**News from the School Coordinator**

Welcome to a brand new year. It was so good to see all the bright, shiny faces at the Rose Ceremony on the first day. In the Chinese Horoscope, 2014 is the Year of the Wooden Horse. Wood Horses are strong and stable and have a better ability to make decisions. They are excellent at interacting with others and they are successful personally and professionally. So that feels about as positive an influence for our school as there could be. In excess, they can also express hot tempers and a lack of patience.

And what a year it will be. We are committed to being a single stream school by 2017, we will be sending a letter to the Minister in the next couple of weeks about retaining our Cl.7’s, we have a rapidly expanding kindergarten and, apart from Cl.1 and 2, we have good sized classes. I think the school has been blessed with the great new teachers and Educational Assistant who started this year and there is a drive from Council to make sure things are done around the school and done well.

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**Important dates**

- **Friday 14 February**
  First Kwoorabup Market, 3-5pm at the hall
- **Friday 14 February**
  Class 4/5 Parent/Teacher Meeting, 3-4pm
- **Tuesday 18 February**
  First P&F Meeting 1-2.40pm and School Council meeting 3-5pm
- **Friday 21 February**
  Class 6/7 Parent/Teacher meeting, 3-4pm
- **Tuesday 25 February**
  P&F meeting and committee AGM, 1-2.40pm
- **Friday 28 February**
  Kwoorabup Market, 3-5pm at the hall
- **Saturday 1 March**
  Denmark Arts Markets
- **Saturday 15 March**
  Term 1 Busy Bee, 8.30am to 12.30pm
- **Tuesday 18 March**
  School Council meeting, 3-5pm
- **Friday 21 March**
  Autumn Festival
Where does this leave the parents? Probably the most valuable thing the parents can be involved with is advocating for our school. You will be reading Annett Forman’s articles about the re-formation of the FPS – and we do need as much parental help there as possible. But, above all of that is our constant need for you to be advocating for your children’s education. If you can’t explain to the people you meet the advantages of keeping the class teacher for the whole of the primary journey, then please make it your mission to find out. If you aren’t clear about the research on the long term negative effects of teaching reading in kindergarten, the teachers would be happy to help. After nearly 100 years of Steiner education there is a solid body of evidence to show that Rudolph Steiner’s meditative research is capable of accurate results that stand the test of time.

On behalf of the staff here, I want to wish everyone a year full of enjoyable challenges.

Robert Gillman

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**News from the P.I.P. (Parent Involvement Program)**

The Family Participation Scheme (FPS) is getting a new face as well as a new name! A new information booklet is being worked on at the moment. The main focuses for this term are the following points:

- Developing an easier report system.
- Using the available hours to plan events in 2014 (festivals, busy bees, fundraisers) so time contributions can become a stress-free and enjoyable experience with a sense of belonging, support and friendship.
- Working on a better understanding of the community spirit at our school.

To spread the help needed equally through the school community the *following compulsory time contribution* has been created starting for Kindergarten K5 parents: **2.5 hours per parent per term**

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions, feedback or ideas!

Many thanks and warm regards,

PIP Coordinator for 2014, Annett Forman (Ethan’s and Teo’s Mum) atomnett@westnet.com.au

PS: Volunteers do not necessarily have the time: they just have the heart. (Liz Andrew)

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**Calendar of the Soul—Week 17**

I may now lead the Cosmic Word through the gateways of my senses into the foundations of my soul. It speaks:

”Let my cosmic majesty fill the depths of your spirit so that one day soon you may discover myself in you.”
News from Playgroup

The playgroup sessions will be as last year on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.15am to 11.15am at Peppermint Cottage. The Parents and babies (up to 18 months) group will again be on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm.

The Peppermint Cottage garden is in a state of transformation with the landscaping around the hall—We look forward to planting new flower gardens. Thanks to Richard for working hard on our area of the school.

Welcome to all new and returning families.
Warmly, Theda, Clare, and Jade

Eliza Allan, our current Class 6/7 teacher, ran a doll making workshop in November last year. Many thanks, Eliza, you have made quite a few children very happy over Christmas!

Jade Lawson’s Nephew with the doll she made for him

News from Silver Birch Kindergarten

Welcome to all our families to a new year.
As you will see we are evolving our very own playground.
We have a few spaces left if you know of a 3 or 4 year old looking to play.
Warm Regards,
Christine and Sophia

News from Karri Kindergarten

It’s great to be back for another year with our dear children. We warmly welcome our friends from Silver Birch: Anoushka, Cinnamon, Ella, Jayden, and new K5 children: Charlotte, Oliver, Eden, and Will, who have joined us.
Thank you so much to everyone who took home laundry and returned it promptly.
Please ensure your child has a hat (it’s easier if they’re left at kindergarten).
Warm wishes
Denise, Merveena, and Clare

A note on what to wear

Although we do not have a uniform at Golden Hill Steiner School, we do have a dress code: students are to wear plain coloured or patterned clothing. Please avoid clothing with logos, slogans, or illustrations that are larger than the child’s fist, sleeveless tops and clothing which is torn or in disrepair. No things please!

Hats

Please make sure your student has a sun hat to wear in Term 1. The school has a ‘no hat, no outdoor play’ policy in place. Students without hats will need to play on the verandah. Many thanks for your help with this.

T-Shirts for Sale

Silvia has some plain coloured T-shirts for sale in the office at a reduced price—plain T-shirts $5 each, T-shirts with collar $7.50 each, in assorted sizes and colours.
Hi everyone,

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Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. I would like to put together a list of skills. So if you could please e-mail me at skills.interpersonal@gmail.com with what skills you have and will be willing to share. It would be wonderful to start getting resources together for when our new classroom is ready.

Cheers,
Karen

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**News from Class 1**

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Cheers,
Karen

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**News from Class 2**

Welcome Class Two! I am enthused to get to know you all more. It was lovely to see so many of you on Saturday at the Class 1,2,3 picnic already. We have been spending this week familiarizing ourselves with our new group and routine for the year. We begin our year gently with a week of form drawing main lesson, and move into a deepening of the fables in the following weeks. Also, Neil, our inspiring gardener, would like to extend an invitation out to parents to assist in all Cl.2 gardening lessons; Tuesdays 1.30pm-2.25pm and Wednesdays 11.15am - 12.00pm.

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**News from Class 3**

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Cheers,
Karen

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A mai hoki kia ora, hello and welcome back.

I hope you all had a wonderful break filled with sunshine (not so in New Zealand). In Class Three we have enjoyed getting back into the swing of things with a ‘Form Drawing Main Lesson’. Class Three take an important step; the forms they create now have lines that cross over each other so that new forms emerge out of the intersection.

*It is interesting to note that at ages 9-10 the corpus callosum in the brain is myelinating, making it possible for nerve impulses to cross over from one hemisphere to another; the same phenomenon is being pictured in these form drawings.*

Here’s to another great year!

Arohanui,

Chrystal
News from Class 4/5
The year has begun! Class 4/5 has moved into the older children’s’ class room block and there is an exciting new curriculum to tackle. We are in the process of getting to know one another as the students adjust to the culture of a new teacher. This process may take some time but greatly helped by the enthusiasm for learning that every student has come to school with.

Our first Main Lesson follows the problems faced by Princess Fraction as she struggles to please everybody in planning her big wedding. However, only by listening to the sage wisdom of the Royal Advisor will she learn the mathematical concepts necessary to solve each problem as it arises.

Alex

P.S. Don’t forget our first parent/teacher meeting is NEXT Friday, the 14th of February, starting at 3pm in the Class 4/5 classroom. Hope to see you there!

News from Class 6/7
Hi everyone,

It was great to see so many families and to reconnect with the children at the Prawn Rock channel on Friday, and even better to welcome them back to school this week! As it currently stands we currently have a class of 18. Maia joins us from Perth and Electra from Qld- please make them and their families feel welcome.

A beginning-of-the-year reminder that all children need hats at school (preferably two, as one inevitably gets left at home, lent out or misplaced).

While GHSS does not have a uniform, we DO have a dress code, which is written on page 3. If a child comes to school wearing an item of inappropriate clothing, he/she will be asked to turn it inside out or to borrow an item from the lost property box. Often Cl. 6/7 students will test our limits of patience on this and it would be really helpful if teachers and parents were working towards the same end goal.

We are moving straight into Ancient Rome for our first Main Lesson of the year. At twelve, the children become much more aware of their physical bodies and of the material world around them. They discover they are individuals among other individuals, and an adjustment of relationships is necessary. The story of Rome, with its outstanding interest in materialistic things and human rights, parallels the development of the child of twelve.

This year promises to be an exciting one, especially with surfing lessons and a Bibbulman track walk coming up. More info coming soon on these.

Regards, Eliza
The Markets are Back for 2014

The first Kwoorabup Market for this year will be Friday 14, celebrating the fruits of Summer.

In an attempt to make the markets sustainable and enjoyable for all we will no longer be requiring parent support with the set up or pack down of the market.

We will be continuing to run the tea and coffee stall, for a couple of reasons: I personally like the idea that we can offer healthy and reasonably priced afternoon teas and this year the funds raised will go towards the co-ordinating and running of the market itself.

There will be five markets this term, requiring the involvement once each of kindy, Cl.1 and Cl.2 combined, Cl.3, Cl.4/5 and Cl.6/7.

Personally, I am aiming to have a more relaxed experience this year and to this end am looking for two permanent volunteers to assist.

One role is to co-ordinate the tea /coffee stall and would require liaising with the class reps. It would also include assisting with the set-up only on the day.

The other is to run what was called the delegate veg. stall, but is now evolving into the local food co-op/stall. This role would involve ordering and collecting produce and running the stall. This role is great for a person interested in learning about seasonal and local food, and would also involve a remuneration in produce for your help each fortnight.

Of course all volunteer hours go towards your PIP. Please contact me if you’re interested.

Hope to see you at the markets,

Simone Coleman -
9848 1942 or simonecoleman@westnet.com.au
Parents and Friends Committee Corner

P&F will hold our first meeting of the year
On: 18th February 2014
At: 1pm—2.45pm
Where: at Peppermint Cottage Playgroup.

The whole school community makes up the P&F so you are all warmly invited to attend. We will meet fortnightly at the same time for the duration of the school term. Please feel free to bring your little ones who are not in school and they can play while we plan!!

If you can’t make it on the 18th please do try to attend on the 25th of February as this will be our AGM. We will elect the P&F office bearers for the year and briefly outline the P&F events for the year so you can have a think about accumulating PIP hours helping out at festivals and functions.

We look forward to seeing you there. Kind regards, Miranda Miller. (Iris and Gracie’s mum).

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# 2014 Term Dates

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<td><strong>Term II</strong></td>
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Dear GHSS Families,

As you are all no doubt aware the recent fires in the Perth Hills area caused devastation to many homes and families. The Parkerville location of the Silver Tree Steiner School was lucky to escape damage but a member of the school community, who is also a teacher at the school, was not as lucky. Unfortunately this family lost absolutely everything. Testament to the strength of the school community spirit however, the family's needs were swiftly attended to. The inspiring response saw this family re-homed within 5 astonishing days! Despite this feat of heartfelt generosity the fact remains that this family will need time to recover from their terrible loss.

As a fellow Steiner community we have such a great opportunity to reach out to a family that is essentially one of our own. Whilst many useful things have already been gifted, the idea has arisen to create a hamper that is truly heartfelt and geared toward providing the materials, nourishment and inspiration to assist Sheoka in making her new house a home.

Can we please ask that those who feel moved to give, donate a 'heart gift' from their own home.

Some examples may be;

- A few squares of wool felt
- Embroidery thread
- Essential oils
- Beeswax candles
- Beautiful wool
- A special blend of spices
- Soap
- Wooden knitting needles
- A lovely tablecloth
- A bud vase

There will be labels available in the office for you to attach a message of kindness to your package so she will be able to feel the heart in each donation. The box will be available from now and will be taken to Perth on 20 February.

Any questions please call Gillian, ph, 0438 965 425 or Kylie, ph. 0411 845 104

Many thanks

Your P&F Committee
Advertisements

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February

Sunday February 23rd

Pruning Fruit Trees

Join Neal Collins and learn how to prune deciduous fruit trees at the most appropriate time of the year. Hands on practical approach to good Organic pruning techniques that will help reduce pest and disease in your trees. Venue advised upon registration 10 am – 12.30pm $30

Extra Events

Gondwana Panorama Community Art Events

Gondwana Panorama Exhibition Opening & Talks - 8th February 2014, 12 noon to 2pm, Vancouver Arts Centre. (FREE Event No Registration required.) Join Professor Steve Hopper, of UWA and artists Nikki Green, Ian Bradshaw and Graham Bishop and deepen your understanding of Gondwana Link biodiversity through academic and artistic perspectives.

For registration or information for all Learn for Life workshops call 9848 3310 or email denmark@greenskills.org.au

Peaceful Bay Triathlon

Sunsmart Kids Tri Saturday 15th February 3.30pm (swim/ride/run)
7-10yrs- 100/2/0.5
10-12yrs - 200/4/1

Peaceful Bay Club Triathlon (13yrs and up)

Sunday 16th February 8.00am
Short Course 400/10/2.5
Long Course 800/20/5

Please arrive 30min prior to race start for Registration and Race Briefing.
Meeting point in car park adjacent to ablution block, top of path to beach.
Entry fees apply to kids tri and non members. All Welcome.
Bring your bike, helmet, bathers, goggles and running shoes.
Enquiries to Belinda Ross 0477 641408

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"We cannot solve our problems with the same kind of thinking we used when we created them".

---Albert Einstein

Vancouver Arts Centre: Our Children’s Art Classes begin in the second week of February

Multi-age workshop series for Homeschoolers
Our very successful Homeschoolers Program reopens with a fantastic series of arts and crafts projects to suit homeschoolers of all ages.
Age group 5-16 starts Thursday February 13 1-2.45pm. 9 sessions.
Cost : $135 VAC members; $150 non-members.

NEW!! After School Art Club for 4-7’s & 8-12’s
Age 4-7 starts Monday February 10 from 4.00pm – 5.00pm – 9 sessions
Age 8-12 starts Thursday February 13 from 4-5.30pm – 9 SESSIONS
Cost: $120 VAC members; $135 non-members. Maximum 12 places

All children’s series facilitated by Serena McLauchlan.
Enquiries and bookings to any of the above workshops can be made through Dru or Julia on 9841 9260. Places will fill fast!

GET EXCITED... THE CIRCUS IS HERE!!

We just need to find it...
Calling all kids, mums, dads, grannies interested in CIRCUS ARTS... including performers, visual artists, costumiers, musicians, clowns, etc etc...
Starting 30th October for each
Wednesday, 3.30 – 4.30pm
Denmark Scout Hall
Open Space for learning & practising Juggling, staff-twirling, poi, hoop, tumbling and Acrobalance.
Parents are encouraged to stay, participate, talk, dream, create and have fun. $2 if you stay n play, $5 if you want to drop n go
Questions? Lena 0405 630 651 or Liz 0409 109 161

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