



## TERM 2, 30th June 2008

The earth is firm beneath my feet  
The sun shines bright above  
And here I stand so straight and strong  
All things to know and love

Rudolf Steiner

### College News

The shortest day has passed and we are through the longest, darkest night. Into the light we sail... In assembly the hall is crowned with a host of angels, bringing the light into the winter's night. A new song has been added to our repertoire with the lines:

'When days are darkest,  
The earth enshrines  
The seed of summers' birth.  
The spirit of man  
Is a light that shines  
Deep in the darkness of earth.'

The children are excited about the upcoming lantern festival and this week lanterns are being finished and the pumpkins are being hollowed and carved. Attached is the programme for the festival and we are all praying for crisp, clear weather on the night. As you will see we are meeting in the classes for a story to begin the evening, so please be on time. Looking forward to seeing you all.

College of Teachers

### Diary Dates

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Class 2/3 roller-blading excursion to Lismore, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please send in \$5.

Craft Group Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Sylvia's, Ph 6689 7524. Bring lunch to share.

Class 4/5/6 trip to the Circus Arts School Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Cost is \$13.  
\*\*\*\*\*Please complete and send in the attached permission slip.\*\*\*\*\*

Parent Group Meeting, 9am Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at school. All welcome.

Library bus this Wednesday. Last chance to return books before the holidays.

Winter Lantern Festival for Primary School, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5pm at school.  
Children to meet in the classrooms for stories.

Class 4/5/6 Lunch, Play and Concert, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 12.30-3pm. All welcome.

Last school day for term 2 will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July.  
Setup day prior to term 3 will be 9am-1pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Term 3 begins Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Greetings,

The children now have their slippers for inside time. Each pair has their name and symbol drawn on them and will stay in the inside lockers with pillows and rest time blankets. The office will send home an invoice with the cost of \$16.50 for each pair. Please send your payment in to the office.

The children have been performing some beautiful puppet plays during the inside play. Their play is rich in imagination and beauty – a joy to behold. Our bulbs are coming along nicely and some may even flower during the holidays – Robyn will take them home to care for them in our.

Families who missed interviews this term will have an opportunity to re-schedule next term.

Rest time blankets need to go home for washing over the holidays.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday break and looking forward to seeing you at setup day between 9am and 1pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Love Simone, Robyn, Sonja and Alenya

Winter is truly here, so our festival will be great on Thursday. We had a lovely home visit at Zelulah's on Friday, meeting Dresilla, Sariel and grandmother Glennys. We are excited about our performance today – I hope you all enjoy it. On Friday, we are invited for our last home visit of the term to Nelene's home. Have a great holiday and I am looking forward to seeing you at our setup day!

Love from Marga

Dear Parents and grandparents,

Last week Sianna celebrated her eighth birthday.

Our class began a formal reading lesson on Wednesday morning. We had two parents along with Marlene and Lisa (our librarian) to listen to the children from class three as they read from our class readers or a book from the school library.

We were delighted by the enthusiasm from class 4, 5, 6 as they prepared for their class fundraiser – the Thor's Day Café. On Thursday we sat underneath the eucalyptus trees and enjoyed a hearty winter soup and cake with cream.

On Friday Harumi organised a candle-dipping morning. Many beautiful candles were made, including some for Thomas who will be returning home from hospital this week. Thank you Harumi.

The children are continuing knitting their hats, slippers or gnomes. I hope they are able to finish them off during the holidays.

Tomorrow we are going roller-blading in Lismore, after morning lesson. Children will need to remember to bring their money (\$5 please). Please send money in a wallet or purse in the main part of their back pack. Please do not send loose money in the outer pockets. Your child must have their own water bottle as we will be away until bus time in the afternoon.

This Thursday is our winter festival. Even though we have passed the solstice and we are moving away from the longest night, the reverence for the darkest part of our year is expected during our festival. Please support the festival evening by bringing your child to our classroom on arrival and then gather quietly in the assembly area.

The children have worked very well during the term and have overcome many challenges.

I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new term after a well deserved holiday.

Warm regards Simone

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your support at the café last week. As you may have heard, the class raised \$122. A fine effort indeed. This money will go towards a trip on Wednesday to the Circus Arts School in Byron Bay. This is a wonderful experience where the children can try their hand at the flying trapeze, tightrope, and all the other circus arts imaginable with professional teachers. It is quite an expensive trip and even with our fundraising the cost will still be \$13 for each child. Please let me know if this is a difficulty and we'll find a way to make it work. A permission form is attached and the children will need to return this by Wednesday to be able to go on the trip.

There will be a play performance and concert on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at . All parents are invited to come.

Thanks Peter Charlie Calkin

Craft Group will be on this Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Sylvia's house. Please come and join in to make beautiful creations. Phone 6689-7524 to confirm and bring lunch to share. 10am to 2pm.

Thanks Elenya

Dear Parents, friends, staff and everybody else who would like to join us in the choir project. Maybe another drummer boy? We have a very enthusiastic group of experienced and inexperienced singers. We hope to perform two parts at the open day and we will try to sing it completely at the end of the school year. Contact me for any questions. Ph 6689 7336.

Hetty Schaafsma

MID-WINTER LANTERN FESTIVAL

The programme this year will be very similar to last year's festival with just a few slight changes.

- 5:00 All children and parents gather in classrooms for welcome and story
- 5:20 Children go with teacher to spiral
- 5:30 Community singing songs
- 5:40 Children enter spiral and light lanterns
- 6:00 Lantern walk around school
- 6:10 Children and parents return to classes and extinguish lanterns
- 6:20 Hot soup, bread and bonfire – children are now in the care of the parents

It is envisaged that the festival will be finished by 7:30 p.m. Children and parents will need to bring cups for soup.

Permission form for Class 4/5/6 Excursion to the

Circus Arts School in Byron Bay

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008

I give permission for my child.....to go on the school excursion to the Circus Arts School in Byron Bay

Signed..... Print Parent Name:.....

\*\*\*\*\*MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*BEFORE THE EXCURSION\*\*\*\*\*