

TERM 4, Week 9, 15th December 2008

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We are the stars which sing,  
We sing with our light,  
We are the birds of fire,  
We fly over the sky,  
Our light is a voice  
We make a road  
For the spirit to pass over.

North American Indian Song

Diary Dates

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- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Class 2/3 play "Gilgamesh" at 1:30pm. All welcome!
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Board meeting at 5pm - final one of the year.
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Bothmer Gym session 3:30-4:00pm here at school. All welcome!
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Playgroup 9-11am here at the school sandpit. Please bring morning tea.
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Tuckshop **THERE WILL BE NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK** - children please bring your own lunch!
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Kindy Festival 12:45-2:45pm. Please bring a small plate to share. Please note that the time has been changed.
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Primary end of year Celebration and Graduation Ceremony at 2pm. This is the last day of school for the year. All welcome!
- Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Beach Day for all school families at Brunswick Heads. Games organised by Class 4/5/6. Please bring some lunch to share. All welcome!
- Thu/Fri 29/30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Set up days at school 10am-2pm for families to assist teachers to prepare the classrooms. Please bring some lunch to share. This will count as your work contribution for Term 1 if you can come. All welcome!
- Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: First day of Term 1 2009 for all children. See you there!

To our school community,

Firstly, a warm welcome into the world for Sam, baby brother for Rhiannon and Tom and baby son for Bronwyn and Ben. Sam was born last Wednesday.

As Murray, Brigitte and Luke are leaving us for Melbourne soon, we have a vacancy on the Board. You are invited to apply for a position on the board by contacting Paul (contact details below).

Please know that we welcome any feedback and ideas for the future which you may want to contribute. Board members are available to listen to your thoughts:

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Blossom Rubsamen has been appointed as Marga's assistant in Class 1/2 for 2009 working 3 days per week. Blossom responded to our call for applications and attended an interview here at the school. She comes to us with good qualifications and experience in Steiner education. Marga has been very involved in this process, meeting with Blossom in Melbourne in recent times. The interview was conducted by Marga (Teaching representative), Helen (Board representative) and Anja (Parent representative). Welcome Blossom!

We are coming to the end of what has been a fruitful year at Rainbow Ridge. As we all head for our well deserved summer break, I'm sure students, parents and staff will enjoy the chance to revitalise their spirits, swimming, playing and relaxing in the summer air. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank all who have contributed their energy in so many ways to the school.

Firstly our students, who bring their light to our daily tasks and are the inspiration for our efforts.

Our teachers whose, love, energy, patience and understanding for our children continues to grow with each year they share.

Our support staff, who provide the rock from which our children's education can be built.

Our Volunteers, whose unconditional efforts raise the school to greater heights.

Our Families, whose faith and trust in the educational path at our school remains a vital ingredient of our school's success.

Our Visitors who come to talk to us, share their wisdom and help us to celebrate our special school.

And my fellow board members whose good intentions and honesty will continue to guide our path.

Enjoy the festive season, relax and refresh and I look forward to reuniting in the new year.

**Paul and Helen for the Board of Directors**

Just a quick note, as the official farewell was in last week's newsletter!

Sending out our Birthday blessings to Indi, Oliver, Yoshi and Kinahn.

Thankyou families for your love, support and honest communication over the previous year. It has been a truly delightful time, the fruits of which are obvious as I sit amongst our harmonious group of children, who treat one another with kindness and acceptance. It truly is a big lovely family. I am constantly in awe of the inner beauty these children possess.

Be gentle with yourselves,

Love Simone, Alenya, Robyn and Sonja.

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

Joyfully we come to the last week of our term. Just as we need rest it is one of our busiest times of the year!!

Our highlight this week is the class play with different starting times announced last week! The play will begin at 1:45pm with parents requested to arrive at 1:30pm. After our play we will have afternoon tea and celebrate Lotus' birthday.

This week we will also sand back our desks - ready for next year and gather all our year's work to take home.

Thank you to everyone for the work and efforts taken to provide the children with such an inspiring education. I look forward to seeing you all on the last Friday of the holidays on our setup day as we prepare for the new year.

Attached to this newsletter are the biographies of our adopted orangutans so that you can get to know our two babies!

Love Simone

#### Fee Payments

We have received a payment into the bank account for fees recently, but there is no reference included so we do not know which family this payment has come from! Would you please contact us to let us know if this might be your payment - either by phone 6689 7033 or email [admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au) any time over the holidays. Thanks.

There are still many fees outstanding. We would ask that families make regular payments and have their fees fully paid up very soon and certainly before the beginning of school next year. If you would like to know the amount of outstanding fees or are having difficulty paying, please call us or email us and we will help.

Thanks and kind regards Helen for Admin

#### Applications for Literacy and Numeracy Teaching Position for 2009 and Relief Teachers

Applications are sought for the position of Literacy and Numeracy Teacher in Classes 1-6 during 2009. Teaching qualifications are essential and Steiner training and experience are highly desirable. This is a part-time position offering about 9 hours per week. A job description is available from the school office. Ph 6689 7033.

Applications may be made in writing to the school office and close Friday January 16th at 5pm.

Applications may also be emailed to [admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au).

The school is also seeking casual relief teachers. We encourage enthusiastic, suitably qualified individuals to inquire about becoming involved in our school.

#### Offered For Sale:

We have some beautiful Christmas cards for sale here at the office. They are \$3 each or \$12.50 for a pack of 5 cards.