

BALLARAT  
**STEINER**  
**SCHOOL**  
Kindergarten & Playgroup

*EDUCATING the WHOLE CHILD*

*GOLDEN MOSS NEWSLETTER*

**Term 2 Week 7**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 2011**



**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

*What are you building with your blocks?  
Castles and palaces, temples and docks.  
Rain may keep raining, and others go roam,  
But I can be happy and building at home.*

*Let the sofa be Mountains, the carpet be sea,  
There I'll establish a city for me:  
A Kirk and a mill and a palace beside,  
And a harbour as well where my vessels may ride.*

## Important Dates

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** *Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** *Parent Teacher Interviews (class 1-6) 1.00pm*

**Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June:** *Parents and Friends AGM (in Kitchen) 7:30pm*

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** *Boite Choir Introductory Rehearsal 2.00pm - 4.00pm*  
*(212 Armstrong St 5th Ballarat Ebenezer Hall)*

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** *Official Opening of School Buildings 1.30pm*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** *Polishing Rehearsal (Ebenezer Hall) 2.00pm- 4.00pm*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** *Final Dress Rehearsal and Performance (Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts) 10.30am-3.30pm*



## WINTER FESTIVALS

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** *Early Childhood Festival (Playgroup, Ring a Rosie, Prep) 6.00pm*

**Kinder and prep to finish at 12 noon (to rest for the festival)**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** *School Festival 6pm*

Dates for your Diary

**Term Two ends:** *Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July*

**Term Three begins:** *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July*

Dear friends,

As most of you would know, John's wife Bettye has been courageously battling cancer for some time. We all join in sending much love, strength and deep blessings to John and his family at this time.

For John and Bettye

*In the light of world-all thoughts,  
There weaves the soul, who  
Was united with me on earth.  
The warm life of my heart  
Flows out to your soul,  
To warm your cold,  
To soothe your heat.  
In the spirit worlds  
May my thoughts live within thine,  
And your thoughts within mine.*  
Rudolf Steiner

*The healthy social life is found when in the mirror of each  
human soul the whole community finds its reflections, and  
when in the community the virtue of each individual can live.*

Rudolf Steiner

Last night at the Committee of Management Meeting, we accepted the recommendation from Parents and Friends to introduce a Parent participation programme. This is an initiative that operates in other schools, both Steiner and non, where parents are given a choice to participate in working bees or contribute financially to paying someone who will do the jobs. We have so much grounds work that needs doing at the moment that we need all the help that we can get from our community. Parent's and Friends donated some funds last year that are being utilised for the earth moving work that is currently being carried out, which is fantastic. And there is so much more to do. The initiative will cover all parents who have children in kindergarten, not Ring a Rosie, through to Class 6. Things that can be done at any time, are weeding at Kindergarten, prep or the main play area. Also lawn moving or whipper snipping are welcome for all areas. We also have a lot of planting that needs to be done. Jobs will be listed in the office and can be done at a working bee or any time you have some spare moment. The signing in and out book will be held

### Delight Bakers - Sebastopol

We have joined with  
Bakers Delight  
(Sebastopol

For an ongoing  
fundraiser- similar the  
rewards program

We have with  
Buninyong  
Supermarket.

Each time we mention  
our  
school/Kinder/Playgro  
up

They donate 5% of  
each sale back to  
school.

The children will come  
home with a pamphlet  
To explain it further.

Thank you for your  
support

at the office. The initiative will begin for the second half of this year. Each parent will need to do two hours a term or pay a levy of \$20.00. This applies to two parents, separated or together, who are sharing the fiscal responsibility of the school fees. When only one parent is responsible for the fees then just two hours is applicable to that family - per term. Playgroup is also exempt. I hope every body embraces this new initiative with the good will which it is intended. Creating a school community is not just about fundraising. The benefits of a strong school community bring sensational spirit and a fantastic environment in which our kids can grow up and thrive. Steiner believed in our children experiencing an active, participative, inclusive, innovative and enthusiastic community, and hopefully, from that they will seek out or create similar communities in which to raise their own families.

## *EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS*

This year we look forward to celebrating our combined Early Childhood Winter Festival on Tuesday 28th of June at 6pm.



Playgroup, Ring-a-Rosie, Kindergarten and Prep children and their families will gather in the multipurpose room of the school to share supper, sing some winter songs and enjoy a winter story and puppet play.

This will be followed by a lantern walk. Each child will make their own lantern in class and together we shall journey through the darkness on a walk around the school with our friends, family, lighted lantern and warm hearts.

If weather allows, our lantern parade will be followed by a cosy little bonfire and some more singing.

To allow the children time to rest before the festival, Kindergarten and Prep will be finishing at

**12 noon on the festival day.** Please make sure that there is someone there to collect your child at this time.

Please make sure that your child has had dinner before the festival and we all need to rug up in our warmest clothes, including coats and beanies, as the night promises to be very chilly.

A plate of healthy food to share for supper is most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at our Winter Festival,



## Goosey Gander News

Jack Frost was after my fingers and toes this morning and he caught them well and truly! Winter has certainly made a grand entrance and to celebrate this time of reflection and inner wonder. Please come along to our combined playgroup, Kinder and Prep Winter Festival Tuesday June 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 6pm

Our annual winter festivals have quite a reputation, and the many children that have participated in past lantern walks have expressed wonder and amazement. Even though the night might be chilly, it will be memorable, so come along and be pleasantly surprised with an evening of singing, storytelling, lantern walking, feasting and fire.

We just have two more sessions to complete our lanterns for the festival.

We would like to give a warm winter welcome to the world to Cleo-anni, congratulations Louis Ann, Kristian, Laurence and Xavier , and yet another congratulations to Kristine, James, Aksel and Carla for the birth of their baby girl.



## KINDERGARTEN & RING A ROSIE

With the bountiful harvest gathered in and the once brightly coloured leaves now fading to brown and rotting back into the earth, we welcome the Winter season.

Winter is a time for coming inside... snuggling up before a warm cheery fire and

**Kindergarten and Ring a Rosie are now taking enrolments for 2012 (and beyond). Please call or visit the office for further information.**

rugging up in our warmest woollies to stay warm. On other levels, winter is also a time for coming inside, a time for reflection and deep introspection, a time to enjoy quiet moments alone or with our immediate families, a time for seeking and finding the warmth and light within our own hearts. "We may find our mind ablaze with new ideas, for winter clears the head too, allowing thoughts to rise in clarity, like stars in a frost-polished sky."

(Druit & Rowling 2001).



Nits are a problem for all children in all schools from all walks of life. We here at Ballarat Steiner are no exemption. They are annoying little pests that are difficult to get rid of once they have made home. In order to prevent cross contamination, the schools policy is that all hair should be neat and tidy and tied back if applicable. Nits cannot jump so if hair is braided or tied back the loose threads of hair that the nits travel on are not available and it makes cross

contamination all the more difficult for these pesty things.

There are lots of natural products on the market that are effective with due diligence. We ask that for the comfort of the children and the convenience of other community members that you remain on top of your child's hair and any nit problems.

## PREP NEWS

### *IT'S COLD!!*

*But the fire is roaring and the candles are burning inside so the children are taking special pleasure in the indoor play and craft time this term. What could be cosier than sitting around the fire weaving away with your friends?*

*The pom pom's are being finished one by one and we are moving onto making our twisties for our winter lanterns. Twisties are a great test of patience and teamwork.*

*The Children are in their third week of hearing Grimm's fairytale 'The Donkey', this story has captured the hearts and minds of the Prep children in a particular way. Throughout the year of Prep the very young child is unveiled to reveal the independent child, a process that is mirrored in this deeply mysterious tale. Through being discovered as a handsome royal youth the donkey has his skin stolen and burnt to ashes - never to be known in his old form again -*

*The royal youth gains the love of a princess and inherits two kingdoms - and lives on "in all magnificence".*

*Now that King Winter is ruling with cold and freezing hands please pop one or two changes of pants in your child's bag, gumboots are a really good idea in our muddy wet yard, and always pack a waterproof coat. If it is a wet day your child will be instructed to stay under cover if they don't have a waterproof coat, and as you can imagine this is not a welcomed suggestion to an eager 6 year old.*

*Our Winter Festival is a community evening along with 3y.o & 4y.o Kindergarten and playgroup.  
**Winter Festival - Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.***

*Thanks, Lisa.*

*P.S could you please check your child's wardrobe for suspect looking pants, we have only received one pair back, we are still missing 3 pair of jeans and one pair of light blue cords. Alternatively, some hand me downs would be most welcomed! Thanks.*

## **CLASS 3&4**

*Class three are returning to the Old Testament stories with the tale of Joseph and Daniel in the Lion's den. We are using these tales to learn about what makes a sentence and also how to use rich language to describe the imagery in the stories. These Old Testament stories provide a clear expression of right and wrong in a clear, concrete, black and white sense. At this stage of their development this is a great security to the children.*

*Class four are continuing their geography and maths work in the study of life aboard the Endeavour of Captain Cooke. We are studying addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through the medium of Cooke's voyage. This is a departure for the children in the methods we use where we use conventional column forms of calculation and move away from concrete or pictorial representations.*

## **CLASS 5&6**

*The cold frosty, wet air is now upon us. It will be a common scene for our class to sit inside and eat lunch together.*

*Parents, you are welcome to join us and have your lunch as well if you are passing by at the time.*

*Next week designs will be drawn up by the children to begin working on their lanterns for the Winter Festival. We hope to make wooden ones this year.*

*Please remember to encourage your child to use their diaries during the week.*

*They are checked and signed most Mondays.*

*Many thanks Anna & Sarah*

**DONT FORGET TO  
PUT YOUR NAMES  
DOWN AT THE  
OFFICE FOR PARENT  
TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS.**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

### ***Craft Circle***

**I need to cancel this Fridays Craft Circle and reschedule for  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm.**

**Hope this is ok  
Anna P**



### **Lomi Lomi Hawaiian Massage**

Experience a touch of Hawaii with the relaxing and restorative flowing strokes of lomi lomi massage. This ancient healing modality is said to bring a sense of balance to the body, mind and soul. Assisting the whole 'Being' to relax, lomi lomi brings benefits like deep healing, a sense of connection and the feeling of well being.

### **About Crystal Lewis**

Crystal Lewis lived in Hawaii during 2007, she experienced lomi lomi and became interested in the traditional Hawaiian healing arts called Huna. After having two children she trained in lomi lomi massage and decided to offer this style of massage to Ballarat as a means to contribute to the health well being of her community. Crystal is a Member of the Massage Association of Australia. She also holds a Bachelor in Education and various qualifications in Steiner Education, Yoga and alternative healing and has worked in these fields in the past.

### **Lomi Lomi Ballarat**

Crystal is available to give lomi lomi 7 days a week and offers it exclusively for women only. She practises from Passionflower Health and Wellness Centre Wendouree, 11 Grandview Grove. Gift vouchers are available.

### **Packages** (more details on website)



\$50 1 hour lomi lomi

\$65 1.5hr lomi lomi

### **Contact Us**

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## Dance/ Movement Meditation and Creative Art Therapy Workshop

Saturday, 30th of July 2011, 2-5.30pm.

At Absolute Yoga Studio, 11a Grenville St Nth, Ballarat.

Cost; \$50 (includes all materials and refreshments).

Facilitators; Lorraine Collishaw (experienced counsellor and workshop facilitator) + Candace Rowe (Masters of Art Therapy)

"This workshop is designed to encourage you to connect with your inner wisdom and creativity."

For registration and payment or more info, ring Candace 53387130. or email [candyrowe7@hotmail.com](mailto:candyrowe7@hotmail.com)

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