



Kindergarten & Playgroup

EDUCATING the *WHOLE CHILD*

GOLDEN MOSS NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 19th October 2011



VERSE OF THE WEEK

A birdie with a yellow bill
Hopped upon the window-sill,
Cocked his shinning eye and said:
'Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy-head?'

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 26th October: *School Tour 9:15am -12.15pm*

Wednesday 26th October: *Class 1/2 meeting 3:45pm*

Wednesday 26th October: *School Photos*

Thursday 27th October: *Parents and Friends Meeting 3:30pm in School Kitchen*

Wednesday 2nd November: *Class 3 - 6 Excursion to Freshwater Creek Steiner School*

Friday 11th November: *Ballarat Show Day, Public Holiday*

Sunday 13th November: *Ballarat Baby and Children's Expo Mining Exchange 10-4pm*

Monday 14th November: *Kindergarten Information Night 7pm*

Wednesday 23rd November: *Prep Information Night 7pm*

Saturday 26th November: *Lou Harvey Zahra talk 'Creative Discipline for preschool Children
'Turning Tears into Laughter" 10am-12noon*

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th December: *4yr Kinder Christmas Festival 6:30pm*

Thursday 15th December: *Ring a Rosie Christmas Festival 10:30am*

Thursday 15th December: *Prep Christmas Festival 9.00am*

Thursday 15th December: *School Christmas Festival 6:30pm*

Term Four Ends: *Thursday 15th December 12.30pm*



Hi Everyone, This is a picture of the climbing frame we are hoping to build for the school playground. We are hoping parents can start collecting pieces of wood that they think could be used in the climbing frame and drop them off at the school. The wood will need to be then sandpapered smooth to ensure no splinters. We also would like anyone interested in building the climbing frame to register their interest with the office and we will start a building group to coordinate building the frame. Thanks everyone - another great way to work up your community hours!!

We would like to thank Chris O'Keefe for donating some mats for the children to sit on during their festivals. They will come in very handy.

GOOSEY GANDER NEWS

Welcome to another exciting term to playgroup. During this term we would be very grateful to anyone who could bring a bag of soil or compost and some veggie seedlings to start a little veggie garden. Perhaps something we could use for our morning tea i.e. cherry tomatoes, snow peas, carrots etc.

KINDERGARTEN & RING A ROSIE

Early Childhood News

On Saturday Ambika and Janine P travelled to Taraleigh Steiner Kindergarten in East Bentleigh to attend the 4th term Victorian Steiner Early Childhood Association meeting. Together we studied a chapter from Rudolf Steiner's 'The Study of Man', shared resources and food and enjoyed an information talk from Paulene Hanna about the 'Creative Art of Program Planning in a Steiner Kindergarten'. The meeting was very nourishing and has helped to inspire us for the term ahead.

Kindergarten and Ring a Rosie News

Welcome back to term 4. In term 4 we begin to look to our transition process, to ensure that the transition from kindergarten to school (prep) is as smooth and anxiety-free as possible. The kindergarten children will begin their visits to the prep playground this Wednesday afternoon (week 2), weather permitting.

We are all very excited about the new addition to our playground. The children are enjoying balancing on, walking along and riding our new 'log snake'. We are very grateful to the members of our extended community who have delivered and worked on our log snake to make it a beautiful play experience for the children.

Please note that Kindergarten photographs will be taken on Wednesday 26th October. This will only involve a group photo. Unfortunately we are not able to offer this service to Ring a Rosie families but you can look forward to it for when your child is in 4 year old kindergarten.

Another date that I encourage you to mark in your diaries is for a parenting talk with Lou Harvey Zahra on Saturday 26th of November. Some of you may be familiar with Lou's book "Turning tears into laughter" which shares creative behaviour management strategies for anyone who spends time with pre-school children. The talk will take place at our school and is open to our community and also to the greater community, so you are also welcome to mention it to friends who may have their children at other centres.

Australia wide, kindergarten teachers and staff have been busy preparing for the new national changes that will introduce The Early Years Learning Framework to all licensed Early Childhood centres beginning in 2012. I have attended numerous meetings over the last months to ensure that we are prepared to meet these changes. It is exciting that the changes encompass an emphasis on play, natural materials and the outdoor environment, all of which we work with extensively in our program. All families are welcome to view the Early Years Learning Framework on

http://www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood/policy_agenda/quality/pages/earlyyearslearningframework.aspx

Thanks Ambika

PREP NEWS



Welcome back to school for term four and official the last term your child will be considered in Early Childhood.

The children have arrived back with the enthusiasm and joy expected for spring, they are making good use of their new play fort and are enjoying watching the seeds they sowed last term germinate and begin to fill the new garden beds. The children have begun hearing the Brothers Grimm tale of 'Briar Rose', also known as The Sleeping Beauty. Just like Briar Rose these children are slowly waking from the deep sleep of early childhood and are on their way to assume their desk top throne in class one.

Continuing on throughout the term please pick your child up from the main school play area on Mondays and Tuesdays; this will serve as a gentle orientation towards the vigour's of play times with older children next year.

Reminders:

- Please, Please, Please remember fruit to share on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.
- In Term 1 and term 4 each child is required to wear their sun hat. Broad brim hats with a draw string offer the best protection and will stay on while your child is climbing, spinning, skipping and cart wheeling!
- **Wednesday October 26th** - School photo's
- **Saturday November 26th** - Lou Harvey Zara talk 10am.
- **Saint Nicholas Day December 6th** - please send in a little shoe of your child's. The children will polish their shoes and place them under the Prep Christmas tree. e.g. A favourite baby shoe. Parents can then secretly drop in a special fruit like a mango as the surprise gifts left by Saint Nicholas.

- **Christmas Festival, Thursday December 22nd**



CLASS 1&2

Hello from Class 1 and 2

The beginning of a new term and with it lots more of interesting things to learn. In this last term of the year both classes will begin with a writing/ science main lesson based on Australian nature stories in which native plants and animals play a prominent role. This will give rise to great discussions with ideas and questions flying thick and fast which, after all, is what learning is all about.

The class has also discussed the play we hope to perform at the end of term so there is much to look forward to and an understanding of what is involved. Everyone is looking forward to getting to grips with the process.

After our two week break the children are settling happily back into the daily school rhythm and I am amazed at how much they have grown over that short time both physically and mentally.

Stuart

ve lots of bowls and platters in the school kitchen from festivals and fundraisers. Please come and collect yours if you are missing it.

We are still collecting Coles Vouchers until the end of this week if you have any to hand in. Thank you everyone for the wonderful effort on collecting them – we have loads!!.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Garden working bee Saturday October 22nd start time 10am.

NITS

We have a case of nits at the school at the moment.

Can all parents please check their children this weekend in a group effort to eradicate these pests. Thanks.

Come join us one and all to an exciting working bee. This working bee will focus on amongst other things on the foundation for the year 3 and 4 construction project of a pizza oven. It will be so exciting when the class finishes and we all get to enjoy fresh pizza. There will also be routine garden and maintenance work and of course to finish off our hard work a communal sausage sizzle. Please email me all vegetarians that are planning on coming for catering. chrisreupert@hotmail.com. Don't forget you can also work off your commitment hours at any time around the garden; just write it down in the book that lives in the office. For inquiries phone Chris (tine) 53424028.

If you can't make the working bee - remember you are welcome to weed or mow anytime - anywhere!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

It is time to start planning our annual Autumn Fair, so there will be a **Parent's and Friends meeting at 3.30pm on the Thursday 27th October** in the kitchen. We would love to hear from anyone that has any ideas/thoughts on how to make this the best fair yet. If you are unable to get to the meeting you can contact

P & F via email on parentsandfriends.bss@gmail.com or alternatively speak to Naomi or Sylvia or leave a message at the office.

Free to Good Home

IKEA Bookcase – walnut colour – few bumps and bruises

For Sale:

Food Slicer (used only twice still in box) \$10.00

11 Litre drink dispenser (great for children's parties) Used once and still in box \$5.00

White timber single bed (a few bumps and bruises but nothing obvious, mattress not included)
\$50.00

LG Flat screen computer monitor (Approx 36cm) \$30.00

We need to move these items fairly quickly – so first in first served and if not gone within the week will head off to charity.

Pop by and have a look – Please contact Catherine 5342 9569

COMMUNITY REVITALIZER CAMP

*(Christmas Holidays, inexpensive, and possibly
Otway area, more details to come)*

*Fancy a bit of revitalizing and nourishment for you
and your family where you can relax, swim, play,
share meals, stories, songs and play music etc with
other families, where children have playmates
anytime of the day. Well Chris R and Sarah C do!
So please let us know your expression of interest.*

Castlemaine School Fair November 5th 10.00 am to 4.00pm

Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School Fair and Open Day, Saturday November 12th 10am- 4pm.
Maypole Dance, Music Performances, Open Classrooms and displays, Storytelling, Craft Market,
Delicious Food.

If you have any questions, please reply to this email or to the school office at: office@mrss.com.au

Greetings members and friends

Just a reminder that the tickets for the Foundation Stone Mediation eurythmy performance and lecture on 30th October 2.30 pm are now selling. Contact Karralyka Theatre Mines Road Ringwood East \$25/\$20 (Members and students and pensioners)

Bookings at the Box Office: Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East

Operating Hours: 9.30am - 4.30pm, Monday - Friday

Phone: (03) 9879 2933 Fax: (03) 9870 2283 www.karralyka.com.au

Payment by: cash, cheque and credit card. E-mail: karralyka@maroondah.vic.gov.au

SPRING WORKSHOP

MOVEMENT MEDITATION AND

ART THERAPY

WHEN : Saturday, 5th of November, 2011, 2-5.30pm.

WHERE: Absolute Yoga Studio. 11a Grenville ST.

COST \$50 (includes all materials and refreshments)

FACILITATORS: Lorraine Collishaw (experienced counsellor and course/ workshop facilitator)

Candace Rowe (Masters of Art Therapy/ group facilitator)

THIS WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECONNECT WITH YOUR INNER WISDOM AND CREATIVITY

“Lorraine and Candace have been running these inspiring workshops for the past two years. Come and join in our last workshop for 2011”

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