

He who possesses character and
Discrimination, who is just, speaks
The truth, and does what is his own
Business, him the world will hold dear.

The Dhammapada 217

College News

What a beautiful start to the term - warm and sunny winter days all week. We enjoyed recess times outside. The primary school classes prepared for the goodbye afternoon tea for Marg on Friday. The children put all their love and appreciation for Marg into drawing and writing cards. We talked about the times they spent with Marg, shared anecdotes and prepared songs. On Friday, parents of Marg's class arrived to say goodbye - some of the students had been in Marg's care for four and a half years. Marg handed over the class to Peter. It was both a sad and joyful event. We are very blessed to have Peter staying on with us, recognising his relationship with the children. In the afternoon we had a farewell for Marg from everybody working at school. After tears and reflections on our time together, laughter rang from the school and Marg would not have it any other way. This is how we will always remember her; graceful, thoughtful, serving others young or old, looking after herself and her family, pacing her energy wisely. On our goodbye walk around the school grounds we were reminded how many trees Marg had planted and gardens she started. We'll see her tending many more plants and touching many more hearts, young and old.

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Diary Dates

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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.

Class 4/5/6 parent meeting Monday 11th August at 3:30pm.

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

Kindy parent talk Monday 18th August 3:30 - 4:45pm. All welcome.

Class 2/3 parent talk Tuesday 19th August 3:30-5:00pm. 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 was included in the newsletter for July 29th.

Official Opening the Kindy extension Tues. 9th September 2pm followed by afternoon tea.

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.

It is the beginning of a term and we see school rules have been lapsing. Please support us in our task to jointly care for your child/ren's physical needs. They need socks and shoes and hats. Otherwise they will have to stay on the deck, while they could benefit so much from outside play. Please, review your lunches, we have a healthy lunch policy for the good of you child/ren. Please check the diary dates for items of interest to you!!!

Warm regards College of Teachers

Greetings,

We were welcomed back to kindy this term by the beautiful faces of our daffodils in flower. The individual bulbs the children planted are one by one unfolding. The children have tended to them with such love and care, and are so excited to see the results.

Last week I told the story of a little brown flower bulb who was impatiently sitting in her pot, not knowing what to do. A wise and helpful gnome advised her to sit very quietly and very calmly, and she would know. The little bulb did as she was asked and began to feel a humming right in the centre of her being. The humming turned into a tickle and she was filled with such love that a wonderful thing happened.... When I mentioned the children in the story who tended to the little bulb, the kindy children turned to one another with excited whispers, saying "that's us". It was such a lovely moment, and it happened at the same point in the story each day that I told it. The kindergarten day is filled with many such magical moments.

For craft this term, the children are embroidering a piece of felt to be stitched into a small purse/bag. The embroidering consists of practising their stitching in various sizes and spacing, in straight lines and around corners.

Please remember to send a named hat to stay at school. A named water bottle is also good so the children can take it downstairs to drink during outside play.

We will be having our kindy parent talk on Monday afternoon August the 18th from 3:30 - 4:45. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Love Simone

We had a great start to term 3. We welcome Merlin and his family to our class. By Friday the last child had returned back to school. Thanks Leanne, Geert, Guinevere and Eleonor for inviting us to your home. We enjoyed the beautiful shady outside area and the children loved using the swings of all kinds. The highlight of the visit was a puppet performance which Leanne put on for us - a story about friendship which was wonderfully presented.

I have a couple of children without a hat!

Please remember the parent-teacher interviews. Rosters are attached for this coming weekend, Sat/Sun 9/10 August. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

We haven't yet received an invitation for our home visit this Friday, so please contact me or the office to let me know if we can visit your home.

Love from Marga

Dear Class 2 and Class 3 parents,

All the children have settled into the class rhythm. They have picked up where they left off on last term's knitting projects. A couple of projects have been misplaced. Could parents make a concerted effort to find these as it does aid in the smooth completion of our craft projects. We will begin our own composition writing this week, now that the children of class 3 have been introduced to 4 of the seven sentence types. We have written cards to Alkira who is presently staying on Vanderlin Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Each card has a question which will help us gather a picture of the island and its environment.

The class 2 children are making their own book based on the fable "The Lion and the Mouse".

This Thursday we will be making our own pizzas in our pizza oven at school. Tim, Tane's grandfather has offered to come and fire up the oven in the morning.

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The children are building teepees with the help of Peter's class. Last week, we were able to help them set up the first tipi on the lower field.

Last term Peter taught the class 2/3 a Maori song. We will continue to learn the song and how to use the sticks, which the children will whittle themselves. Can you please make sure that sticks are cut at home as this was last weekend's homework for class 3.

Love Simone

A warm hello to parents and community members. Though a little unexpected, I am very pleased and ready to be back, this time taking the class through, at least, until the end of the year.

The children have returned and picked up the main lessons that we began last term. Class 4 continue with the sagas from Norse Mythology. Class 5 carry on with the glorious stories from Ancient Greece and class 6 are working more independently to study the history of Rome.

The class is smaller, now with 12 children, but it feels solid and is working well. I hope we will form into a good strong core group which will, once again, begin to grow and grow.

The children are forming a class sports team which we hope will soon be challenging teams from the other local schools. Our first game is touch football which is a lovely inclusive and safe game. The girls, in particular, are enjoying the chance to really get involved. Thomas is on the sidelines as our referee and doing well. Softball, hockey, netball and volleyball are all other options for next term. A team name is still to be decided on, but so far the options are the "Rainbow Ridge Warriors", the "Rainbow Warriors", "The Ridgers", "The Ridge Rascals". More to come on this.

The class has some bigger events to prepare for this term and next; the Greek Olympics and the class camp. So I would like to meet with parents next week to discuss arrangements and fundraising options. This meeting will be on Monday 11th August at 3:30pm. Childcare will be available. I will be in touch with each parent soon.

Warm regards Peter

Craft group will meet next Wednesday 13th August 10am - 2:30pm. Please come along and share in making lovely felt craft to sell at our "Open Day". Bring lunch to share and phone Leanne on 66897007 to confirm.

Warm regards Craft Group

WANTED

Please let us know if you can help with any of these items...

Sports equipment for class 4/5/6.

Old hockey sticks, balls, hoops etc. Please contact Peter.

Hand tools for woodwork projects.

Particularly seeking gouges, wood rasps, surform rasps, files, vices, work benches, fret saw and coping saws. Please contact Peter.

Fabric for Teepee covers.

Does anyone know of an inexpensive covering material for a little village of Teepees at school? Please contact Peter.