



TERM 1, Week 2, 10th February 2009

Meditation for Teachers

May there reign here,
Spirit strength in Love;
May there work here,
Spirit Light in Goodness.
Born from certainty of Heart
And steadfastness of Soul,
So that we may bring
To young human beings,
Bodily strength for work,
Inwardness of Soul,
And clarity of Spirit.
May this place be consecrated
To such a task,
May young human beings
Here find servers of the Light,
Endowed with strength.
Who will guard
And cherish them.

From "The Foundation Stone"
first Waldorf School, Stuttgart.

Diary Dates

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Every Monday: Class 3/4 swimming lessons.
Every Tuesday: Class 1/2 swimming lessons.
Every Thursday: Class 5/6 swimming lessons.

Wed 11th Feb: Parent Group meeting 9:30am at school.

Thu 12th Feb: Choir practice with Hetty from 4:00-5:30pm at school.

Thu 12th Feb: Class 5/6 parent teacher meeting at 7pm.

Thu 19th Feb: Class 1/2 parent teacher meeting at 7pm.

Thu 26th Feb: Class 3/4 parent teacher meeting at 7pm.

Mon 2nd Mar: Board meeting at 5pm at school. All welcome.

THERE WILL BE NO TUCKSHOP THIS TERM!

Conversations with Teachers

Teachers are available before school for very urgent messages about children who may need additional support for that day.

Please, please keep other, broader discussions for after school hours. Teachers are available for conversations as follows:

Simone Wednesday's 3:15-4:15pm

Marga Monday's 3:30-4:30pm

Peter Wednesday's 3:15-4:15pm

The office is always open and available to you for help, messages to teachers, cups of tea etc.

Enrolment Forms

New families have lots of forms to fill out! These include emergency contact details, bus forms, instructions for giving of medicines etc. Lots of families still need to return the "Enrolment Agreement Form 2009". These were sent out attached to a newsletter last term. They are also available from the office.

Government Subsidy for Parents

If any parents drive their children more than 1.6km to the nearest school bus stop there is a subsidy that can be applied for via the school office. Please call in for more information.

Is this your money??

We received a payment into the bank account for fees at the end of last year, but there is no reference included so we do not know which family this payment has come from! Would you please contact us to let us know if this might be your payment. Thanks.

Work Contributions

Families may have work contribution charges on their invoices (which are attached to this newsletter), and this relates to Term IV of 2008. Please call the office if you would like to query this.

For our new families: The school relies on families to help in lots of ways during the year, for example setting up the classrooms, spring cleaning, washing, gardening. Each family is asked to do 4 hours per term for their work contribution. This work is usually done at setup days at the beginning of each term. If this is missed then the work can be arranged directly with the class teachers. It is understood that some families are not able to do this because of work and family obligations, so the school will add an amount to the invoice in the following term. Please call the office for more help on this one as it does seem to be a confusing matter!

Submissions for the "Range to Range" Publication

The "Range to Range" publication comes out four times each year from the same people who organised the "Welcome to Country" event recently at Hanging Rock Hall. Submissions are invited from the community each time as follows:

- Community Stories
- Fiction/non-fiction stories
- Poems
- Advertisements

Submissions should be limited to about 200 words and be in WORD format, please. They can be emailed to steve.clough@det.nsw.edu.au no later than this Friday 13th February.

Organisations take turns to publish each issue and this issue is being put together by Larnook School.

Thanks and kind regards Cristina/Helen/Tony for Admin

Greetings,

We're into week two, with all the children having crossed the rainbow bridge into their first week of kindy! The children did exceptionally well last week and seemed to take to the space, rhythm and social life with grace.

Our daily, weekly and yearly rhythm follows the seasons, so for our morning circle, songs and finger rhymes we're singing all things summer. We skip down to the beach, play amongst the waves, build sand castles and collect shells. We repeat the same morning circle for three weeks, which allows the children to truly live into the song and the accompanying gestures.

This term the older children will be making their horsey reigns while the new children will make their napkin holders and felt for their rest time pillows.

Please send back pillow cases that were taken home to wash from last year.

Kindy smelt beautiful on baking days last week. The children made bread dough on Tuesday and baked yummy apple muffins on Thursday. We lit our new beeswax candle on the lunch table, with all the children touching and smelling the candle before it was lit. It is so important to bathe their open senses in an environment that is gentle, natural and conducive to healthy play and development.

Please remember to send a named wide brimmed hat to stay at kindy, as the children cannot play outside without one.

We need someone to take on the job of the kindy washing this term. It goes home with the family on Fridays and needs to come back to school on Monday morning. This job can count for the school service each term. We would dearly appreciate a volunteer. Please ring the office if you can help.

There is a list of recommended library books attached to this newsletter to support you in your journey with Steiner education and child development. The books are available from our school library which is usually open on a Wednesday morning at 9am for parents to borrow books.

Our kindy parent meeting will be on Thursday the 5th of March at 3:30 pm. It would be great to have a parent who can stay downstairs with the children while we meet upstairs. Please let me know if you can help.

Love Simone

News Brief:

A good start to the term, beginning with geometry as a wonderful settling and focusing main lesson. Swimming lessons went very well, but this week and next we have lost our Thursday slot due to swimming carnivals and as the bus is being used, we will need drivers again as the bus is being used, so please let me know if you are free. (It's quite time-consuming phoning around so a phone call to me really helps.) Thanks to Steve Munro, Juliane and Camilla for their help this week.

The children have stationery needs this term with geometry and drawing work. Compasses and new "Derwent" sets of pencils are eagerly awaited by the class. A stationery list is attached.

A reminder of the parent evening this week. There are a few parents who cannot make it, so please let me know if you are coming or not.

Otherwise have a great week. See you Thursday evening.

Regards Peter

FATHER & SON ACTIVITIES

All fathers who are interested in meeting to discuss and develop a proposal for father and son activities at Rainbow Ridge School please contact Ian Lee (Megan's Dad) on 6689 1134 for further information.