



TERM 3, 22nd September 2008

Meditation for Teachers and Parents & Carers

May there reign here,
Spirit strength in Love,
May there work here,
Spirit Light in Goodness,
Born from certainty of Heart
And steadfastness of Soul,
So that we may bring
To young human beings,
Bodily strength for work,
Inwardness of Soul,
And clarity of Spirit.
May this place be consecrated
To such a task,
May young human beings
Here find servers of the Light,
Endowed with strength,
Who will guard
And cherish them.

Rudolf Steiner

Diary Dates

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Tues 23rd Sept: Choir practise at school 4:00-5:30pm (Hetty ph 8869 7336). All welcome.

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Wed 24th Sept: 'Class FX' Café. NO TUCKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY - Friday Instead!

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Thur 25th Sept: Kindy Spring Festival 1:15pm - 2:45pm. Please bring a plate and any spring-time flowers and vines that you have in your garden.

Fri 26th Sept: Last day of school for term 3. Spring Festival beginning in the morning and moving on to a **tuck shop lunch**, games and more!

Mon 29th Sept: Board Meeting at school 3:45pm-5:45pm. All welcome.

Fri 17th Oct: Setup day to prepare the classrooms for Term 4. Help needed!

Mon 20th Oct: First day for Term 4. Welcome back!

Wed 29th Oct: Parent Group Meeting 9am at school. Discussing class structure. All welcome!

Fri 7th Nov: Full Moon Community Dinner at school from 3pm onwards. All welcome!

We roll into the last week of the term with lovely spring weather and fresh blossoms all around us. The first bird's nest has been discovered and a newly-awakened python has been slithering sleepily about. Spring has certainly arrived and our festival at the end of the week should send us into the holidays in a lovely festive spirit.

It looks to be another rich and full week coming up with some lovely activities planned for the children. Class 2/3 go whale-watching; Class Fx have a 'Circus Arts' workshop and then the whole school finishes with the lovely Spring festival and community lunch. Beautiful. Please remember that the Tuck Shop will be on Friday and not on Wednesday - just for this week.

Congratulations go to Class 5 for their fine efforts in the Ancient Greek Olympics. They all returned from Tyalgum Ridge in fine form, sporting their medals and big tired smiles.

The children have been practising their items for the festival and the maypole dance is slowly coming together. This year we will need a lot of flowers to decorate our Spring poles and to make our garlands. Jasmine vine is wonderful for this so please let the teachers know if you have large amounts at your place and we'll organise to get it to school for Friday morning.

The College of Teachers would like to thank all parents and friends of the school for their hard work over the term. It has certainly been a busy one, but we have sailed through the challenges with relative ease. Well done everyone. We wish you a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all, relaxed and happy, next term. If anyone would like information on the holiday programmes available in Nimbin during the break please contact the office.

Warm regards Peter for the College of Teachers

Greetings,

Last week we had 3 dear little guinea pigs come and stay with us for a few days. Rainbow, White Tuft and Jasmine were a lovely addition, and the children held them gently and cared for them. Thankyou Gypsy and Tina for sharing your Guineas with us.

The last week of term is upon us and the children are finishing off their treasure pouches and putting them to use. Each pouch has turned out so lovely and unique, the children are rightly proud of themselves!

On Thursday we celebrate the season of spring with our Spring Festival. This will be a lovely outdoor festival, making flower garlands and sharing in songs and food. Please bring any fresh vine or flowers you have with you. Jasmine makes a lovely strong base for the garlands even if it does not have very many flowers. Please also bring a small snack to.

Spring celebrates new life and fresh hope as we witness vibrant new shoots on the plants, and the birth of animal babies all around us. The children noticed the first pink flower on our native hibiscus and we are constantly hearing the hungry cheeping of baby chicks in their nests.

It has been a wonder filled term, and the children are a daily delight to observe and engage with. We feel privileged to be a part of their daily life. Have a yummy break.

Love Simone, Robyn, Sonja and Alenya

CLASS Fx News

Well, after a three-day break from each other, it sure is nice to be back together as a whole class again. On Wednesday, when the Olympians headed off, the Class 4 children were quite hilarious with their gushing farewells and good wishes, but on the Olympians tired return on Friday, Class 4 were so flushed with their own success, having just presented a cracker puppet show to a delighted Class 1,2, and 3, that they barely gave the exhausted athletes more than a

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wave. Lots of news will be shared this week I am sure. Class 5 performed very well in the Pentathlon events. Sasha won three events in his city state of Delphi, a mixed-school group of about 30 children. He threw the longest throw in the javelin, ran the fastest in the 50 metre down and back run, and jumped the furthest in the long jump. An impressive achievement indeed! Thomas won the wrestling competition for his city state and Benjamin won recognition for displaying the most beauty, grace and form in the javelin competition. The children made many new friends and our little class received very warm invitations to visit the Cape Byron and Shearwater schools later next term. The location at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat Centre could not have been bettered with dramatic views across the fields straight to 'Mount Olympus' (Mt Warning), and the whole event was so well organised that everybody had a great time. I can't wait to take Class 4 to next year's one.

Looking ahead to the new week, the whole class will be attending the 'Circus Arts' workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday. I went to the workshop for teachers and parents on the weekend and thoroughly loved it! Tom has such a wealth of knowledge, and is so warm and funny that I know the children will love it also. I made a mistake with the prices, and the cost will be \$8 per day. Please let me know if this poses a problem for anyone.

On Thursday, the class will be working hard to prepare for the festival and will be digging holes and wrapping elastic around poles. If there are any parents who would like to come and help us they would be very warmly welcomed. As a further enticement for keen workers, we will celebrate our sweaty work with a swim at the dam and the sharing of a cake. Let me know if you're available.

Otherwise, I hope to see most of you later in the week at the Spring Festival and Community Lunch on Friday. Come and spend the day with us then.

If I miss you, best wishes for the holidays. Go well.

Warm regards Peter Calkin

The Open Day/Spring Fair made nearly \$2,500 after costs and a large portion of this money will be "signed over" to the Parent Group which will brainstorm ways to use it. This could be a topic for the next Parent Meeting so come along and have a say! Thanks to everyone for making the Open Day/Spring Fair so successful!

Warm regards Helen/Anja

The next Parent Group meeting will be in the second week of next term on Wednesday 29th October at 9am. On the agenda is likely to be a discussion about the use of the funds raised at the Open Day/Spring Fair and also discussions about class structures. Come along and be part of the discussions and have a say!

Warm regards Helen/Amanda for the Parent Group

Spring Festival Programme

All parents, carers and friends of the school are warmly invited to this lovely event on Friday.

The timetable looks like this:

11:30 Children and parents gather to decorate Spring Poles

12:00 Children carry the poles down to the oval

12:10 Raising the poles.(A dramatic moment!)

12:15 Festival begins:

- Song 'Tulip Song'
- Class Fx Maypole Dance
- Class 1 Spring Item
- Class 2/3 Spring Item
- Class Fx Ribbon Dance
- Song 'Spirit of Springtime'
- Class 2/3 Spring Item
- Class Fx Maypole Dance
- Song 'Spring Song'

12:45 Class Fx prepares the tuck shop lunch. Class 1/2/3 have games with parents and teachers.

1:15 Community Lunch and games.

2:00pm Pack up and farewell. Parents may take children home. Those children who are travelling home on the bus as normal will be supervised until buses arrive.

3:00pm Bus departure as normal.

Children should wear nice spring colours – whites, pinks, reds, oranges, greens. Remember flowers, flowers, flowers!