



VERSE OF THE WEEK

*"I saw a sign
It had a great shine,
I saw it up ahead
I wonder what it said?
I really want to know,
Because I'm driving in the snow.
So if you know, do tell me so,
Because I really want to know!
Here we go were passing it now,
It says!
More signs up ahead.*

SASKIA GALLASCH (class 4)

Important Dates

Term 3 Week 5

Wednesday 31st August

Wednesday 31st August-Friday 2nd September: *Halls Gap Camp Class 5/6*

Friday 9th September: *Feast of the Senses Evening 7.00pm*

Monday 12th September: Parent Information Night 7pm \$10.00 cost

Presented by John Allison:

"Stepping Stones across Childhood: Parenting through children's stages of development."

Wednesday 14th September: *Sustainability Meeting 4-5:30pm*

Saturday 17th September: *BD Field Day*

Friday 23rd September: Term Three Ends

SPRING FESTIVALS

Wednesday 21st September: 4yr old Kinder Spring Festival 10am

Thursday 22nd September: Prep Spring Festival 9am

Friday 23rd September: School Spring Festival 1pm

Dates for your Diary

Term Three ends: Friday 23rd September

Term Four begins: Tuesday 11th October

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Finally the day has come for the VRQA visit. The visitation team will be here at the school next Monday and Tuesday. I would just like to thank everyone for their patience as we here in the office have been a little distracted working on the paper work necessary for the review. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Denise, Anna and Nicole for their support during this process. They do give so much to the school and we all get the benefit of that.

Please remember all fees are to be paid in full by the second week of each term. We appreciate your effort in ensuring this happens and saving us the time and effort in chasing fees.

Don't forget those soup 'mugs'

Thank you so much to those people who have filled in the parent survey. We got a lot of interest expressed in more parent education. Thus we have asked John Allison's to present a parent talk on Monday September 12 at 7.00pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per head. The Title is Stepping Stones across Childhood: parenting through children's stages of development. If anyone hasn't had the chance to have a look at John's website it is certainly worth doing. He has some great reading material on there.:

www.johnallison.com.au

Thanks

Louise.

GOOSEY GANDER NEW

When daffodils' dance in the sun and the rain then you know
that the spring time is coming again
Goodbye winter, hello spring.

Playgroup is the busiest it has been with 5 morning sessions. Monday morning sessions are for 3-4 yr old children, with the exception of a few younger siblings and at present there is still room for two more children. Please call Sarah if you are interested.

Thankyou to Louise Morris for very generous donation of sandpit spades, shovels and racks. Please ensure that all inside toys are washed and brought inside at the end of session time.

Thankyou to Lisa our Prep teacher for donating a nesting box for our birdie friends who like to nest in our wall where our air conditioner now lives.

Also thankyou to Tanaka family for their wonderful donation of another beautiful nesting box. Hopefully we will have lots of baby birds soon.

KINDERGARTEN & RING A ROSIE

Spring has arrived at the kindergarten. Our nature table is now bedecked with green and bird's nests woven from moss and twigs by our bird friends are a feature, along with our pussy willow.

I know a little pussy, her coat is pearly grey.
She lives down in the meadow, not very far away.
She'll always be a pussy; she'll never be a cat.
For she's a pussy willow; now what do you think of that!

The kindergarten children are enjoying participating in (enacting) the story circle of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We do this all together in the Steiner kindergarten rather than giving children individual parts. The children are still in a 'dreamy' consciousness and we nurture this through doing things as a group so that no one is put in a position to feel excessively self-conscious.

In Ring a Rosie we are enjoying verse, song and dance about the spring Birds, bunnies and daffodils are a theme.

The children are having a song version of the story of Sleeping Beauty. As the spring sunlight gently awakes the seeds and plants in the Earth, Sleeping Beauty is also awaked by the kiss of life of the Sun prince. Gently and slowly our children are also awakening. This process is nurtured as a gradual smooth transition in Steiner Education.

For those Kindergarten parents who would prefer to work off their community hours rather than incur an extra fee, please chat to Ambika about the gardening jobs that will help to beautify our kindergarten. Thank you to those who attended our working bee and helped with this already. (Ring a Rosie families are exempt from the fee but we welcome any help that you may like to offer in the garden as well).

PREP NEWS

SOUP AND
TOASTIES
THIS
FRIDAY

\$1 SOUP

\$1
TOASTIES

THIS WEEKS
FAMILIES ARE
AMBIKA BONE,
CATHERINE
HOWARD AND
KATE TANAKA.

NEXT WEEK'S
FAMILIES WILL
BE ROSE MCKAY
AND TONYA
FERGUSON

THERE ARE NO
CLASS 5 AND
6'S THIS WEEK
AS THEY ARE
ON CAMP.

The children have been enjoying jump rope over the past fortnight and I am amazed at how quickly they have picked it up. From barely managing 2 or 3 consecutive jumps in the beginning some of the children are now exceeding 30 or 40! Fantastic. This sort of rhythmical jumping, particularly when the rope is not under the child's control is so good for a young child both developmentally and physically. We have also begun work on the play for our Spring Festival, there is a lot to remember but I have no doubt the children will harness the details well and enjoy the challenge.

I found this wonderful quote which sums up our work in Steiner early childhood education: "Young children have an intimate connection to their surroundings, and everything they encounter makes a deep impression on them. Because they are so sensitive and receptive, one might conceive of young children as sense organs that perceive the world with their whole being." "What is localized as a sense in adult ears, however, is spread out through the entire organism of a young child. For that reason, children do not differentiate between spirit, soul, and body. Everything that affects a child from outside is recreated within. Children imitatively recreate their entire environment within themselves."

PREP WORKING BEE this Tuesday 6th September
2:30-3:30 pm

FRUIT TREE PLANTING AND CUBBY PAINTING
love to see you there if you can

Spring Festival, September 22nd

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

BUS ROSTER

Three very dedicated mothers have been travelling in the morning on the bus to school. They would love some more volunteers to help them with this roster. If you are able to help please contact Tracy on 0409 007 297

Hi Everyone,

As I am working at the moment I am looking for volunteers to help me coordinate the working bees. With the new parent participation scheme we are having two working bees every term. The person coordinating the working bees needs to get together a list of jobs to be completed, organise the sausage sizzle and be the point of contact for parents wishing to be involved. If people can help please contact the office and let them know. The hours coordinating go against your parent participation hours – so you can knock off four hours in one working bee!! Thanks Chris R.

RE: PRELOVED CLOTHES STORE

The preloved clothes store is open every Wednesday between 3.00 and 4.00pm. We are looking for volunteers to man the store each week. The store is now set up so all you have to do is to collect money and be there for the hour. If you are interested can you please contact Sylvia at parentsandfriends.bss@gmail.com

If we can get enough helpers, the store could open on Tuesday afternoons too.

Thanks Sylvia.

Feast of the Senses

Our fundraiser auction will now be held on Friday September 9th. You will be given the opportunity to Listen to the music of the incredibly talented Michael Young, Taste some of our region's finest Wines and Cheese and View,-with the opportunity to purchase-, incredible works of Art and Craft produced by members of our own Community. We already have some wonderful donations from the community but we need more. It would be great if we could receive something from each family, whether it is something hand-made or a service you could offer such as massage. We will start to display the items in the foyer soon so everyone can get an idea of what will be on offer on the night.

Please email Parents and Friends at, parentsandfriends.bss@gmail.com or speak to Sylvia, Naomi or Anna P. to let us know how you can help.

PLAY IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

Paulene Hanna

Understanding the play sequence that is in every life-sharpening our observational skills around children's activity in every day living.

All at Kew Library, cnr Cotham Rd and Civic Drive, Kew, 8pm, no charge for entru

BUXTON BABY would like to offer a standing discount to the Steiner Community. Buxton Baby is an online store providing natural, organic and environmentally friendly products. We present products for pregnancy, baby, children and lifestyle.

For more information & to take advantages of this discount go to: www.buxtonbaby.com

Enter the code "STEINERFRIENDS" and checkout to receive 10% off.

BIODYNAMIC INTRODUCTORY FIELD DAY

Sat., 17th September, 2011-10:00am-

BALLARAT STEINER SCHOOL

(New site cnr Moss Ave and Midland Hwy, Mt Helen)

Single \$60 Double \$100 Con. S. \$50 Con. D \$80

Includes LUNCH

All proceeds to aid the school.

For details, phone Johanna Schiebel
03 5342 4373 or 0458 223 048

Attendance at this day enables membership of the Biodynamic Garden Association, which allows purchase of BD preparations, access to library etc.

BALLARAT STEINER SCHOOL PARTICIPATING IN SAFEWAY EARN AND LEARN AND COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

From now until the 18th September 2011, **SAFEWAY** will give customers one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 they spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards).

Points will automatically appear on their shopping docket, which customers then bring into school.

This year we are also participating in the **Coles Sports** for Schools program - so whichever spot you do your groceries in, please bring in your receipts and vouchers to school for us to collect valuable school resources.

Help required. I am having a Working Bee at my home 91 Lemajics Road, Scarsdale, to prepare the house prior to selling. I need help with the garden and painting the outside of the house and fencing. If anybody is available to lend a hand on the weekend of the 17 and 18 Sep it would be greatly appreciated. I will be putting some food on, during both days and perhaps a few drinks. If you can help I can be contacted on mobile 0448 362 124,

Home 03 5342 8799

Thank you

Trevor Hogg

WOOL

.Processing wool in Australia is fast becoming a dying art, and wool needs to stay in Australia for creation from sheep to skein in order to support small farmers and micro business.

The successful project will ensure that your money will be put into directly paying the farmer, scour, fiber processor, mill and transport companies. The whole project occurs within the 03 area code - grown in Tasmania, processed and milled in Victoria. Please click this link to find out more
<http://www.pozible.com/index.php/archive/index/1205/description/0/0>

Kate Tanaka has a piano that she would love to lend out for loan (5 yrs a prox) if you are interested please phone her on 04330411040

*Anyone interested in Piano and Guitar lessons
Please contact Michael Young on 53326726*

If you have a business you wish to advertise or items for sale, you may place an advertisement in this section of the newsletter. This is a free service for our community members and for others, a requirement is a fee of \$5 or 10% of monies made may be donated to the school

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