

TERM 1, Week 7, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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When from the depths of soul  
The spirit turns to the life of worlds  
And beauty wells from wide expanses,  
Then out of heaven's distances  
Streams life-strength into human bodies,  
Uniting by its mighty energy  
The spirit's being with our human life.

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 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: Choir practice with Hetty from 4:00-5:30pm at school.

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

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Craft Group Sylvia's house 10am. Please bring lunch to share. Ph 6689-7524

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar: Building Sub-Committee meeting at 3-5pm. All welcome.

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar: Board Meeting here at school starting at 5pm. All welcome.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Apr: Biodynamic Workshop with Brian Keats here at school gathering at 4:30pm and starting at 5pm. Please bring a plate to share.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Apr: Kindy Autumn Festival. Times to be advised. This will be the last day of kindy for the term.

Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Apr: Primary School Autumn Festival. There will be a walk in the forest in the Border Rangers. More details about this with next week's newsletter.

Term 2 News - Dr Lakshmi will be visiting us early in Term 2. Details to follow.

### Term Dates 2009

Term 1: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Term 2: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Term 3: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### New Funding for Australian Schools – *please share your thoughts and ideas!*

The Commonwealth Government has announced significant funding for Australian schools. The funding covers refurbishment of existing facilities and building of new facilities. The emphasis is on improving community resources like libraries, halls and sporting facilities. Funding is also available at a lower priority for classrooms.

We are currently putting together grant applications for completion of the hall (sporting and performance space), new library, large handball/basketball court, some refurbishment of the office and resource rooms, provision for additional kindy space.

We have only a small amount of time to complete the grant application process and would like all interested members of the community to come to share their ideas at the next Parent Group meeting (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am at school) and the Parent Representative will report on your ideas to the next Building Sub-Committee meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Applications for Language Other Than English (LOTE), Chinese, Teaching Position for 2009 Applications are sought for the position of Chinese Language Teacher for the Primary School for 2009. Teaching qualifications are essential and Steiner training and experience are highly desirable. A job description is available from the school office. Ph 6689 7033.

Applications may be made in writing to the school office and close this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. Applications may also be emailed to [admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@rainbowridge.nsw.edu.au).

The school is also seeking casual relief teachers. We encourage enthusiastic, suitably qualified individuals to inquire about becoming involved in our school.

### Biodynamic Workshop with Brian Keats

Gathering at 4:30pm and starting at 5pm, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April here at school, we will have a special group stirring of the preparation 500 and application onto the gardens. There will be a question and answer session afterwards and sharing of food. We will also set a date for the next session to be early in term 2 when we will begin the preparation 500 process with the burying of the cow horns. More details to come next week.

### Fee Payments

Bank account details for fee payments are:

BSB 802 222

Acct: 22206296

Name: Rainbow Ridge School

Bank: Summerland Credit Union

Note that all fees should be fully paid by now or arrangements made with the office regarding payment plans. 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