



TERM 3, 29th July 2008

In my heart streams the force of the sun
In my soul works the warmth of the world.
I breathe the force of the sun
I will feel the warmth of the world
Sun force fills me
Warmth of the world permeates me.

College News

A warm welcome back to school for Term 3. Thank you to all parents and children who came on Friday to get ready for the term, despite the cold and rainy day.

With sadness, we are saying goodbye to Marg as she has decided not to come back to school. We appreciate very much what she has brought to the children and the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Marg has been a class teacher at Rainbow Ridge School for 7 years. Fortunately, Peter, who relieved Marg last term is able to continue his relief work in class 4/5/6 at the moment. Welcome Peter and thank you for being available to teach the children.

The college has started a review process to re-evaluate the pedagogical principles and essence of the school in order to clarify the direction of the varied tasks in our school life.

This will be a busy term again!! On Monday the 25th of August the school board's AGM will be held at 4pm (the agenda is attached).

On Tuesday 9th September the official opening of the Kindy extension will be at 2pm with a visit by Janelle Saffin (MP).
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Diary Dates

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The Bus Library will be at school tomorrow, Wednesday 30th June.

Parent Group Meeting, 9am Wednesday 6th August at school. All welcome.

Parent/Teacher interviews for class 1 Sat/Sun 9/10th August. Please book your time.

School Board meeting Monday 11th August 4pm at school. All welcome.

The AGM for the school board will be held on Monday 25th August at 4pm here at school. All are welcome. The agenda for the AGM is included in the newsletter.

Official Opening for the new Kindy extension Tuesday 9th September at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. Details to follow.

Board of Studies Inspection day will be on Wednesday 10th September.

School Open Day will be on Saturday 13th September.

There will be a pupil free day on Friday 12th September to set up for the Open Day.

The following day, Wednesday 10th September, we will have the school inspection by the BOS NSW (Board of Studies) with 2 inspectors visiting the school.

Later that week, on Saturday 13th September we would like to celebrate the school's Spring Fair with the Open Day. On Friday 12th September we plan to have a pupil free day to set-up and prepare for the Open Day.

We need a coordinator to liaise, organise and direct the preparation for the Fair/Open Day. Can you please ring the school and let us know if you are able to take on this task.

As the days are still very cold and also wet at times, please make sure the children come to school dressed warmly including socks and shoes and also have enough for their lunches to maintain their energy.

We are looking forward to the term and the upcoming occasions to celebrate life in the context of our children's and our own learning.

Warm regards College of Teachers

This year's Rainbow Ridge Annual General Meeting of the board is just around the corner. All are welcome to the AGM which will be held at school on Monday 25th August at 4:00pm. The need for minor amendments to the school's constitution has been identified by the Board of Directors.

These amendments aim to assist with the implementation of advice received from the school review conducted earlier this year by RSSA (Rudolf Steiner School's Association). The amendments aim to better reflect the way Rainbow Ridge wishes to operate into the future. If you wish to be involved in the drafting process please contact Paul O'Reilly on 66897224.

Warm regards The Board

Greetings,

Welcome back! Thankyou to the families who assisted in preparing our beautiful kindy space for the children's return. I so look forward to seeing the children after the holidays. There are always stories to share and cuddles to catch up on.

Please make sure the children have suitable footwear and adequate clothing for this chilly wet weather. It is quite boggy in our outside play area.

We begin the term with a new morning circle, where we creep through the bush to find the animals hiding from the cold in their burrows and nests. We are still celebrating winter in our songs and verses, with some new ones to learn this week.

I have brought in a new story chair for our story corner. It is a lovely wooden, hand made chair, which the children will help sand and oil to prepare it for its special place.

I will be in touch with families who missed out on their individual meetings last term to arrange a time this term.

If anyone has either some walnut shells or large gumnuts they could give to kindy for some craft activities please let me know.

We welcome a new friend Keera to our kindergarten family.

Love Simone

Thank you everybody for helping with the cleaning and setting up on Friday.

We've got a fresh stack of paper, golden pathways for writing and new folders for the many and beautiful free drawings the children do. Then we finished our Alphabet Memory cards and prepared cardboard to write big letters onto for letter combination games etc.

I didn't get the painting jars set up, because of a lack of smaller (wider) glass jars without labels and lids. I am hoping that they are on their way and a parent who couldn't attend on Friday may wish to help with that task.

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I have thought of a homework task that works with the sense of hearing. I'll ask the children to listen to the sounds they hear waking up and in the evening, before going to sleep. This becomes their news time subject to talk about. In middle lessons we'll practise tunes on our bamboo pipes, sing songs in English and German; follow the flight of a bee and trace the flight of a bee and then trace the flight picture as a mirror image, draw free hand geometrical shapes, skip and practise times tables, singing them etc.

Our afternoons will be spent with craft projects organised and supported by Harumi and Marlene.

I would like to continue the home visits this term. We are invited to Eleonor's house this coming Friday. We had a great time at Nelene's home on the last Friday of term 2.

We have celebrated 3 holiday birthdays, Lillian's, Lilly Ann's and mine.

Remember the parent/teacher interviews! I am looking forward to seeing you on the 9th and 10th of August.

Love from Marga

Dear Class 2 and Class 3 parents,

It is lovely to see the children back for the new term. Many children have grown and some are losing teeth. We have a language lesson for our first lesson block. Class 2 will be making two books based on an animal fable "The Lion and the Mouse". They will be making lists of rhyming words from a "rime" and building on their letter blends lesson of class 1.

Class 3 are learning about the seven sentence types though a serialised story about Kling who has been sentenced at the local penitentiary for forty days. Part of Kling's job is to teach the other 6 inmates about the sentence types. We have looked at declarative and interrogative sentences. The children have daily homework to find examples of sentences we have learnt in the morning lesson. We will be continuing with our reading programme beginning at 9am on Wednesday morning.

Would all children please bring their knitting projects back to school.

Love Simone

Tuck shop!

Sylvia would like to do tuck shop this term and would love to hear from parents interested in doing this with her. Please call Sylvia on 66897524 if you can help in any way.

Warm regards Parent Group

Invitation to AGM
at Rainbow Ridge School 2008

We invite all members of Rainbow Ridge to the school's Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 25th July 2008 at the school.

We encourage all parents to attend and take part in nominating and electing the board members for this coming year.

AGENDA

1. Election of Chair Person for the meeting.
2. Minutes of 2007 AGM.
3. Review of 2007
 - College Report
 - Chairperson's Report
 - Treasurer's Report—receive and adopt, under Section 301 (1):
Treasurer's Report and Statement
The Balance Sheet and
Statement of Income and Expenditure as at 31st December 07.
The Auditors Report for 2007.
4. Rainbow Ridge School's aims and goals for 2008.
 - Outcome of the 'School Review' with the RSSA (R. Steiner Schools of Australia). Discussion and follow-up activities regarding changes to the school's constitution.
5. Election of Directors for Directors for 2008.
6. Appointment of Office Bearers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).
7. Close.

The Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 2007 are in the school's office for viewing.