

TERM 3, 1st September 2008

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC SONG

If you go out in the woods today
You're sure of a big surprise.

If you go out in the woods today
You'd better go in disguise.

For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain, because
Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

Picnic time for teddy bears,
The little teddy bears are having a lovely time today.
Watch them, catch them unawares,
And see them picnic on their holiday.
See them gaily dance about.
They love to play and shout.
And never have any cares.
At six o'clock their mummies and daddies
Will take them home to bed
Because they're tired little teddy bears.

Jimmy Kennedy

Diary Dates

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Mon 1st Sept: Board Meeting at school 3:30-5:30pm. All welcome.

Tues 2nd Sept: Craft Group is meeting at Sylvia's place ph66897524. All welcome.

Tues 2nd Sept: Class 2/3 parent talk 3:30-5:00pm. Please come!

Tues 2nd Sept: Choir practise at school 7:00-8:30pm (Hetty ph 8869 7336). All welcome.

Wed 3rd Sept: 'Class FX' Café. Hot soup with bread and also cake. \$3.50 each. Yum!

Wed 3rd Sept: Parent Group Meeting, 9am at school. All welcome.

Tues 9th Sept: Teddy Bears' Picnic Day at the Kindy. Please read Kindy News for details!

Tues 9th Sept: Official Opening of Kindy extension 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

Tues 9th Sept: Craft Day at school. Final preparation for Open Day. Packing & pricing.

Wed 10th Sept: Board of Studies Inspection day.

Fri 12th Sept: There will be a pupil free day to set up for the Open Day. Help needed!

Sat 13th Sept: School Open Day. Come to socialise and enjoy the day. Lots of fun! See the flyer..

Fri 26th Sept: Last day of school for term 3. Details to come for the end of term Spring Festivals.

Mon 20th Oct: First day for Term 4.

September, the first day of spring! Blossoms, nest-building, daffodils, lambs, calves and the second day of the spring cleaning! It is such a time of fresh renewal and the school seems to have caught the spirit of springtime as well.

Last week at the AGM the school gained a new Board of Directors several of whom had not served on the Board before. Their first meeting is being held tonight, the first day of spring, so it really is an auspicious beginning to their work.

A tremendous thank you is due to the hard-working members of the previous board of the previous board for their willingness to give up their time for the good of the school. Thank you from all the College.

The new garden fence is nearly completed and the long jump has had its first jumpers.

The Open Day/Spring Fair is fast approaching and the excitement and anticipation for the fun-filled event is growing too. This year we will have a host of country games and races for the children and young of heart: sack races, three-legged races, running races, the grandparents dash, tug-of-war and much more. Lots of help is needed to make it a real hum-dinger of a day so think of where your skills and talents could be used and make contact with Anja, our coordinator on 6689 1350.

Once again thank you for your support of the summer hat policy, the children are nearly all well-covered with wide-brimmed hats as we start to feel the warmth in the sun once more. Have a wonderful week!.

Warm regards Peter for the College of Teachers

Greetings,

We officially welcome Lady Spring as she skips amongst us in her robes of green. The children are loving the Spring songs, and it is so lovely to hear them singing as they make 'soup' from the garden plants in their outdoor play. All sorts of wonderful concoctions are being made with a pinch of this and a little of that! To celebrate Spring, I would like to have a teddy bears' picnic next Tuesday the 9th of September. This will take place during the school day at lunch time. We will bake some goodies on Monday at Kindy, and also ask the families to send some wholesome goodies to school with the children on the Tuesday (maybe some biscuits or a slice, corn chips...). I would like the children to each bring a special bear to the picnic. We would love the children who don't usually attend on a Tuesday to join us for the day so we're all together. We'll make sure the honey pot is filled for the bears!

The official kindy opening on Tuesday the 9th will take place in the upper school so as to not disturb the kindergarten children. Once the children have finished their school day there will be a shared afternoon tea down at the kindergarten in celebration of our beautiful building and the funding we received to achieve it.

If there are any kindergarten families who did not receive a "Kindy Information" booklet or a "School Information" booklet from the office upon enrolment, please contact the office to arrange for a copy to be sent home for you.

We have been enjoying watching and listening to mother nature as she chirps, sings and whistles around us. We had a koala eating in a small gum not far from us last week, and on our nature walk's we found beautiful patterned leaves and secret cubbies in the bush. The children have been arriving with so many beautiful things and treasures for our nature table, each day brings new wonders.

I hope you all have a spring in your step. Warmest wishes,

Love Simone

We are on the last week of our Science lesson. The children have enjoyed the movements and small experiments, learning about different mechanical movements, they turned the whole classroom into a marble run one day, another they made small silk parachutes after I demonstrated the power of air by squeezing a plastic (dishwashing bottle) which had a straw attached to it (sealed) and the upper end blocked with a little cardboard person. When I

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squeezed the bottle the air pushed up the straw sending the manikin flying up into the air. The parachute guaranteed a safe landing. There are more investigations, experiments, observations and stories to come mostly showing the powers of water and fire, like the magic flowers and the dancing raisins. On Friday we went to Siddha Farm to Rodney and Jerara's home. We enjoyed the beautiful natural bush setting, the garden, the chickens, Jerara's rats... Rod had a campfire going and was making a damper for us while Jerara gathered stinging nettle and boiled them to give us a taste of his very iron rich wild herb. The children enjoyed Jerara's billy cart under my very strict supervision guiding the downhill path and pushing them back up again – that was my fitness training for the week! Thank you Rod and Jerara for having us.

I love taking the children out and it was even more enjoyable with Simone and class 2/3 joining us. This coming Friday we are invited to Aditi's home. Julliane has her strawberries fruiting and offered to make some strawberry sauce. If every child brings a small jar they'll be able to bring some home for their family to share.

Please remember it is only another week to our upcoming inspection and Open Day/Spring Fair. We need help in making the school look its best. From class 1 we need a coordinator for the savoury food stall. Please ring Anja on 6689 1350 or the office.

Love from Marga

Dear Class 2 and Class 3 parents,

Last week it was Tané's turn to ring the school bell.

Alkira who has been away in the Northern Territory, returned to share her wonderful stories of life on a remote island. Included in her array of adventures was her ride on the back of a Green Turtle.

Our Maths block is in full flurry of carryovers for addition and multiplication before we move on to the rules of borrowing in subtraction.

The whole of class three have started crocheting a beanie with different sized crochet hooks and wool. Trying to avoid using plastic and metal crochet hooks meant that Marlene and I had to dig through our collections. On Friday morning Sage came to school with a hook he had made out of a hardwood twig!

The colds and 'flu's have taken their toll on all our families and we have had children away.

On Friday we went out with class 1 to Siddha farm. We visited an extensive organic garden. It was an inspiration and gave us many ideas for our school garden, such as good compost. We then walked from hill one over and up another hill to Jerara's house. This Thursday we are celebrating my birthday with a pizza lunch. Tane's grandfather will be firing up the oven in the morning.

See you all at tomorrow's meeting.

P.S. I need a class coordinator for the cake stall at the Open Day/Spring Fair. Please ring Anja on 6689 1350.

Warm regards Simone

CLASS Fx News

Hello Parents! First a thank you to you all for your ongoing support of Class FX Café. Aside from somebody leaving a cake on the bus it has run faultlessly. The children are doing a beautiful job as servers and the funds are accumulating. A thank you also to class 2/3 who swoop in like angels to clear up at the end of lunch. Silvia deserves our gratitude for her consistently nourishing and delicious soups. Last week she told us the history of the Roman Lentil soup and how it had fed the Roman armies as they marched. Last week Silvia had to clean up all the plates and cutlery on her own which is not so much fun after cooking all day, so please, if anyone has a spare hour on Wednesday afternoon, about 2pm, come and lend a hand. You would be welcomed with great honour! A couple of new events begin this week in Class FX. Today we meet with Paul O'Reilly (Oli's Dad) to mark out a track that the class will cut and form. Gloves, old shoes or boots would be helpful as well as bush clearing and digging tools, so the children can really get stuck in. We

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will be cutting a short track to connect to another existing track that will give us a loop of about 800m to walk or run around. The demanding physical work will make part of our daily morning exercise programme.

The other new undertaking is the learning of a maypole dance. The children are very excited to be starting this challenging exercise in focus, fun and team work. The debut is set for the Open Day/Spring Fair so look out. Thomas and Lali have started learning the Irish Whistle so we might even see their debut at the Open Day/Spring Fair as well.

Warm regards Peter Calkin

The Board's AGM was held at the beginning of last week. We would like to say "Thank You" to those members of the board who have resigned especially those who have been serving for several years. The Board now has the following members: Anja Hunold (Nelene's mum), Paul O'Reilly (Oli's dad), Marga Helms (teacher for class 1), Murray Barson (Luke's dad), Jon Squire (Jed's dad), Helen Lynne (Alex's mum). Amanda Cartwright (Sage's mum) will attend meetings as the Parent Representative and Cristina Rubsamen will attend meetings as the School's administration representative. There will also be a representative from the College of Teachers attending Board meetings to represent the educational concerns of the school.

All interested members of the School community are welcome to attend Board meetings to observe and/or take part in discussions on the planned agenda.

Kind regards Helen for the Board

Do you like singing? Do join our choir! We sing the "Misa Criolla" by Ariel Ramirez a South-American folk mass. Everybody is welcome each Tuesday from 7pm-8:30pm at Rainbow Ridge School. Any questions? Please call me ph 8869 7336.

Warm regards Hetty Schaafsma

"The Spirit of Springtime" is our Open Day Theme.

Class 1 and Class 2/3 still need to have coordinators for their class stalls. This involves some phoning to make a roster for operating the stall on the day and minimal other organisation of plates, cups, tea towels, washing facilities etc This year's coordinator is Anja (Nelene's mum). If you have any questions, suggestions and offers of help, please contact her on 6689 1350.

Warm regards Anja

CLASS 'FX' CAFE

Wednesday Lunch

\$3.50

This Week's menu:

Sylvia's homemade soup - Leek and Potato and Luscious Pumpkin served with fresh bread and butter followed by fresh home-baked cake with whipped cream.

“The Spirit of Springtime!”

Open Day/Spring Fair is less than two weeks away. Preparations are in full swing and we would appreciate any help for the following tasks:

- **Friday 12th September pupil free day to set up for the Open Day**
- **Every family to bring a savoury and a sweet dish along for sale on the day for morning teas and lunches. Yum!**
- **2hr roster on the day at your child’s allocated food stall:**
 - Class 1 Savoury/lunch stall**
 - Class 2/3 Sweets/Cakes**
 - Class 4/5/6 Cold Drinks**

Please ring the coordinator to book your preferred time for the roster:

Class 1 Anja Hunold on 6689 1350
Class 2/3 Coordinator to be advised, (please call the office)
Class 4/5/6 Nicole Little on 6689 1782

- **We are having a display/demonstration of craft/arts/skills i.e. woodwork, painting, blacksmithing, felting etc**
Please contact me if you would like to be part of it.
- **Donations of plants and seedlings for our plant stall.**