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Golden Hill
Steiner School

Principal's Address to the Golden Hill Steiner School Board AGM 2018

“The healthy social life is found when,
in the mirror of each human soul,
the whole community finds its reflection.
And when, in the community,
the virtue of each one is living.”

Rudolf Steiner

It is with pride that I table the Annual Report for 2017 as it marks my completion of 12 months as principal at Golden Hill Steiner School and at the same time, the 30th year of the school.

In the last 12 months much has been achieved. There have been a number of staff changes resulting in a stable staff which means we are confident that classes will be followed through to the end of their journey at Golden Hill with the same teacher.

After attending PL at Perth Waldorf in July last year, teaching staff embarked on a study program to build their knowledge in relation to Steiner education. We have also been working on whole school programs across a range of curriculum areas to ensure consistent and quality teaching and learning. Much of this work occurs outside of school hours and I commend the staff on their dedication and commitment to the students and the school.

We are working on improving systems to ensure that we are ready for registration this year. The Finance committee has been working on improving our fee collection and forward planning to ensure sustainability.

The support of parents is integral to the successful operations of a Steiner school. We have worked at more clearly defining the roles of Class Carers. It is also great to see a reinvigorated P&F committee, under the leadership of Simone Coleman, who are busy planning for our Spring Fair and Open Day in November, where we will be celebrating 30 years of Golden Hill Steiner School. Of course, P&F is open to all and the more helpers the better as many hands do make light work. Please don't hesitate to be a part of things.

Our gardening group is invaluable, a craft group has begun again and parent participation at Busy Bees and through the Family Participation Scheme hours also ensures our school is a beautiful place to be and frees up funding to direct towards our learning programs.

Many thanks to

- my teaching staff who have worked so hard. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Denise for her role as Chair of The College of Teachers. Her support has been invaluable.
- Our cleaning and maintenance staff has made some amazing improvements to our school and its operations. A particular mention of Kristi McMullan for the fabulous work she has done in reducing our waste and to Tim Dowden-Parker for his work on maintaining our buildings and grounds with the assistance of Neal Collins, Katja Lamb and gardening group.
- To our bursar, Oona for the incredible work she has been doing in implementing our policies for fee collection.
- And to my PA, Tegan, who has guided me through the first year. I would not have managed half as well without her knowledge and assistance.
- To the parents, thank you for your support and dedication. And we look forward to your continued support in assisting the school to further improve and grow.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to the Board, under the leadership of Chair, David Stockdale. Your support and trust, coupled with honest and open communication has been greatly appreciated and made it possible for me to do my job to the best of my ability and with confidence. The time you dedicate in your voluntary capacity is greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the impact your time away has upon your family and so I ask that you pass on a vote of thanks to them from me, on behalf of the school community, for the sacrifice they make to enable you to carry out your commitment.

This meeting marks the departure of two of our Board members. Lydia Kenyon joined our board last year and her contributions have been greatly appreciated. Due to work and family commitments, Lydia has chosen to step down from her role as board member. Zdenka Underwood has reached the end of her term as a board member and has chosen not to renominate. We thank both ladies for their commitment. We look forward to Lydia's continued involvement with the school in her capacity as a parent and Zdenka as a grandparent.

Please take the time to read our annual report. We have copies here and it also appears on our website. I look forward to another productive year and all that it will bring.



Jacqui Hamblin

Principal