

May love of hearts reach out to love of souls

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May warmth of love ray out to Spirit-light
Even so would we draw near to you
Thinking with you Thoughts of Spirit
Feeling in you the Love of Worlds
Consciously at one with you
Willing in silent being

Rudolf Steiner

Diary Dates

Every Monday: Class 3/4 swimming lessons.

Every Tuesday: Class 1/2 swimming lessons.

Every Thursday: Class 5/6 swimming lessons.

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.

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

Fri 6th Mar: Community Dinner 5:00-7:30pm. All welcome for an evening of meeting, eating, singing and dancing!

Fri 13th Mar: Craft Group at Sylvia's house 10am. Please bring lunch to share.
Sylvia Ph 6689-7524

Fri 20th Mar: Parent Group meeting 9:30-11:00am at school. All welcome.

Term Dates 2009

Term 1: Tuesday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April.

Term 2: Monday 4th May to Friday 3rd July.

Term 3: Monday 27th July to Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 19th October to Thursday 17th December.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the parent evening. I realise that the time was difficult for some parents and I will be catching up with you over the phone. Unfortunately no one could see each other, as we had no electricity due to a fault in the inverter. So we held the meeting by candlelight. We talked about the curriculum for the term and the children's poems. Instead of writing the children a birthday verse this year I would like them to have a poem that has been chosen especially for the child. The poems would become an integral part of our morning circle. The nature of the poem would contain language with a universal integrity and would therefore need to be drawn from the natural world. The poem would be spoken by your child to the other children once every three weeks, throughout the year. This poem will be given during week 9, to learn over the holidays.

The swimming lessons are going really well and yesterday both classes swam over 100 metres of freestyle over the whole lesson. They also learned and practiced the leg movement for breaststroke.

Class 3's will have a new word list this week to put on the fridge. Their words are dine, fine, line, mine, nine, pine, vine, wine, shine, lime, time, chime, and slime.

Our current block is "Measure the treasures of my world". The class will be learning about the history of linear measurement from cubits to the imperial system through to our current metric system. They will be doing lots of estimation and measuring with their own rulers as well as lots of revision of the times tables and the 4 operations.

Class 4's will devise their spelling list. They move on from linear measurement to area measurement as well as lots of revision.

Every Wednesday is library. During this time children return and borrow books and have quiet reading time. We also have one on one reading time, with myself or a peer, for those who are beginning to read. The children have been placed into five different groups and every three weeks a library monitor is assigned to write down the books that the children in their group have read during library time. Our last monitors were Tané and Oscar who did a very good job. The current monitors are Gaia and Fraser.

Chrissy is our class liaison person. Whenever there is something that needs organizing such as a garden working bee or after school function Chrissy will be calling you.

On that note there was a garden workday last week and unfortunately Chrissy was not able to find anyone available to help. An area has been allocated now for a new bed for a winter planting. It has now been partially weeded. Laurence has some logs in the nearby area, which require transporting and splitting. I would like to see if there are one or two parents who would have any time this Thursday to assist Laurence with the work. Please call our school office if you can!! Last Friday the class planted out the basil seedlings.

Lots of Love Simone

The Geometry Main Lesson has come to a lovely close and the children produced some beautiful work of which they were duly proud. (Ask your child to bring their books home to show you.)

Their ideas for the Geometry home project are firming up and several children have made good progress on their 3 dimensional models and sculptures. Some resources and materials are available from school so please call me if your child is having difficulty getting started, or completing their project.

We now move into a new main lesson on 'Descriptive Writing and the Essay' for Class 5, and 'Composition Writing' for Class 6. This very academic lesson is, nonetheless, rich and full, and I get the sense that the children are ready to 'flex' some literary muscle. Look forward to the published results in 3 weeks time.

Swimming is going very well, folk dancing is a hit, juggling is coming along, ukulele and recorder playing is also ticking over nicely, and, in general, the class feels great.

Please feel free to make contact on my new landline if you have any questions: Ph 66897139.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Community Dinner and Folk Dance this Friday.

Warm regards Peter Calkin

Parent Group Meetings

The next Parent Group Meeting will be on Friday 20th March at 9:30-11:00am at school. This time was chosen after talking to a few parents who found Wednesday mornings too difficult. I hope this will suit others who couldn't make it to the Wednesday time slot as we really need more parents to attend meetings and be involved if the parent group is to continue.

The Community Dinner

See you all there, this Friday 6th March 5pm at school.

Parent Survey

Thanks to all the parents who have returned the Parent Survey and we look forward to receiving the rest.

Amanda for the Parent Group

Craft Group Starting Again

The next craft group will be on Friday 13th March at Sylvia's house from 10am. Please come for a chat, create crafty things and to help prepare for the craft stall at our school open day later in the year. This is always a fun morning with shared lunch and children are always welcome.

Please bring lunch to share. You can call Sylvia on 66897524.

Sylvia for the Craft Group

Piano, Violin, Cello Lessons at School

Julie Metcalfe is back in our area and can give lessons in piano, violin and cello to individual children and small groups. The lessons are about 30mins long and take place here at school either during school hours or after school hours. Families, including those who have already made enquiries at the school office, should call Julie directly to arrange lessons.

Please call Julie for more information on 0428 897 438.

Fee Payments

As we are now into week 5 of the term all fees should be paid in full or an arrangement made with the school office. Please call us so we know what is happening. Thanks very much.

Library Hours for Parents

The school library is open each Wednesday and first thing on Wednesday morning is a good time for parents/carers to browse the shelves and talk to Lisa about reading material to take home.

All welcome.

Regards Cristina, Tony and Helen

Come to the
RAINBOW RIDGE

Community Dinner and Folk Dance

Friday 6th March
5 pm ~ 7:30 pm

With lots of new families joining the community, the time is ripe to meet, greet, eat, sing, swing and fling each other around.

We will start the evening with dancing at 5:30 p.m. followed by a pot~luck dinner at 6 p.m or thereabouts.

Families are asked to bring a plate of finger food, a main meal or a dessert and we will take pot~luck on how it turns out. A large pot of rice, and a big pot of spicy lentils and rice will be cooked at school, so bring foods to accompany this.

Also bring your instruments if you fancy a sing-a-long to round off the evening.

We will be playing some great children's games and please bring your home favourites to share as we can always do with some newies (or rediscovered oldies!)

Looking forward to seeing you.

Peter and Amanda