

TERM 4, Week 2, 27th October 2008

Spread the fragrance of divine love and friendship
to all with whom you come in contact.

Paramabansa Yogananda

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Wed 29th Oct: 'Class FX' Café. Surprise menu for tuckshop this week!

Tues 28th Oct: Class Fx parent meeting after school 3:30-4:30pm. Child care available.

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

Fri 31st Oct: Class 2/3 sailing trip out of Ballina. Early start! We will be 'phoning to arrange the pickup and drop-off timetable.

Fri 31st Oct: Lisa Romero talk at school from 6:30-8:00pm. *"Creating a health giving surrounding for the child at school and at home"*.

Sat 1st Nov: Kindy Orientation day 9:30-11:30am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Also, please spread the word about this chance to come and look at our kindy.

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

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

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

Wed 17th Dec: End of year Celebration and Graduation Ceremony.

Thur 18th Dec: Beach Day for the whole school at Brunswick Heads. Please lunch to share.

Admin News

This week's newsletter has the term 4 invoices attached. Payment for term 4 is appreciated within the first four weeks of term. If this is not possible, please call the office to let us know your alternative payment plan. Regular direct deposits or CentrePay may be good options for some families. Families who have overdue fees and have not contacted the school regarding a payment plan will be contacted directly according to the school's fees collection policy and procedure.

Warm regards Helen for Admin.

How lucky our school was to have a visit, last week, from Lakshmi, an Anthroposophical doctor from India, and Michael, an Australian physiotherapist and Cranio-Sacral therapist. Those who were able to attend Lakshmi's talks were treated to a moving and inspiring experience, as she gave us rich and sweeping pictures of child development and the physiology that lies behind it. Lakshmi's depth of knowledge as a doctor and her experience as a parent and worker in Indian Steiner schools allowed her to speak with authority on how the Steiner school curriculum meets and supports the healthy unfolding of children's development. There are valuable indications for both parents and teachers. The Saturday workshops had us howling with laughter at times even as we dealt with some of the deep and complex issues of childhood and parenting. The children met Lakshmi and Michael on Thursday and it was fascinating to watch as the children 'drank' in all the cultural difference that Lakshmi brings, being unusually shy and reserved at the beginning. They were soon at ease, however, and the conversations turned to tigers, elephants, traditional Indian dress fabrics, yoga and demonstrations of the Lotus position. The College of Teachers would like to thank Lakshmi and Michael for their warmth and generosity and to invite them to come back! Possible dates have already been set for a return visit in April and October next year, so we are looking forward to it already.

The school has another wonderful speaker coming this Friday evening 31st October from 6:30-8:00pm. Lisa Romero will be speaking to parents and teachers on the important theme of *'a health giving surrounding for the child at school and at home'*. Lisa is a homeopath from Mullumbimby who has worked closely with local Steiner schools and communities over the years. She brings a wealth of knowledge regarding child health from the perspective of Anthroposophic Philosophy.

Other thank yous from last week are due to Sonja and the parents who came to stir and spread the Biodynamic preparation 500 on Sunday. The timing of the application is chosen carefully to make the best use of moon and other planetary influences so your help in the application is much appreciated.

Another celestial event to remember is the Full Moon Community Dinner on the 7th November. This will be a lovely event for children, parents and friends of the community to gather and celebrate the year. Good food, music and dancing are all to be had, so make sure this date goes onto the calendar. More to come on this.

Other than that, the school is feeling good. We have two new children this term and more on the way. Thank you for encouraging the children to bring hats and tops that cover the shoulders.

Have a lovely week.

Warm regards Peter for the College of Teachers

We had a great time in the Nimbin Pool on Friday on our combined excursion with Simone and class 2/3. This Thursday we'll visit Ella Rose's home. If it is really hot we might combine this outing with a short swim at the Nimbin Pool again. Then I would need at least one parent to come. On the following Friday we are invited to Aditi's place.

We all enjoyed the first week back to school. We welcome Rhiannon and her family to our class and school community.

Lakshmi and Michael will be leaving us again after a week of inspiring talks, consultations and treatments. We enjoyed meeting them very much.

I am in the process of booking our class camp at the Tyalgum Ridge Retreat for Thursday and Friday in the first December week. More details will follow closer to the event.

Enjoy the flowering spring.

Love from Marga

CLASS Fx News

Parent Meeting: just a quick note to remind parents of this week's parent meeting, after school on Tuesday. We have several things to discuss and some good fun to be had. Childcare will be available. Please let me know if you will not be able to attend. Thanks very much.

Tennis Lessons: The class has the rare opportunity to receive tennis coaching this term. Our own Tony, in the office, is a professional coach and has offered to give the children lessons, as a class, on Thursdays. If children have tennis racquets please send them to school. Any spare ones would also be useful. We will be using the Cawongla courts and will need one more car and driver to transport us down there. We will be leaving school at 1:45 pm and returning at 2:50 pm. Please let me know if you can assist.

Thanks everyone. See you Tuesday.

Warm regards Peter Calkin

The craft group will be meeting next Tuesday the 4th of November at 10am at Sylvia's place near to the school. Please 'phone her on 6689-7424 to get details of her address. Please bring lunch to share.

Sylvia for the Craft Group

Lisa Romero will be visiting the school to speak to us about "*creating a health giving surrounding for our children at home and at school*". She will be with us this Friday evening from 6:30-8:00pm.

Helen for the Parent Group