

NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, Week 3, 17th February 2009

Into my body let there pour strength
Into my feeling let there pour warmth
Into my thinking let there pour light
That I may nurture this child with enlightened purpose
Caring with hearts love
And bringing wisdom into all things.

Rudolf Steiner

Parent Group News

Parent Survey

We had our first meeting for the year last Wednesday and have put together some questions for a Parent Survey. We hope all parents will take the time to fill this in and return it to the office so that we can better gauge the needs and thoughts of our parent community.

Community Dinner

We have also set a date for another Community Dinner. As we have several new families at the school this year, we thought it would be a great opportunity to meet them and welcome them into the school.

Look forward to seeing you at the next Parent Group meeting.

Thanks, Amanda for the Parent Group

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.

Thu 19th Feb: Choir practice with Hetty from 4:00-5:30pm at school.

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

Wed 25th Feb: Parent Group Meeting 9:30am at school.

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

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

Thu 5th Mar: Kindy parent teacher meeting 3:30pm. Parent helper needed to look after children during the meeting, please let us know if you can help.

Fri 6th Mar: Community Dinner around the pizza oven! More details to come closer to the date.

Greetings,

Our kindy parent meeting will be on Thursday the 5th of March at 3:30 pm. We are still looking for a parent who can stay downstairs with the children while we meet upstairs. Please let me know if you can help.

Love Simone

Class 5/6 news

Thank you to the parents who came out last Thursday night to our Parent Evening. It really was an uplifting meeting and set the scene for a good year ahead in a light-hearted way. For those who were unable to attend thank you for putting in your apologies. We began with having a laugh as we tried to perform some of the activities that the class practises in the mornings, in this case, round singing and Maori stick games. I then gave a class report and we read and shared information on the developmental stage of the 11 and 12 year old child; their experiences and their needs. Parents gave their feedback on how this fitted with their child and we looked at how the Steiner curriculum meets these needs. This was a very useful and informative session. We then talked about the upcoming events in the year, the three camps being the main ones. The financial aspects of the year were discussed including stationery needs, camp costs, and the possibilities for fundraising ideas (not tuck shop!) I asked if there was a parent who would be willing to act as a 'liaison parent', someone who works more closely with the teacher to organise and support class activities, e.g. running a 'phone tree to pass on information, or helping out with festival preparations, play costumes etc. Several parents offered to carry this and share the load between them. Thank you again.

So, we're looking set for a good term. Investigations are being made into a suitable venue for a class horse-riding camp towards the end of the term and otherwise things are ticking along nicely.

Warm Regards Peter

Missing Sewing Machine

A school sewing machine has been missing for some time and just might be sitting at your house after you have helped us with some sewing last year. If so, would you please let us know and either bring it in or we can arrange to collect it. We are expecting to need it for class teaching, so it would be very good to have it returned soon.

Regards Cristina