3 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. cardamom
½ cup brown sugar
2 red apples, peeled, cored and chopped finely
1 cup currants
¼ cup sunflower seeds
½ cup linseeds
3 eggs
1 ½ cups milk
100 ml vegetable oil or melted butter
140g apple puree

Grease muffin or mini muffin tins. Sift flour, baking powder and spices into a large bowl. Add sugar, apples, currants, seeds, and mix together.

In a separate bowl whisk eggs, milk, oil and apple puree together.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix. Spoon batter into muffin tins and bake at 180 C for approx. 25 minutes

This recipe makes 12 large muffins or many, many mini muffins (about 48!) – you can also halve the recipe, as we do at playgroup.

Next term, we will again be running playgroup sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9.15am to 11.15am. Parent and baby group will keep running on Wednesday mornings 10am to 12pm. Have a great holiday everyone!

With thanks, Silvia, Clare, and Theda

News from Silver Birch Kindergarten

*Dancing on a rainbow*
*As colours arch the sky*
*Sliding down a rainbow*
*Perched so high...*

And so begins one of our new rhymes. May thanks go out to all of you in the creation we wove together and shared during Open Day last Saturday.

The children are growing tired and ready for a well earned rest. Next term there has been a request from three families for an extra session. This means that each session will be bubbling, creative and full. We currently have 22 families in Silver Birch Kindy. Next term is the time to complete those expressions of interest for 2014. I currently have received an exciting number from families both in Playgroup and the community of Denmark.

Regards, Christine and Sophia
News from Karri Kindergarten

Wasn’t Open Day a wonderful success? So much hard work went into making it a delightful day for everyone who attended. Special thanks to all the kindergarten parents who helped to set up and serve food, as well as helping with transporting the makings of the puppet play to and from the kindergarten.

I’d like to also thank our wonderful supportive parents who prepared for the Open Day by working hard at the busy bee, how lovely to come back after the weekend and find the windows gleaming. Also to those who’ve recently worked hard in our herb garden, and sewing hessian pieces up ready for our handwork projects. A beautiful needle felted spring maiden has come to stay in our kindergarten, to remind us that spring really is just around the corner, she was created by Kylie (Sienna’s mum). Thankyou Kylie for this treasured addition, the children have noticed and admired her! See you at the Spring Festival on Friday.

Warm wishes, Denise

News from Class 1/2

Thank you all very much for the effort that went into Open Day. I am so proud of Class 1/2. They worked hard preparing for the day and never complained—even when we had a big “Spring clean”.

I had a parent asking me if we prepared our circle just for the Open Day. No, morning circle is something we do every morning, and from this we picked an assortment of our favourite activities to share.

Class 1/2 are finishing our last two weeks of the term with a Spring Main Lesson. We are enjoying nature stories that imaginatively give us a picture of the science of Spring.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Festival.

Warm wishes, Chrystal

News from Class 3/4

In main lesson we are delving into the world of fractions, this is a really exciting opportunity to explore different ways in which things can be shared. There is a nice rhythmic feel of expansion and contraction as we take the whole, divide it up and bring back together again.

Thank you to all of you who made the Open Day not only possible, but beautiful too. I look forward to seeing you all again on Friday for the Spring Festival.

Warm regards, Ingrid

Family Participation Scheme

We are looking for someone to have a look at the school’s Parent Handbook and see if it can be refreshed and updated. This is a job for someone who has knowledge about the school, as well as writing and editing skills. If you feel you would qualify, please contact Sandra.

Also, please update your FPS forms with the hours you have worked and hand in at the office. The families that have not completed their hours will be invoiced soon (only for full time students’ families).

If you have any doubt, feel free to consult Sandra at the office.

Ilan Trom (GHSS Council)
News from Class 5/6/7

The Class 5s have been busy in Botany last week we began our second Botany block by looking at monocotyledons and spending a fair bit of time focusing on palms, otherwise known as “nature's supermarket”. We tried our hands at making sago and date balls, which were enjoyed by most children. We then moved onto studying grains and grasses. Did you know that although there are around 50,000 edible plant species, around two-thirds of the world’s food energy comes from just three grains - rice, wheat and maize? The class then explored various medicinal properties of plants and noted down different dicotyledonous families. Did you know that all orchard fruits (i.e. peach, apple, plum, etc) are in the same family as the rose? Today we made pesto from basil, which comes from the dead nettle (Lamiaceae) family.

As we draw nearer to the holidays, the children will be taking home a larger amount of homework as we attempt to get things finished off. Our play rehearsals have been going well, although are quite time-consuming. I think we are both excited and relieved to think that this time next week it will all be over. Just to remind everyone, the play will be held on Thursday (19th) evening at 6.30pm in the hall, and then during the spring festival at 11am on Friday 20th. ALL children will need to be there - please speak to me ASAP if your child cannot make it for whatever reason. We have given up on the idea of performing the play in the forest due to the relentless rain as of late.

For the spring festival on Friday, the children will be making wreaths. We need class parents to bring lots of foliage and flowers, as well as peppermint/ willow for the wreaths themselves. This is very important as we will later be using the wreaths the children have made for stage decorations and props. Please drop off flowers/ foliage at school on Friday morning.

Open Day: Thankyou to those parents who came and helped out at Open Day on Saturday - there were so many of you that I won't try to name any names! Your work was much appreciated.

Class Camp: At this stage, it looks as though our two wonderful class camp chaperones will be Julie Marsh (Ben’s mum) and Annette Carmichael (Katherine’s mum). There are several men on staff at the camp. These two lovely ladies will function as surrogate mothers to ALL children during the camp, not only their own, and I am sure that with three familiar faces and several camp employees on hand, all children will have their needs met AND have an AWESOME TIME! We are all looking forward to it. Permission slips coming home tomorrow.

Have a great week everyone!

Regards, Eliza

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WELCOME!

A big welcome to Maya Shipley (Karri Kindergarten), Diego Shipley (Class 2) and Angus Blake (Class 3), our new students.

Open Day 2013
Craft Group News

Did you know that a casual craft group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 12.30pm to 2.45pm at Peppermint Cottage (Playgroup building)?

Led by Kathy Martin, who is a knitting and spinning whizz, and also knows lots about embroidery and doll-making, this is a space for you to bring your own projects from home, get inspired, have a cup of tea, and join in conversations about all things craft.

Kathy is happy to help anyone attending with making Steiner-inspired dolls in time for Christmas. So come along!

We are also trying to get a weekend workshop in doll-making and other crafts organized next term – if this interests you please e-mail Silvia on: iotheatre@iinet.net.au.
Can I contribute to Rebecca’s Memorial Garden?

Yes you can! If you would like to contribute a plant to Rebecca Wells’ Memorial Garden, please put your name down beside one or several of the plants on the list below with Sandra at the school office.

School Office: 9848 1811 or office@goldenhill.wa.edu.au

Please purchase your plants by Wednesday October 2nd and either bring to the memorial planting day on Sunday October 6th (please RSVP), or leave by the school office. We will need to know how many plants we have by October 2nd. Thank you for your help with this.

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Where can I buy my plant?

The local Denmark Nursery, Strickland St, Denmark
Habitat Tree Farm, 63 View Rd Denmark WA 6333 (08) 9840 9018 www.habitattreefarm.com.au
Morande Native Plants, 1007 Chester Pass Rd, King River (08) 9844 3045

Thank you kindly for your Donation!

In Memory of Rebecca Wells, who died on October 13th last year, we warmly invite you to remember and celebrate her with the school community.

A memorial garden has been constructed in the place of the Flower Mandala in honour of her life, and we would love you to help bless this special place.

Celebration for Rebecca Wells
Unveiling of the Memorial Garden

Friday 18th October 2013
1.30pm to 2.45pm School and Community Celebration
3pm to 4pm Unveiling of the Memorial Garden
Golden Hill Steiner School Hall
222 Secordale Rd, Denmark

Memorial Garden Planting Day
Sunday 6th of October 2013
1.30pm onwards
If you would like to help bring Rebecca’s special memorial garden to life, please come with your chosen plant on this day. We will also be planting the rose and plaque that was the class 7’s parting gift last year. It will be wonderful to work together as a community, remembering Rebecca.

To put your name down for a Memorial Garden plant and/or to RSVP please contact the school office on 9848 1811 or office@goldenhill.wa.edu.au

Please RSVP to the Memorial Planting Day, Sunday October 6th, from 1.30pm, beside the school hall. Bring your gardening tools, your chosen plants, and afternoon tea to share.
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Jude Iddison and Steven Scanlon

*Celtic fiddle, original and contemporary music with an odd bit of ukulele*

The Earl of Spencer
22nd Sept 2013
5.00-8.00 pm

Organic Beef FOR SALE

Karen and Ilan’s organic beef is being scheduled for the second week of the holidays. If you are interested, please contact Ilan on 0421 784 187.

Open day 2013—Class 3/4 Form Drawing

Open Day 2013—Kindergarten Puppet Play