

The Penny Newsletter

Term 2 week 11

Wednesday 23 June 2010

To carry spirit light into
World-winter-night
My heart is ardently impelled,
That shining seeds of soul
Take root in grounds of worlds
And Word Divine through senses'
Darkness
Resounds, transfiguring all life.

From The Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

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Calendar of Events 2010 Term Dates

TERM TWO

Tuesday 13 April - Friday 25 June

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Tuesday 20 July - Wednesday 15 September

Monday 26 July - Class 5 mothers meet with Jane Bennett 7.30pm

Tuesday 27 July - Michael Carr-Gregg Talk

Friday 30 July - National Tree Planting Day for schools

Sunday 1 August - Class 5 Girls Day with Jane Bennett

National Tree Planting Day Sunday 1 August 2010

Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday 5 August 4-9pm (school as usual)

Parent Teacher Interviews - Friday 6 August 8.30am-4.00pm (pupil-free)

Spring Festival - Wednesday 15 September - school

Combined Kindergarten Spring Festival - Thursday 16 September

College Review Days - Thursday 16 and Friday 17 September - No School

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

20-23 July -Year 8 City Camp

11-15 October Year 8 Rafting Camp at Mitchell River

15-17 November - Class 4 Kangaroo @ Princetown

29 Nov -3 Dec - Year 8 Wilson's Prom Camp

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School Market Last Day of Term

So far we have Anne Lucchesi's preserves and organic garlic, Marla Beddome's wool, Lisa Minster's Weleda products, Ellie will be selling groovy pre-loved toys, Loes & Krikke will be selling food supplies for the holidays, Ambah will be selling her beautiful crafted things and some clothes, Jika will sell slabs of timber, handmade hats, scarves and jackets, Catherine Shields will sell felted goods, George Duckett will have her soap for sale and Ann Davey will sell handmade cards. In addition Melinda Hawkes will be there with her reconstituted fingerless gloves and scarves as well as skirts at a special price for Steinerites. Debora of the "mermadeit" label is also coming if the weather's not too gnarly. You may remember Debora from last year's Spring Fair. She had a stall and also donated some items of her reclaimed fabric hand stitched kids clothes to the Silent Auction. I put an incorrect email address contact for her in the Spring Fair thankyou's in the Penny. Her correct email address is mermadeit@gmail.com.

Of course the school Swap Shop will be out for an airing **GRANDS SALE - BIG THINGS \$1 - LITTLE THINGS \$0.50 OR 3 FOR \$1**. Note all proceeds from the Swap Shop go to the school as we are selling donated clothes and unclaimed lost property. Other second hand stalls are welcome. The cost for having a stall is the lessor of \$10 or 10% of sales on the day.

Don't Forget lost property - check lost property as all quality items remaining in lost property at the end of term are washed and put in the swap shop for next term. Otherwise it's off to the opp shop.

NEWSTEAD BUS

State schools will finish early on Friday this week, the last day of Term 2, so the Newstead bus will be early. If your child travels on the Newstead bus, please make other pick-up arrangements on Friday, as we will finish at 3.30pm. Our school bus to Castlemaine will be at the usual time.

From the School Facilitator

Equilibrium is a significant stage in chemical reactions, when, given time, the composition of the chemical reaction mixture no longer changes. It is not, however, that nothing is happening in equilibrium; forward and reverse reactions are happening, but at the same rate. This simple description of a chemical process which has complex mathematical formulae to describe it, made me think of the dynamism that occurs in moments of reflection. As our school community gathered for the winter solstice last week, there was the opportunity for the dynamism of reflection. A moment when the inward forces of winter are met equally with the outward pull of longer days to come; a moment when the longest night is counter balanced by the shortest day; a moment when the dynamism of human endeavours sits in equilibrium.

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For me this year, the Winter Festival had potential for focused reflections which seemed to escape the moment. It was harder for me to see the actual calm of balanced, reflective exchanges. There was not for me a clear focus of our school community's purpose. A primary shared purpose being the loving care of all our children. We did not sing strongly together, many people had an enjoyable social evening talking and catching up, the children flitted between their parents and their teachers and their class mates. It was all pleasant, but for me, a little out of focus. The structure of the event seemed to allow us all to float a little aimlessly. Of course the wonderful fire, so well constructed by dear Peter, so graciously ignited by the Class 8's, blazed magic on us all and flared energetic reactions as onlookers danced around the sparks. For me we needed a point of focus, a moment of true silence, a poem, a shared song, a reminder of our intent. Yet, despite my distractions, I am reminded of the dynamic nature of equilibrium; were we dynamic, were we in equilibrium, were we changing within yet appearing to be the same? Such are the challenges of large community gatherings. Any feedback on your experiences of the Winter Festival happily received.

I wish all families a lovely three week break, enjoying all the adventures you will experience. It is a great opportunity for friendships to be garnered around shared explorations, for the glimpses of sunny days in winter to quicken our smiles. I know there is still a lot of winter to voyage through; it is still a long time till spring. These holidays have every opportunity for the rich rewards of gently cocooned journeys of discovery. Enjoy yourselves, mostly, enjoy your children, exactly as they are.

Deborah Wardle



The Year 8 students lighting the bonfire during our Winter Festival

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Thank you to Lisa Hall for taking many photographs during the Winter Festival. If you would like to see more photos, check the *Castlemaine Independent* online, which is compiled by Andrew McKenna (father of Dylan in Class 6 and Louis in Class 3.)

**Last chance to book for Michael Carr Gregg Talk: "Demystifying Adolescence".
Tuesday 27 July at 7.00pm** Bookings may only be made by paying \$15 at the office.

SCHOOL BUS

A number of complaints have been conveyed to the College about unsafe and inappropriate behaviour on the school bus. Next term there will be a bus monitor from Year 8 on each bus, and there will be a meeting of all bus travellers at the start of term to outline the expectations.

If children do not behave appropriately, they will be suspended from the bus for a period of time and parents will need to find another way of getting them to and from school. We hope this will make bus travel safer for all children.

SPANISH FIESTA! Olé!

We will be enjoying a Spanish multi-cultural week from 9 - 13 August, and on Friday 13 August our week will culminate in a fiesta here at the school. Everyone will be asked to dress in their best mantillas or sombreros, click their castanets and come to the school to help us celebrate everything Spanish. We would also like anyone who could set up a stall with any kind of Spanish flavour on the day to let the office staff know so that we can have our very own Spanish market.

**SAFETY IN THE CAR PARK!
PLEASE SLOW DOWN!! THIS IS ESSENTIAL**

WINTER BUGS

Please do not spread these winter bugs. Rest at home is the best cure.

From the Office

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

It's almost tax time again, so remember that you can claim eligible education spending this financial year if you receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A.

This amount will be noted on your next statement, no extra documentation will be required, so keep this for your tax return.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be having Parent Teacher interviews on Thursday 5 August (after school only) and Friday 6 August (all day - no school on that day). Interview appointment sheets will be in the foyer to fill in when we return to school after the holidays, or phone the office and ask Bea or Jenni to make an appointment for you.

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From the garden

National Tree Planting Day - Friday 30 July (Week 2 Term 3)

The whole school will be planting indigenous plants and we would love some parents to help, please let your class carer know if you can help for all or any of the times.

8.45-9.30am Classes 8 and 3

9.30-10.15am Classes 7 and 2

10.15-11am Classes 6 and 1

11.30-12.15pm Class 4

12.15-1pm Class 5

Any queries call Lisa 54722216 or accost her in the garden!

Craft News

Happy winter thoughts to everyone.

ALL my classes have been very busy and productive - knitting, weaving and sewing. Class Ones have almost completed their recorder bags. We are having a lovely time together.

Class Two are knitting furiously to complete their Native American Doll. This class is full of enthusiasm.

Class Three - most children have completed their Music Bags and are now working on knitted slippers or a beanie.

Class Four have worked steadily towards the completion of their Norse shields and swords.

Class Five are knitting socks, slippers and beanies. They are all very busy.

Enjoy these holidays. Keep warm and healthy.

Love Chris

Music News

Class 5 Soiree

Thank you to Class 5 students for a wonderful Soiree, which was held last Wednesday evening. And thank you to all the parents for your ongoing support.

Libby and Jeanette

P.S. We would love you all to come and hear the 7/8s perform at the assembly on Friday afternoon.

Wattle Kindergarten News

Thank you for a wonderful term, particularly for the extra help at Kindergarten.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Next term starts Tuesday 20 July and no Kindergarten on Wednesday 4 August because of parent teacher interviews.

Welcome to Isa's baby brother Solomon!

Love from Dorothy

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Banksia Kindergarten News

*The sunlight fast is dwindling
My little lamp needs kindling
Its beam shines far in darkest night
Dear lantern guide me with your light.*

We enjoyed our Lantern Walk on the 'longest night of the year' on Monday evening, along with all our friends from Wattle Kinder and the Playgroups. What a wonderful gathering of the early childhood families! The effort and imagination that went into making lanterns and learning songs led to lots of excited anticipation, and culminated in a most memorable event. THANK YOU EVERYONE! Our winter celebrations conclude with our Winter Festival this Friday 25 June from 9 - 10.30am, which is also the last day of Term 2. Please remember an extra piece of fruit on Thursday (in readiness for Friday - no need to bring fruit on Friday), and please could the children wear something white for the festival on Friday?

This week we welcome back Alby after his family holiday, and we wish Myfanwy and her folks 'Bon Voyage!' on their forthcoming trip overseas.

Term 3 for Banksia Kinder commences on Thursday 22 July. Our Term 3 Roster (for chopping fruit) is almost complete...just three empty spots - please help where you can. THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS FOR YOUR HELP IN SO MANY WAYS THROUGHOUT THIS BUSY TERM. IT IS ALL GREATLY APPRECIATED!

George and Miriam and I wish you all a relaxing winter break: keep warm and well nourished.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next term!

With Love - Kerry Anne

Prep News

*This is the longest night of the year,
Winter is here, winter is here.
It's cold and the stars are bright and clear,
Winter, winter is here.*

I hope that you enjoyed our Winter Festival; we certainly enjoyed sharing it with you. The children are looking forward to our campfire this week.

Sleeping sacks will go home on Thursday for you to wash or air over the holidays. If possible could parents please pick children up, as they will have too much to carry to be able to travel on the bus. We finish at normal time, 3p.m. on Thursday.

Report books will also go home on Thursday. I hope you enjoy sharing these with your child. Please return them after the holidays, so that I can complete them, ready for your child to keep at the end of the year.

This term seems to have gone by very quickly. It has been a busy, happy term.

I wish you a fun and restful Winter holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Love Heather

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Class One News

Class 1 have had a wonderful term. We have worked very hard on our main lessons, the most recent being an introduction to the four gnomes 'Plus', 'Minus', 'Times' and 'Divide'. We have been on our first real excursion on a bus to the Oak Forest and we are enjoying the mud in the playground. (Thank you parents for keeping up with the spare clothes!!) On Tuesday we had a wonderful working bee to restore the old mud brick henhouse, which was the first building on these grounds. Thank you so much to the parents and the children who contributed to this very industrious day. Next term our chooks should really enjoy their new home and be very encouraged to lay in their brightly painted laying boxes. After our beautiful lantern walk and bonfire last Friday evening, we are completing this wintry term with a lovely little main lesson called "The Snow Maiden". Please come and collect the first half years' main lesson books and enjoy looking through them in the holidays.

Love Anne

Class Two News

It was great to see so many different lanterns on the lantern walk last Friday and our class spiral was once again quite soulful.

We are ready!

Our play will be on this Thursday at 2.45pm. We will show it to Classes 1, 3, 6 and 7. The play "The Voyage of Mael Duin" was actually written by Diana and I first saw it when her class performed it four years ago. Now, from my perspective as a teacher it is interesting to see what the different children have taken on, great costumes, strong acting, precise pronunciation and inspiring choral speaking.

Everyone has contributed to an exciting performance.

As a thank you to Class 7 who have read to Class 2 now for over a year, they are also invited to see the play.

On Friday the performance will be at 10.45am sharp I would like all visitors and children to share morning tea together after the play. Please let Jacqui know if you can help! And that will finish the first half of Class 2. It is amazing how hard we have worked and to see all the children evolving so well. Have a cosy, warm and relaxed holiday and please support Julieanne in her work with the class while I have an extended stay with my family in Germany. Auf wiedersehen!

Take care, Dagmar

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Class Three News

Thank you to all our parents for attending our Class Meeting on Monday - these evenings are vital in supporting each other as parents and particularly supporting myself and the children to become a strong class community.

Throughout the story of Noah and the Flood we have unconsciously and consciously had some inner reflection on how we would feel in such a world and how we can live well now - respecting others - so that we live in harmony, with no consequences to suffer!

We have put much effort into doing our best handwriting and illustrations whilst learning more about full stops, capital letters, commas, colons, question marks, inverted commas, nouns, verbs and adjectives.

We have also made some connections to measurement using our bodies - cubit, digit, span, foot. As well, we have measured the length and width of the Ark, 300 cubits x 70 cubits with our huge ball of finger knitting - a great end to the term.

Have a wonderful spiralling-in winter holiday!

Warm wishes, Lyn

Class Five News

Where did the term go?! These last weeks we've been hearing interesting stories from the Aboriginal peoples of Australia. We studied song lines, local groups and the life of children in traditional societies. A wonderful way to finish the term! The number ukuleles in our room is still growing and so is the students' skill in playing them. We might do a little performance at the final assembly.

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing break and I look forward to a new term with more exciting work.

Love Rob

Class Seven News

What a feast we had with Fairsal and Fajr, our visitors from Saudi Arabia. We had an interesting talk, about the Saudi Arabian culture and the difference between the religion (Islam) and the culture. Fajr and Fairsal cooked us a very tasty meal of Rice and Chicken using spices they had brought from their homeland, which everybody loved. We also tried some Saudi Arabian coffee, which isn't like coffee at all, more like chai, but not sweet. That and dates from Saudi Arabia finished off our meal beautifully.

This week we are looking at Geometry and after the holidays, Wayne will be taking a chemistry main lesson.

Love,

Ann

Note: The next Class 7 immunisation day will be on Wednesday 21 July (second day of Term 3 for us).

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Class Eight News

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable winter break and look forward to seeing the students next term for our exciting Melbourne camp! We have a lot of activities planned and will be kept very busy enjoying a night tour of the Old Melbourne Gaol, ice skating, rock climbing, sailing down the Yarra River, going to the theatre, among other things. Everyone should have a permission form for the Camp, which begins on our first day back after the holidays. Please return your form this week, and remember that students have to be at the Castlemaine railway station by 8.45am on Tuesday 20 July.

Parents & Friends

Last August Benjamin Adams (Class 6) was nominated for his efforts in sport (in particular soccer and tennis). Recently the monthly sports stars and sports star of the year were announced at an official event held at the Castlemaine Town Hall. The evening was reported in the *Castlemaine Mail*. I think around 250 people attended and the keynote speaker was Steve Moneghetti. Benjamin was one of 52 local children nominated (the youngest I think) and also the only child nominated from the Steiner School. It was a wonderful experience for all who attended with most sports represented, from archery, gymnastics, horse riding, cycling etc. A great number of very talented kids! Edwynna Adams

GREAT HOLIDAY PROJECT

Spring Fair Craft Kits now available at the Office

LOES & KRIKKE

Today we are cooking for the eighth and last time this term. We love to cook the meals at the school and are very happy with your beautiful support! Next term we will be back with our cooking on Wednesdays and the soup lunches for the children. We will have a stall at the end of term market at school and we will sell homemade quiches, with bacon or vegetarian, also cakes and biscuits.

The menu for this week Wednesday 23 June 2010 will be:

Potato and leek soup with fresh chives \$5 a person

Braised lamb with sultanas, almonds couscous and seasonal veggies \$14 a serve

For vegetarians we have Couscous with seasonal veggies and fresh herbs \$9

Homemade focaccia bread with fresh herbs \$4.50 a bread (300grams)

Homemade biscuits \$4.50 per 100gram

You can order by e-mail Loes.krikke@gmail.com or by text message on 0421425663.

You can pick up your take away order today in the parents room from 3pm.

We wish you all very pleasant, relaxing holidays. Thanks a lot

Regards

Loes & Krikke

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WANTED - ONE OR TWO WELL-BEHAVED DONKEYS

Donkeys needed for our Spanish Fiesta on 13 August. Please let the office know.

CRAFT GROUP

Preparations for the Spring Fair are underway. The craft group will be meeting in the Playgroup building on Monday mornings, 9.30am-11-ish. Please join this productive group. Contact Felicity Lockwood on 5472 3540 for more details.

Community News

The content of the following notices does not necessarily reflect the views of the Castlemaine Steiner School and Kindergarten.

Dear Steiner Community,

As most of you are aware we have a wealth of wonderful health practitioners in Castlemaine. A group of these practitioners is forming an intentional community of practice under the name of **Healing Well - Expanding Perspectives on Health**.

We open in the first week of July at **147 Mostyn St** in the heart of Castlemaine. Please help us welcome our new space, come and experience a nourishing massage with Selina Wilson or glorious Shiatsu with Wendy Rowlands. You can look us up at

www.healingwell.com.au

Thank you for your support and friendship,
Much love and thanks, Marg Peck

THE WELLBUSH VINEYARD OPEN DAY, SUNDAY 4 JULY 2010, 12.00 NOON-4.00PM

Lynn and David Wallace invite you to the Wellbush Vineyard Open Day, featuring a string quartet, open fires, bocce, BBQs, antipasto platters, complimentary tastings, BYO picnics welcome. 659 Huntly-Fosterville Rd, Bagshot via Huntly. Ph: 54488515/wellbush@aapt.net.au.

FOR SALE

PIANO: Alex Steinbach "Recital" upright piano with stool. Dark polished wood. Excellent condition. \$3750. Ring Michael: 54723554 or 0418 179 175

LYRE Hand made - suitable for parents/teachers of young children
Beautiful Tasmanian wood with small motif hand carved (\$95 o.n.o.),
Sue Collins [juldasue@exemail.com.au].

INTERESTED IN LEARNING SPANISH?

A beginners' class is starting next term. One-hour class to be held on Tuesday mornings. For more information call Susana on 54723424 or 0400 060034

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BUSINESS FOR SALE

Great opportunity to own a beautiful, successful, eclectic country store - stocking a wide range of goods including a range of Steiner products. The shop is situated in the picturesque Upper Yarra region. Call Natalie to arrange a visit on 0409 989 251 or view online brochure at www.upperyarrabusinessforsale.com.au

YOGA NINJAS IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Barbara has 30 years' experience in teaching health and fitness to children and adults. Since 2003 Barbara has been teaching Pilates and Yoga and has a passion in sharing the fun of yoga with children and teachers.

Classes for Term 3: 13 July - 13 September, Fees \$120 (unwaged \$100)

On Wednesdays 3.40pm: 7-11 years; 4.45pm 12 years plus at Holistic Balance Centre, 16a Lyttleton St, Castlemaine Contact: Barbara Harry, 4570 6922, Aust. Yoga Inst, "RYTA 200", RCYT Level 1.

FAMILY DAY CARE VACANCIES

I am an accredited Family Day carer and have been working from home for over three years. I have two part-time vacancies at the moment. One is a casual booking on Tuesdays between 8.30am and 12 noon; the other on Wednesdays between 8.30am and 12noon. For further information phone Sally 54706241.

FOR SALE

*6 turned timber verandah posts, 100x100x2400. \$100 the lot.

*Saxon jodhpurs, girl's size 12, pale yellow VGC \$15

*Saxon pull on riding boots, Size 4 EC \$35

Ph 54706241

The Bendigo Symphony Orchestra presents Mozart's **THE MAGIC FLUTE**.
Featuring Local Singers on 4 July @ Capital Theatre Bendigo.