



Newsletter

Wednesday November 25th 2009

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Main Lesson Sharing 27/11/2009 of November 2009

Term Date: Term 4 20.10.2009—17.12.09

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Thursday swimming

classes 1-4

Surfing program Class 5 16th, 23rd
& 30th Nov

Class 1 camp Friday Nov 27th

Circus program:

Classes 1-3:

Every Tuesday until Dec 1st

Classes 4-6

Every Wednesday until Dec 2nd

Circus performance

Classes 1-3 Dec 1st at 1.45 pm.

Classes 4-6 Dec 2nd at 1.45 pm

End of Semester Reports

Friday 4th December

Classes 3 & 4 plays on Wednesday
9th December at 11.30 am

Class 5 and 6 Plays—Jetty Theatre

Thursday 10th December 2009
commencing at 6pm

Classes 1&2 Plays

11th December 11.30 am

Classes 4 & 5 presentations

Wednesday 16th December—times
to be confirmed

Class 2 presentation

16th December 9.00am

moving rooms (help required)

Kindergarten play

All Kindergarten and Peach

Blossom children are invited.

Wed 16th December at 10.30 am

Kindergarten finishes at 12 noon

17 Dec 9.30am-1.00pm SUMMER

FESTIVAL BOAMBEE RESERVE

17th December 10.30 am

Orientation of next year's Peach
Blossoms

Board Meeting

3rd Monday of Month

4.00 - 6.00pm

Library Open

Wednesdays 10am-5pm

P&F Weekly Thursday 2pm

Meet in Breezeway

Christmas craft stall

Friday 11th December 10.30 am—3pm

Wonderful gifts for sale

There has been a date Change for the Working Bee. We apologise about all the date changes. The Working Bee will now be held on the 5/12/2009

Working Bee

Saturday 5th December 8am to 2pm

Barbeque Lunch provided.



Please bring gardening tools.
If anyone can donate a turf cutter for
the day, it would be wonderful.
See Glenn.

Jobs to be done

- Fixing leaking flow-form at Kinder
- Painting boat at Kinder
- Making chairs for Kinder
- General gardening
- Carpenters with tools required to resurrect desks for 2010

Parents and Friends

Meetings are now weekly.

You are invited to join us.

We meet in the Breezeway on

Thursdays at 2pm. Please

come along and share ideas

with a friendly group who

raises funds for our school.

TERM DATES 2010

Term 1 03.02.10 - 01.04.10

Term 2 20.04.10 - 02.07.10

Term 3 27.07.10 - 24.09.10

Term 4 12.10.10 - 15.12.10

College

As we gear up for the final weeks of term and the big out-break of summer, it is also a time to reflect on what is important to us at this time of year, with all the hype of Christmas.

As many of you may know, a much loved Casuarina family needs our support at the moment. Todd, Asha, Sage and Oran Midson were involved in a serious car accident on the weekend. The College of Teachers, staff, students and families of Casuarina send their love and thoughts to Todd, Asha, Sage, Oran, Nicole and Frank during this time.

To give practical support to Todd is also important. Todd and Sally have been preparing the children for a **circus performance** on Tuesday 1st December at 1.45 pm for classes 1-3 and Wednesday 2nd December at 1.45pm for classes 4-6. Sally will continue to prepare the children in Todd's absence and this will now be a **benefit performance** for Todd Midson.

At the circus performance there will be an opportunity for all Casuarina families to make a financial donation to Todd. Christmas time is a time of giving to those in need and I am sure Casuarina families will show their amazing sense of community at this time. All families and friends are invited to the circus performance. All children from classes 1 to 6 will show their amazing feats and do both Todd and Sally proud.

Please check the website updates for school and class news to keep in touch with the events of the last few weeks of this school year.

Our Summer Festival will be held at Boambee Creek Reserve again this year on the last day of term **Thursday 17th December**. Further details will be on the permission note to be sent out soon.

Please make sure you have the children's play in your diaries. All family and friends, playgroup, preschoolers and kindergartners are welcome to attend each play. The senior plays for Class 5 and 6 will be at the *air conditioned* Jetty Theatre.

Play Dates and Times:

9th December Class 3 – 11.30, Class 4 – 12.15

10th December Class 5 – 6.00pm and Class 6 to follow after intermission at the Jetty Theatre – There will be a gold coin donation and also tea, coffee and cakes at intermission.

11th December Class 1 – 11.30, Class 2 to follow (approx 12.00)

As you all know, our Principal, Mark resigns at the end of the year. The College of Teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark for all the hard work and effort he has put into the school this year. He has developed many new programs, budgets and strategic plans to benefit the school and lead us into a healthy, sustainable future. We wish him all the best in his future directions and hope he and his family have a restful and wonderful Christmas.

Tracey Puckeridge
College Chair

Peach Blossom and Kindergarten

This is just a short reminder of upcoming dates as the term moves to its close, We are currently, rehearsing 'The Shepherds Play' for our end of year celebration.

Date: Wednesday 16th **Time:** 10:30 am

This will be our last day at Kindergarten. Please note this is a half day, finishing at 12:00 noon.

All Kindergarten and Peach Blossom groups are invited to attend the play.

- The Shepherds Play Presentation
- Break up party. Please bring delicious food to share for an early lunch

On Thursday 17th 10:30 am Orientation for our new intake of Peach Blossoms. Finally we look forward to meeting all the new 2010 Class 1 children in Rose Room with their parents for the crossing of the bridge ceremony.

Date: Wednesday 3rd February **Time:** 9:00 am

Please note Kindergarten, Peach Blossom 2010 begins on Thursday 4th February.

Looking forward to celebrating Advent with you and your children in the following weeks.

Warm Regards
Rowena, Lana and Pierina

Class 1

The end of the year is racing to greet us, or so it seems in Class 1. The highlight of this week is our Class Camp, on Friday night at Bundagen. We are hoping the weather and tides are kind to us so that we can all have a safe and happy time.

Swimming lessons are going very well (we can all swim!) and so are our circus activities. We are very sad to hear of Todd's accident and wish him and his family well.

As I write my end of year reports and look back over the year I feel very proud and pleased with what the children have achieved. Class 1 is a huge time of transition and adjustment and mostly the children have risen to the challenge. They move on to Class 2 feeling they understand the primary school, know the names of all the teachers and children and can write, work number magic and begin to read.

Our Class Play "The Shepherd's Flute" is going full steam ahead. Parents, you are invited to come and watch it on Friday 11th December at 11.30 am.

This is a very social time of the year so I am sure we will see each other often. Thank you to the Class 1 parents who are trying their hand at Breezeway, all for the first time.

Warm wishes,

Margie.

Class 2

Dear Children and Parents,

I always expect Term 4 to be busy, hot and fun, but this one is beginning to shape up to be exceptional in all areas. In Class 2 we now have 3 new boys! Our latest is Chai and his Mum Sheri, Dad Pete and younger sister Lilee – a warm welcome to you all.

I guess I'm not revealing any secrets when I say it is getting very hot – please remember large drink bottles, hats, cool loose clothing, a face washer to wet and cool hot little bodies down and most of all a sense of humour – every day until the end of the term!

Class 2 children are working through the most incredibly rich and beautiful of main lessons – People of Light. From this comes many opportunities to learn about many positive human virtues from people dotted throughout history from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. Also from this main lesson comes the story of St Bridget and our end of year play. Since beginning the Class Teacher cycle experience with a Class 7 group 3 years ago, it never ceases to amaze me the comprehensive and developmentally appropriate curriculum that children receive when experiencing a Steiner Education.

This is very much evident in quiet moments when I hear children of my class singing to themselves songs from our play – a play specifically written for Class 2 children from a leading Eurythmy Teacher in Australia. To witness the strength of the connection that my Class 2 students are making on a daily basis is nothing short of inspirational and it is a wonderful memory for me to have towards the end of another rewarding and beautiful year with my class group, their parents and the wider Casuarina Community.

Term 4 is a time for us all to revel in our year's efforts and accomplishments. Please keep abreast of all the wonderful opportunities to share in your child's schooling life, important dates and times are posted on the school website and on the front cover of our school newsletter.

Cheers and love

Ruth

Class 3

Happy Birthday to Iynka 9th, Darcy 10th, Cedar 11th, Tashi 20th and Tyson 26th November; also to Jordan 24th December and Luana 29th December - the dragon manufacturing plant at my house has been very busy!

Dates for Class 3 Diary -

- * Tuesdays - Circus with performance for parents and kids on Wednesday 2nd December
- * Thursdays - swimming & violin
- * Fridays or Mondays - homework
- * 4th December - reports will come home
- * 9th December Wednesday - Class 3 Play 11.30am in the hall
- * 16th December Wednesday - Class Presentation and then we move rooms to Class 4
- * 17th December Thursday - Summer festival at Boambee Creek Reserve and last day!

THANK YOU to our beautiful supportive team of Class 3 parents who have helped in any way this year. I really appreciate your support and love. The children only get richer with more incredible experiences when you come in to help or are supportive of school in any way. A special thanks to Mike and Anouk for being such wonderful class carers this year!

REPORTS are honest and helpful - you all know how much I love your children and by being honest I can help your child to know that I really see them and know who they are (and I love them even if they get a tough comment from me). I would like to talk to you about your child so if you want to organise a meeting with me to go over your child's report please come and see me, I'll keep some time available in week 8.

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Class 3 sends lots of LOVE to Oran's family who need it right now, that's Todd, Asha, Sage, Oran, Nicole and Frank. We also send love to Jessie, Flo, Heine and Sally who helped with open hearts!

GUINEA PIGS for sale!! Finally we are going to let the babies out into the world. If you would like a guinea pig, if you have \$5 and a cage at home for it to live in and MOST importantly mum and dad's permission you can come and apply to be parent to one of our much loved guinea pigs. (Don't worry we are keeping a girl and a boy so we can have more families next year!)

Finally a thank you to all my beautiful friends in Class 3: Jessie, Tuscany, Jacobe, Eden, Tyson, Dario, Noemi, Raffi, Fa, Finn, Allira, Jordan, Eli, Aryan, Oran, Darcy, Luana, Cedar, Ishana, Nicky, Iynka, Tashi, Jack, Finbar and Harper. We have had an adventure this year!

**11 of us this year were new, 25 of us now makes our crew,
Some are cheeky, some are sweet, all are incredibly fun to meet!
No matter what happened we had a good year, full of adventure and friendships dear
We were kind, we were thoughtful, we included everyone,
We're a damn fine bunch, I've had incredible FUN!**

I love you Class 3! Thanks for a magic and memorable crossing of the Rubicon! (and for those of you who are still crossing, don't worry we're waiting for you on the other side!)

FAREWELL - I don't want to make it official because I'm secretly hoping they will stay but there is a serious rumour that our special friend Jordan may be moving to Mullumbimby next year. If this eventuates - Jordan we will miss you like crazy! (And Suzy we will miss you too!)

Love Kathy

Class 4

Dear parents,

After our last main lesson on geometry we started looking at 'the many ways of writing'. Who do we write for? What is the purpose of our writing? What is the best way to 'transport' our thoughts? Is it a story, a letter or maybe poem?

In this context we are working on our play. This year the children of class 4 didn't receive any lines to learn by heart. They all know the story of our play very well (no, we won't tell, it's a secret..), and now they have to put their own words to their roles! An exciting challenge.

As time is running towards Christmas make sure you have pencilled in all the important dates: 9.12.09 at 12.15 class 4 play; 16.12.09 presentations (time to be advised) and moving of the class room ; 17.12.09 Summer Festival at Boambee Creek.

We enjoyed a wonderful year in the beautiful class 4 building. Now it is time to make the space available for another lucky group of class 4 children. For this event I would appreciate as many helping hands as possible.

It is also the time of the year to have a good look on your bookshelves for library books that might need to be returned to the school and search for missing clothes in the lost property box.

Elsbeth

Class 5

We send Sage, Todd, Asha, Oran, Nicole and Frank all our loving thoughts.

Please remember the circus performance on Wednesday 2nd December at 1.45 pm is a fundraiser benefit for Todd. Sally Townley, Nicky Castle and Susan Denney are co-ordinating efforts to support Todd. Please let them know if you can offer any support or have any ideas.

As the term comes to an end, I have been reflecting on the achievements of the class this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every child for their continued efforts and ability to find the best in themselves. Moving into class 6 next year will be a time of new maturity, social adjustment and new challenges. I am confident every child is ready.

I feel honoured to have such an amazing class and thank all parents for their continued support. I hope you can make it to the class presentation on Wednesday 16th at 10.30am to watch the children receive their presentations and so I can thank you all personally.

The last main lesson is Australian Geography and will take the form of individual projects during class time. Remember the last surfing day is Monday 30th November. Thank you to the parents who have helped support me in these excursions. Please let me know if you can help in the last week. A note will go home for the Jetty Theatre so that we can walk there for a rehearsal during the day on 10th December.

Have a wonderful family time at Christmas and great holidays,
Love from Tracey

Class 6

Dear Parents

We are in the midst of our play practice. This year we are creating a play about the Queen of the British Iceni tribe, Boudica, and her efforts to defeat the Roman Empire.

The children created the basic dialogue as part of a play-writing exercise at the start of term. As they improvise and enter more into their characters, the dialogue changes daily. Watching how they work, I'm reminded again about the real purpose behind our annual play: to work artistically *as a group* to create something wonderful to share with our parents and community. The opportunity to act is the opportunity to be who we are, as much as who we are not: it's a wonderful thing.

The story of Boudica is a complex one and we've been faced with issues such as the extent to which historical accuracy is necessary (and the limits of historical records); as well as artistic questions such as audience engagement in a tragedy.

The children are excited at the opportunity to present the play at the Jetty Theatre. It's very special to be able to do that as the stage is huge, it feels professional and it has great facilities (not least of which are the makeup mirrors with the little stage lights all around them!). The venue is large, so you're welcome to invite grandparents and other relatives for the night.

We do need some help with costumes next week, and possibly some props. Monday next week will be the day when we transform bits and pieces from the costume box into spectacular new costumes. If you can help, please let me know.

Class 6 sends their warmest wishes and love to the Midson family.

Warm regards
Linda

GENERAL NOTICES

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PASSIONFRUIT LEMONMYRTLE BUTTER, CHILLI
JAM \$8 EACH NATURAL ORGANIC, PRODUCE
Homegrown and handmade in Bellingen Valley For orders please e-mail Glenn Puckeridge on glenn@suntzu-



Looking for Christmas ideas?
Casuarina Craft Group is holding a Christmas
stall on
Friday 11th December from 10.30am—3pm.

Great opportunity for Christmas
gifts

"Can Do Man"

Glenn the Handyman for all the jobs you can't get done
yourself Landscaping, Bricklaying, Rock walls,
Small Building, Projects Lawn mowing
Call Glenn 6655 2053 Mobile: 0428 360 227

Ballarat Steiner School

Are looking for a F/T Class 5 & 6 Teacher

Applications close December 4th 2009. Previous applicants need not apply.

Job description on request at

wecome@ballaratsteinerschool.com.au

Kinder Assistant (Ongoing Position)

School: Ballarat Steiner School and Kindergarten

Please forward your resume to:

The College of Teachers

"Kindergarten Assistant"

Ballarat Steiner School

P.O. Box 630

Buninyong. 3357.



Casuarina Community will be having a fund raiser for the Todd Midson. We are all deeply shocked and saddened by the terrible accident that occurred on the weekend. All proceeds from this Sundays Bush Dance will go to assist Todd.

*A Bush Dance
with
Fiddle Sticks
and a silent
Fund Raising Auction*

Fund raiser for Todd

Sunday 29th November

At Casuarina School from

3 to 5 pm

\$10 per family

sausage sizzle available