

The sun with loving light,
Brings brightness to my day.
The soul, with spirit power,
Gives strength unto my limbs.
In sunlight shining clear
I reverence, O God,
The strength of humankind
Which thou so graciously
Hast planted in my soul,
That I may love to work
And learn with all my might.
From Thee come strength and light:
To Thee rise love and thanks.

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Mon 3rd Nov: Board Meeting 4pm-6pm at school. All welcome.

Wed 5th Nov: Playgroup 9am-11am at the sandpit here at school. Please bring morning tea.

Wed 5th Nov: 'Class FX' Café. Surprise menu for tuckshop this week!

Fri 7th Nov: Class 1 home visit to Aditi's house.

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.

Tue 18th Nov: School Photos for all children and teachers!

Fri 21st Nov: First "Fathers and Sons" get together at school, from 3pm onwards.

Sat 22nd Nov: "Welcome to Community" Day at Hanging Rock Hall 1pm and into the evening.

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. Bring lunch to share.

What a week of highlights it's been, both for children and adults.

Class 2/3 had a great adventure out sailing on the blustery ocean, Class 1 went on a lovely home visit, and Class Fx had their first tennis lesson with our own tennis pro, Tony, as well as having their first inter-school sports challenge against Nimbin Central. The teachers and parents were treated to some wonderful talks by Lisa Romero, speaking to the teachers about the Inner Work of the Teacher, and to the parents about Child Development – how we understand and cope with it! Her years of experience as a homeopath give her talks great depth and wisdom as well as a good dose of humour. Our little school is really being blessed lately, isn't it?

Another piece of news from within the school is the emergence of a 'Fathers and Sons' group. Several fathers have expressed interest in coming together on a regular basis and working with the boys of the school on some larger school projects. The first meeting date has been set for Friday 21st November here at school for afternoon tea, a quick game with the adults and children, and a discussion of upcoming projects.

For more information contact Stewart on 6689742. The group is not limited to fathers only, but welcomes men with an interest in the welfare of boys - uncles, grandfathers, and friends of the school are all welcome

Interest is also sought from any parents who would be interested in forming a Festival Group to work with the teachers in the preparation of the end of term festivals. These groups can be a lovely way to enter into the spirit of the school. Let Cristina in the office know if you would like more information.

The Gardening Group is looking for more members too. Are you interested in developing the school garden into a productive and educational resource with the possibility of working directly with the children. Maybe the fathers group could help with the landscaping? Any landscape designers out there? Let the office know if you would like to be a part of things.

Goodness! So much news! Have a lovely week.

Warm regards Peter for the College of Teachers

Well of course the highlight of last week was our sailing trip, which started on the Richmond River at Ballina and took us out onto the powerful swell of the Pacific Ocean. Almost all the children had a turn of sailing the boat under the supervision of Iain and Rowan. Oscar sailed us smoothly out over the chaos of swell at the river mouth, his focus was not intimidated by the force of the water.

Back to our main lesson work – we need manure, cow and horse manure, and lots of it. It can be brought to the school by truck or ute load!!

We are celebrating Alkira's birthday this week.

Love Simone

Class FX

Thanks to all the parents who attended the Parent meeting last week. I thought it was a very positive meeting with some great initiatives coming from it. We played one or two games, sang like angels and talked over details of the upcoming camp. I gave a class report including feedback from Lakshmi, which was very positive, and passed on her rather interesting suggestions for the class: tennis, stronger father presence at school, and more class social occasions. We talked briefly about the projected numbers in the class and recognized the desire for more enrolments to make the class more tenable next year. Amber agreed to organize a raffle for a last-blast bit of fundraising and that's about it. We finished with a glorious sung

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round. Lovely.

The raffle was duly organized, thanks Amber and Anna, and each child will receive a book of 100 tickets. Organic chocolate, organic grape juice and a \$100 voucher for Nimbin Organics are the prizes. It will be drawn this Friday so the children will need to stay active selling as many as they can. We will be talking in class about the requirements for camp, but please check the equipment list that was sent home last week. We also need permission forms signed and returned. Let me know if you haven't received a form yet and I'll get another to you. Please remember that you are all welcome to come on camp. At this stage I have Greg driving us down and staying until Wednesday night and I am on the hunt for someone to stay Thursday and drive us home on Friday. I'm looking forward to it immensely.

Hope you are too. Go well everyone.

Warm regards Peter Calkin

Our Community dinner is coming up this Friday 7th November from 3pm onwards! We will be heating up the pizza oven here at school, so could families please bring contributions for pizza toppings – things like tomato paste, cheese, capsicum, pineapple etc. Also some salads and dahl would be very good to have for all to enjoy. If anyone has gas lamps or some kind of camping lighting this would be lovely, as it can become quite dark after about 7:30pm here at school. Please bring your musical instruments with you!

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 18th November here at school. India (Tane's Mum) will be taking the class photos and the individual portraits.

The Welcome to Community party at Hanging Rock Hall is coming up on Saturday 22nd November. The school has been invited to have a fundraising stall there. We will be selling food, hosting a crystal dig and craft activities. If possible, can families please provide a cake and some savoury food for sale on the day. A flier for the event is attached to the newsletter this week.

Other topics discussed at the Parent Meeting last week were:

- Swimming safety on school excursions.
- Class structure.
- Steiner high school stream at Nimbin Central School.
- The talks from Lakshmi.
- Purchase of a 3m x 3m shade gazebo to use at events.

Amanda/Helen for the Parent Group

New Playgroup!

Playgroup starts this Wednesday 9am-11am (weather permitting) at the Rainbow Ridge sandpit. Please bring morning tea to share. All welcome for fun and games in the sand and sun! Enquiries to Amber (Declan and Tommy's mum) on Ph6689-7415.

Kind regards Amber for Playgroup

Wanted Musical Instruments for Class Fx Band:

There is great interest from the children for a wide range of instruments particularly violin, clarinet and trumpet. Desperately needed is a piano accordion and melodica (breath blown keyboard). We have a modest budget available. Please contact Peter on 0431033855