On the 24th September, Tracey Puckeridge, the CEO of Steiner Education Australia will be visiting our school. She will give two talks to the parents while she is here and I would like as many people as possible to come and listen to her speak. The first session will be from 1:30 to 2:45 and will take the form of a question and answer open forum. Tracey will begin with some leading thoughts on the developmental stages of childhood but most of the time will be spent answering your questions. Then at 7pm she will speak on the way Steiner education itself has developed since it was “born” nearly 100 years ago and some of the common challenges facing Steiner schools in Australia today. Both talks are free to the community.

Steiner Education Australia is the parent body for all Steiner schools in Australia. It has two main foci. The first is advising and supporting our schools and especially new initiatives. The most visible support over the last few years has been writing a curriculum. Now Steiner schools do not need to find ways to adapt the states’ curricula to something more suitable to the needs of the children. This has cost the member schools tens of thousands of dollars and will require an ongoing long term commitment that would be impossible for any individual school. Then SEA organises conferences and other professional opportunities for teachers, EA’s, Councils and parents. Tracey is constantly travelling around Australia speaking about Steiner education to parents and other interested bodies.

SEA is also our main political wing and representative body. Just recently Tracey helped us persuade the WA Department of Education Services to be more flexible with the way our five year olds are introduced to kindergarten. She regularly reports on work being done by international bodies on our behalf and organises research.
SEA is based in Sydney and has a staff of two: the CEO and her secretary. In my opinion, it is quite remarkable how much work is achieved by those two on our behalf. I assure you that her talks at our school will be interesting and pertinent.

Robert Gillman

**News from Peppermint Cottage**

Both Tuesday and Thursday Playgroup and Wednesday Baby Group have been very quiet for a while now. Did you know that GHSS families with playgroup age children receive a substantial discount off the Playgroup fees? Please ask the office for details – and please spread the word about Playgroup – it really is a wonderful two hours to spend with your toddler.

Playgroup – age 18 months to 4 years, Parent and Baby group – pregnant to 18months old.

We hope to see you there!

Yours warmly,

Jade, Clare and Theda

**News from Karri Kindergarten**

A duck and a drake
And a nice barley cake
And a penny to pay the old baker
A hop and a scotch
Is another notch
And a slither and slather
And take her.

This nonsense rhyme has hand actions and is lots of fun. It ends our new variation of the Mother Goose Movement Circle. Ask your child to show you the actions. I will be adding in some new verses and actions to work on areas such as the vestibular (balance) system and proprioception (awareness of position in space).

A very warm welcome to our new K6 student, Daisy and her mum, Lee. We are so happy to have dear Daisy join us! I’m sure you will help them to feel at home in Karri Kindergarten.

Most of the K6 children are working on, or have completed their needle books. Once finished they are ready to receive their “chenille” “needle and six pins to sleep inside and be put to work for
News from Karri Kindergarten...

sewing projects. Next they will make a felt standing puppet. Rainbow-dyed muslin cloths are a favourite with the children this year; draped across shoulders for a butterfly or hung on the wall as part of the seasonal display they love to set up. I have some cold water dyes to make more and am looking for someone who could hem some muslin pieces please. There is also a stack of books waiting to be added to the parent library. Kimberley has offered to cover some of them and if anyone else could also cover some, it would make the task less daunting. If you’ve had parent library books at home for a while, please return them as soon as possible as we would like to do a stocktake.

Many thanks and warm wishes, Denise

News from Silver Birch Kindergarten

Spring is coming
Spring is coming
Birdies build your nest
Weave together straw and feather
Each one doing their best.

Dear Families,
While the children happily played, we enjoyed talking together on the topic of “When Less is More,” discussing ways of helping your child pack their personal things away.
I am asking that a hat comes to Kindy now that the days are warming. Also the school office is asking that all absentees are notified by phone call, personal message or email.

With this term coming quickly to its end the planning toward next year begins. Would you be so kind to notify me of your intentions concerning Kindergarten 2015? This helps both Denise and myself in setting a warm welcome in place. If I can help answer any further questions I am available after each sessions to speak with you while looking forward to watching the little ones grow.

Next year the children turning five become part of Karri Kindy while the older four year olds are offered three sessions with Sophia and myself and one session with Denise each Friday morning.

Meanwhile, back to the current moment as we in Silver Birch are readying ourselves to welcome in Springtime.

Christine and Sophia
News from Class 1

Hello everyone,
We are having a very successful Mathematics Main Lesson with all of the children enjoying the real life mathematics as well as the Sudoku and Percival’s Puzzles. It has been a delight to watch their enthusiasm as they discover number patterns.

Our next Main Lesson will be an Indigenous Culture unit and we will be going on an excursion to Spirit of Play on Friday, September 12th from 9 until 11. We will be playing our flutes for them, going on a bush tucker walk and sharing morning tea. We will also be learning lower case letters, creating a rainbow serpent and finishing our Nature Stories book.

Our class performance was fantastic and a big thank you to all the parents who came and watched. The children were able to showcase some of the items they have performed at assembly, play their flutes and lyres and recite the alphabet forwards and backwards. The Kindy children came to watch as well to get an idea of some of the things they can look forward to next year.
Cheers, Karen

News from Class 2

The class play will be presented at assembly on the 5th of September at 9.30am, in the hall. The children have learnt their parts well and are excited! I am pleased at how patient and cooperative they have been with each other, well done : )

It has also been great to see how they have added their own creativity to their parts and the actions for the play. It is a pleasure to watch : )

Cl.2 has also enjoyed having Tom in class. He has been sharing his passion for knitting and crocheting as well as his light hearted humour. Thank you for joining us Tom.

Warm regards, Sonja
News from Class 3

Kia Ora families and friends,

Class Three has enjoyed the first week of our Measurement Main Lesson. We heard a short history of ‘non standard measurement’ via a story of 2 kings who both wanted to rule the land and after a disagreement decided to split everything in half. To do this they had to work out strategies to measure things with their bodies. The children loved measuring different objects in our class in hand spans, cubits, paces, feet and more. Next week we will discover how the need arose for standardised measurement.

Measurement Poem

Let my life be measured
Not in years nor days
But by the length of my endeavours
The weight of my deeds
The capacity of my love
And the value of my service to others.
(Hatton, 1980)

Musical Event - Violin Concert

Everyone Is Invited and Violinists Welcome to Perform

Please come along and enjoy the children performing their solos and their group pieces

Tuesday Sept 16th straight after school in the school hall

Look forward to seeing you there

Any queries, please call

Jude on: 0409 110 645
Halfway through the term! After four incredible weeks of learning all about Ancient India, it was such a pleasure for our class to host an Indian night for our parents and share all we had learned. In addition to cooking and serving Indian food, parents were treated to singing, poems, recorder, stories, plays and even some dancing! It was such a beautiful evening and a treasured experience for the students. Being able to share their schoolwork in an event like this is what makes Steiner education less like a school and more like a community.

A very special thanks to Sarah, Xanthe, Neil, Gay, Kristi, John, Christina, Sophia and Summer for their help. Thanks also to the parents who donated Indian clothes, decorations and statues for the occasion. You all helped to create a very authentic Indian atmosphere!

Now we are knee deep in a Maths Main Lesson. We revisit Clare and Travis in their new goal: To host an Athletics carnival at Mullumbimby Steiner School. The only question is will their principal let them? In order to convince him and to adequately plan for the event, Clare will need to learn about rounding, estimation, averages, number sequences and four different types of graphs!

Alex
News from Class 6/7

Dear Parents,

At last Spring is officially here, even though it seems as though it arrived early and uninvited this year! Our Spring Festival promises to be a fun one, with some interesting dress-up races planned, as well as the ever-popular maypole dance.

In class, we continue to study 'The Alchemist' and today played a game of vocabulary bingo with tricky words from the text. In the text, the Levanter and Sirocco winds are mentioned several times, so we took the opportunity to examine other 'winds of the world' and map these onto a world map. The 'Roaring Forties' then gave us the opportunity to discuss latitude and longitude in some depth and over the next day or so we will be looking at how latitude affects climate patterns. In 'The Alchemist', Santiago's father supports his son's dream of becoming a shepherd and travelling, and we will use this event from the story as the topic for an exercise in persuasive writing: 'Should parents support their children's goals no matter what?' Our next Physics block is just around the corner!

I have been immensely proud of the way the Class 6/7 students have managed our Friday lunch orders fund-raising project, which have proven very popular with other classes. There has been a new level of organisation, maturity and teamwork as the children work together to process lunch orders, cook food and, perhaps trickiest of all, make sure all lunches are delivered on time, at the same time, and still warm! This week we are making pumpkin soup and bread at a cost of $3. Please place your order on a paper bag in the office before midday Thursday. If anyone is keen to knock off some P&F hours, there are a couple of odd jobs from Class 6/7 we could use a hand with - please come and see me if you are interested in helping out.

Have a great first week of spring!
Regards
Eliza Allan
Night Time Bedwetting (Nocturnal Enuresis)

Bedwetting can be a highly embarrassing problem which can stop young people participating fully in many of the enjoyable activities of life. It can lead to avoiding school camps and holidays and present difficulties with friendships.

Most children who suffer bedwetting will grow out of it, however there are a small percentage of teenagers and adults who have not.

School Health Nurses offer an Enuresis (Bedwetting) Program for children and young people from 6 years of age to 12 years. This involves the use of a mat and alarm to help the person to wake when needing to go to the toilet at night. The program takes between 8-10 weeks and is free. There are places available for the program in Denmark next term.

For further details and program enrolment, please contact the Snr Community Health Nurse at Great Southern Population Health on 9842 7500.

Measles

We have been notified that if anyone with a confirmed case of measles has contact with anyone at our school, we are required by law to have all un-immunised children withdrawn from school for a period of two weeks. This includes any adults born before 1966. Please note the school has no choice in this matter, it is a new Department of Health requirement.

For more information please contact our school nurse, Paula on: 0427 922 663.

Albany Vacation Swimming Lessons

Hi to all

Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre Swim School will run a swim lesson program for pre-school aged children during the October 2014 school holidays.

This swim program will run in-line with the Education Department Vacswim program.

Any queries; please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Kind Regards

Nola Osborne

Swim School Manager

Vacation Swimming Lessons for children aged 3 – 5 years

Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre is offering swimming lessons for pre-school aged children during the October school holidays 2014.

Lessons will be held over a two week period:

Program 1 (4 days)
Tuesday 30/09/2014 – Friday 03/10/2014

Program 2 (5 days)
Monday 06/10/2014 – Friday 10/10/2014

Enrolments are now open.
Home Time

Any changes to the mode of transport home after school need to be made by telephone no later than 2.30pm each day.
This gives enough time for any messages to be taken across to classrooms in plenty of time before school finishes. There have also been children coming into the office around school finishing time, at the last minute, wanting to ring their parents with regards catching the bus or going to a friend’s house after school. Please organise play dates and bus catching well ahead of time. We have had a number of children missing the bus and, at the end of the day, it is very busy in the office. Confusion reigns if new plans are made 3 minutes before the bus leaves.

Many Thanks
Warm regards, Fiona

DENMARK CRICKET CLUB INC.
JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS
The Club is a registered Kidsport Club
Saturday 13th September 2014 – McLean Park 9am – 12 noon
Saturday 20th September 2014 – Denmark IGA 9am – 12 noon
Saturday 20th September 2014 – Denmark Rec Centre Function Room 2pm – 4pm
For more information please call Damian Schwarzbach on 0431 837 290
MILO – YEAR 2 & UNDER
UNDER 10’S – YEAR 3 & 4
UNDER 12’S – YEAR 5 & 6
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Denmark Little Athletics Season 2014/15

Family, Fun and Fitness
Term 4, 2014 and first 6 weeks of Term 1, 2015.

Registration Day
Wednesday 17th September 2014
3.30-5pm Football Clubrooms
Training 3.30 – 4.30pm Wednesdays.
Possibility of separate youth group training if numbers permit.
Competition 5 – 7pm Fridays
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Fees are:
$95.00 for one child
$80.00 for subsequent siblings. (%68 to State Association)
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Enquiries Belinda at pj.ross8@bigpond.com or 0477 641408
Hello
This is Mardae Selepak’s CD launch on the 12th Sept at Liberte, starting at 7.30 pm.

For those of you who don’t know, Mardae is a remarkably beautiful local musician who is currently living in Melbourne. His guitar playing is exquisite!!

Warm Regards, Jude

Beautiful Spring posies from the garden and the bush in Neal’s garden

Picking snow peas in Neal’s garden

PERTH WALDORF SCHOOL
Position Vacant

Perth Waldorf School invites applications for Chemistry/Mathematics Teacher (Full or Part Time)
Commencing in 2015

Written applications, including a cover letter, CV and three referees, should be marked ‘Private & Confidential’ and forwarded to:

The Administrator, Perth Waldorf School,
PO Box 271, BIBRA LAKE WA 6165, AUSTRALIA
Or Email: jray@pws.wa.edu.au

Applications close 4:00pm Friday, September 17, 2014

For a conversation about this position, please phone Mark Phillips at the school (08) 9417 3638

slow flow
yoga

At the Steiner School Hall
Thursday mornings
9:15 -10:45
Contact Carol on 98483741
or 0487239768 or
capestyle3@gmail.com
House Concert
Sunday September 7th
Jude’s place

I am hosting a fundraising concert for Sonia and Donald Anderson which will be held at my place on Sun 7th Sept from 2.30 pm (see poster in Advertisements on last page).
Violinists are welcome to perform as part of the concert.

Thanks very much, Jude

Kwoorabup Market News

The next Kwoorabup Market is on Friday 12th September. Come and grab your Spring produce and warm up with a cup of chai tea. See you at the markets.

Simone Coleman

Spring Festival Is Coming - It’s on 19th September

Don’t forget that we need LOTS of flowers and greenery for making garlands. Jasmine, peppy branches and brightly coloured flowers all make great garlands. Please delay your Spring pruning for a week or so and bring everything you’ve got on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th September.

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PERTH 29 Sep.—3 Oct. 2014

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Presents
Helle Heckmann

Mon 8th Sept -7 pm at YSS -Cost $10
‘Sleeping Habits - Five Golden Rules’
Wed 10th Sept at 1pm Carbunup Hall -
Workshop -Cost $10
‘What does it mean to be a Modern Parent Today’
Wed 10th Sept 7 pm at YSS -Cost $10
‘How to Create a Day & How to Create Rituals’

Helle is the founding director of Nøkken, a pioneering kindergarten in Denmark emphasizing time spent in nature, natural rhythms, biodynamic foods and shaping life around the unique needs of the young child. Helle is the author of 3 books: ‘Nøkken’ ‘More News from Nøkken’ and ‘Childhoods Garden’ a narrative with accompanying DVD: and has travelled and taught throughout the Americas, Canada and Europe.

Helle is a member of the Danish Steiner Waldorf Kindergarten Association and serves on the board of The International Early Childhood Association. “For the last few years I have travelled the world visiting Kindergartens, childcare workers, nurseries and schools. Everywhere I have met a growing need to counsel parents about how to handle everyday life with small children. It takes guts for parents in this day and age to go against the stream and follow their intuition…knowing that children need to be given the space to develop naturally and in their own speed and way”…Helle Heckman

Please contact Yallingup Steiner School to register your interest- 08 9755 2230

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