

TERM 4, Week 4, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008

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The earth is firm beneath my feet  
The sun shines bright above  
And here I stand so straight and strong  
All things to know and love.

## Diary Dates

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10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Week long Class Fx class camp to Nymboida Canoe Centre.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Playgroup 9am-11am here at the school sandpit. Please bring morning tea.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: 'Class 2/3' Café. The menu is pizza and pancakes for tuckshop this week!

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: School Photos for all children and teachers. Please wear *colours*!

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Kindy children join class 1 for orientation 2pm-3pm.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: First "Fathers, Sons & Daughters" get together at school, from 3pm onwards.

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: "Welcome to Community" Day at Hanging Rock Hall 1pm and into the evening.  
Activities for children, stalls, food and music. Come and have fun!

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> and Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Class 1 camp at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat.

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Kindy children join class 1 for orientation 2pm-3pm. Parents are invited to join Marga and the children for afternoon tea from 2:45-3:30pm.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: End of year Celebration and Graduation Ceremony.

Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Beach Day for the whole school at Brunswick Heads. Bring lunch to share.

## Board News

### Class Structure for 2009

The Board would like to thank the school community for discussions and input regarding class structure for the next and future years. Ongoing discussion is always welcomed.

The class structure for 2009 will be as follows:

Class 1/2 with Marga, Class 3/4 with Simone, Class 5/6 with Peter. There will be a budget for support teachers next year and details of this will be published when our number of enrolled students for 2009 is more certain. We are aware that some assistance will be needed in Marga's class as this will be quite large next year.

Warm regards Helen for the Board

What a lovely highlight the Community Dinner was last week. The weather was balmy, the pizzas were delicious, the company was excellent, and everyone seemed to have a great time. There were games for the children, music for the musical and mountains of food for the children.

Thank you to the parents group for organising it, and to the fine pizza chefs. Also a big thank you to those who stayed behind to clean up. More of these to come?

We would like to wish class Fx a fun and healthy camp for the week and look forward to their safe return on Friday. The class has a new child, Nathan, joining them for the camp.

While class 4,5,6 are away class 2,3 will be offering the service of tuck shop.

Simone, our kindergarten teacher, had a whole Saturday of kindergarten orientation for parents. Many parents attended including new families to the area.

Class photos will be taken at school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. India (Tané's mum) will taking the photos this year.

Marlene has decided not to continue her Literacy and Numeracy support work and her voluntary work at school. She will finish this term what she began with class 1 and her work in the library.

We would like to thank Marlene for the beautiful quality of craftsmanship and skill she brought to our school over the last 2 years.

Warm regards Peter & Simone for the College of Teachers

Greetings,

The previous weeks have heralded the transition into summer, with warm, still afternoons and lots of sand and water activity in the sandpit. Please ensure the children have wide brimmed hats and clothing to cover shoulders. Named water bottles are also necessary for outside play.

The children have settled in beautifully to the last term, and it is always a treat to observe their play change and transform during the year. There is lots of negotiating and communicating occurring over planning and management of various factories and operations!! The children are doing lovely work on their butterflies. Most of the felt bodies have been made, and the wings are taking on their patterns and glimmer.

We would like to make a shell mobile with the children to hang in the kindergarten. The children are invited to bring any shells or beach treasures in to create our mobile and remind us of the wonderful beaches we have and the many gifts they bring.

On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of November and Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, the older children will be going up at 2pm to spend the afternoon with Marga in class 1. This is to orientate them in the primary school and support them in a gentle transition to class 1 with their new teacher. On the last transition Thursday (11th December) the families of the children going up to class 1 are invited to share afternoon tea with Marga and the children from 2:45 – 3:30.

We have had so many beautiful flowers brought into the kindy through the children. There have been the most gorgeous roses to grace us on our lunch table, and dianthus, calendula and primrose all grown from seed tended by gentle hands. We have been using new pure beeswax candles, which the children love. They ask to smell and feel it, so it is passed around the table for all to experience before lighting it. We then breathe in the yummy honey smell once the candle is lit for our meal. Such a feast for the senses, as we sit and eat our nourishing food, surrounded by beauty.

The petunias we've planted are looking beautiful and blooming brightly.

Love Simone

Just a reminder that money is still outstanding from our sailing trip. Please send it along to the office. I would like to take the children to additional gymnastic lessons outside of the school. The cost of the classes would be \$10 and we would begin in week 5- if you have any concerns regarding this can you please let Cristina know in the office this week.

While the class 4,5,6 is away the class 2,3 will be offering the service of tuck shop. The children have expressed a keen interest in adopting an orangutan from Indonesia. The Australian adoption programme fund provides veterinary care for these endangered animals at a facility in Indonesia until they can be re-released into the wild if possible. Logging to provide land for the production of palm oil has destroyed their habitats.

Please remember that the building project and worksheet homework tasks are due now.

Love Simone

Library help: Lisa sometimes needs help with book covering. If you can help with this task, please let her know. She is often in the library on Wednesdays. Thanks.

A couple of reminders:

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November here at school. India (Tané's Mum) will be taking the class photos and the individual portraits. Please dress colourfully for this occasion. The Welcome to Community party at Hanging Rock Hall is coming up on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The school has been invited to have a fundraising stall there. We will be selling food, hosting a crystal dig and craft activities. If possible, can families please provide a cake and some savoury food for sale on the day. A flier for the event is attached to the newsletter this week.

Amanda/Helen for the Parent Group

New Playgroup!

Playgroup this Wednesday 9am-11am (weather permitting) at the Rainbow Ridge sandpit. Please bring morning tea to share. All welcome for fun and games in the sand and sun!

Enquiries to Amber (Declan and Tommy's mum) on Ph6689-7415.

Kind regards Amber for Playgroup