



CLASS 10 CAMP



On Tuesday 6th of May, Class 10, including class guardians Elizabeth Noakes and Steve Richards (Ric), went on their annual camp, which this year was a voyage aboard the sailing schooner *Southern Passage*. It was no mere carefree holiday

cruise, however; the students had to pull their weight on board the vessel and functioned as fully-fledged members of the crew, learning the fundamentals (and more!) of sailing on the high seas along the way. Students were divided into three separate "Watch Groups" and worked a shift rotation that spanned all 24 hours of the day and night, leading many to reconsider their previous notions of the value of an uninterrupted night's sleep! But, although some were perhaps slightly drowsy, there was no time for weariness as the three and a half days were filled with activities – raising and lowering the sails, learning various knots and navigational knowledge, scuba diving and exploring the nearby coastal sand dunes, just to name a few. The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all, was highly educational and a possibly once-in-a-lifetime experience to be cherished and remembered. Class 10 would like to extend our appreciation to the captain and crew of the ship, who showed us great hospitality during our stay aboard the *South Passage* and we wish them well for the future.

Jake Williams

As we left the land onto the boat everybody was complaining and taking tablets for sea sickness. But as the boat moved on and the land fell behind us becoming further and further away and smaller and smaller, everyone began to calm down and enjoy themselves. Everything was fun from going to different Islands and jumping off the boat, to hoisting the sails and taking shifts at 2am. Everything was enjoyable and pleasant. People began to put down their sickness tablets as they realised the gently rocking was soothing. By the end of the camp everybody had had a great time, well fed, nice tan, great memories and new friendships. As the boat pulled up to land everyone just didn't want to get off.

Elena Dawe

The Sunset and the boat shimmered in the distance. I watch the water splash up against my legs as I step lightly through it. I look around to see if I can see what I'm looking for. But it's not there. My eyes start to look back and forth. But nothing. The sun is starting to disappear, I still see nothing. And then just in front of me a head pops out. The dolphin swims inches from me. I put my hand out to touch it but I hesitate and it swims away. Moments later it reappears. The look of a beautiful dolphin next to me was magnificent.

Stepping on the soft wet grains of sand, looking back & forth as I step. My mind starts to race as I wish I could be anywhere

but there. I slowly pace myself. My eyes shimmer and my pace fastens. My sight starts to blur as I run as fast as I can. A feeling of relief is racing up and down my body. I am finally away from everyone. Thank god.....

Cinta Chlopicki-Godschling



When we first arrived
I must say I was surprised
The boat looked very good
Made out of metal and wood.
The night watch was quite cold

For some warmth, my soul, I would have sold.

The work we did on deck was fairly hard
At least we could relax and play cards
I was dismayed when the trip was done.
I never thought it would have been so much fun.

We said our farewells and home we went
Each one glad of time we spent.

Colin Kupferschmid



It was a fresh Tuesday morning when we pulled up outside the school and threw our bursting, oversized sports bags into the back of the Nimbin tour bus. Everyone was buzzing with excitement and a sense of adventure hung in the air. After two short hours in the colourful contraption we piled out and were met with the beautiful sight of a magnificent sea faring vessel. Being over one hundred feet long, weighing 60 tonnes and sleeping 45 passengers the "South Passage" stood out in the crowded harbour. The boat seemed more suited to the set of Pirates of the Caribbean than the busy Brisbane harbour full of flashy white catamarans and dinky old fishing boats. We were briefly greeted by the crew and assigned to a watch, we then loaded on our baggage and were shown around. Throughout the next four days, we learnt the ins and outs of life on the high seas. How to flake, sweat, steer, let down and put up the sails and tie a variety of tricky looking knots all in a 15 hour day. We dived off the boat into the cool clear water and climbed up the almost vertical sandy white dunes. We saw dolphins and turtles and dugongs. We ate pancakes and nutmeg tasting sausages. We sang Bob Marley and played heart disease. When the last day finally dawned we were reluctant to step off the vessel that had been our home for what seemed like such a long time. The experience was unique and something that I know everyone will hold onto and cherish for the rest of our lives.

Jasmine Whyte



Dear Parents, Friends and Students

What a traumatic time the elements have dealt parts of our earth the past few weeks with the dreadful devastation wrought by floods in Myanmar and earthquakes in China. We send our sympathies and loving thoughts in their direction. Some of you may know that there is one Waldorf/Steiner school in China in the city of Cheng Du. We have had word that they all managed to escape from the building but face the long task of rebuilding. If you would like to send any monetary assistance to them, we can arrange for that. See the lovely ladies in the front office.

Strategic Plan:

The long-awaited Draft Strategic Plan is now available on the website. The Plan has been to the College of Teachers and to the Council and some adjustments have been made as a result of this process. It was presented to the full staff faculty on Wednesday. We hope and anticipate that there will be some fruitful discussion at the Parents and Friends Association meeting on Monday evening. We welcome written suggestions and/or questions as part of our further consultation process, to be received by the school no later than Friday 6th June. When reviewing a Strategic Plan, it is important to keep in mind that it is a *living document*, not one that will be shelved and forgotten, but from which we take our direction and purpose. As with all things in life, direction and purpose are always mobile. Strategic Plans are no different and so are reviewed on an annual basis. As with any Plan, they are a guideline not a straight-jacket. You will note when you see it that some of the points are circled. The circles denote the aspects of the plan which will be part of the 2008 Annual Plan. By about August of this year, I envisage we will be setting our 2009 Annual Plan, so you can see that we are somewhat behind. The next Strategic Plan review will be around May or June 2009 to inform our 2010 Annual Plan.

Parent Evenings:

At the beginning of the year when we were developing the year plan we, rather presumptuously, included Lisa Romero into the Parent Evenings as has been the usual practice over the past years. Recently, Lisa has made the decision not to undertake further work in parent evenings and to focus her considerable skills on teacher professional development. We already have on staff enough people with the necessary knowledge to help parents to understand the deeper aspects of the curriculum that their children are receiving and, with Lisa's assistance, we will continue to build on that knowledge.

We are eternally grateful to her for the work she has done in bringing and holding the anthroposophical aspect of the school's impulse over many years. I know that she has taught a great deal to many people and appreciate the personal and professional sacrifice she has made in order to do so. Lisa's work in the school has been highly valued and the slight

change in direction will continue with the same gratitude, admiration and esteem. A simple public "thank you" seems inadequate but it comes from the heart.

Transition to High School:

Teachers of both the Lower and Upper school faculties are currently working collaboratively on our process of a seamless transition from Class 6 to 7 and beyond. It has been interesting to hear from our Dornach conference attendees, Peter and Yvonna, that teachers worldwide are grappling with the same issue. We are very committed to providing what is best for the children, as always, and have many elements to consider. When we have a clear and collective appreciation of the pedagogical and developmental needs of the children we can make the right choices in relation to personnel, management plans and timetabling.

Resignation:

It is with regret (for us), that I announce the resignation of Mark Stephan, our business manager. Mark has taken a financial position in a Sydney firm and will commute Sunday-Friday so that his daughter can continue to receive the benefits of our lovely school. Mark's enthusiasm, energy and immense integrity will be sorely missed on our staff. However, he will continue to be a parent and a much needed and respected friend of the school, something for which I am grateful. It will be hard to fill his shoes, and we are investigating options around ensuring that his responsibilities are covered when he leaves on Friday 6th June. I am sure that you will join me in offering our congratulations and wishing him all the best in this exciting new venture.

Open Day:

Those who managed to get to the Open Day on Saturday could not have helped but be impressed by the beautifully presented school. Every room that I visited looked full of deep and interesting learning; and, despite the building in progress, the grounds also looked wonderful. A huge THANK YOU and WELL DONE to all staff, teachers, children and helpers for the beautiful displays, warm welcomes and fabulous food. It was a joy to behold! I would want to bring my children here!! As with all our activities, we reviewed the Open Day in our full staff meeting and have noted some suggestions for improvements. If you have any suggestions, bring them along to the P and F meeting on Monday. Lastly, we send our love and blessings to Julie and Lyn as they convalesce following illness and surgery. We hope to have them both back with us soon.

Warm regards
Janet Molloy
Principal

Class 4 French

Class 4 is learning French on Wednesdays for one hour. The children are learning numbers up to 69 and the time. They are able to present themselves in French, tell where they live, their nationality and their birthday. They know the days of the week and the months of the year. They are learning to write the name of animals in French and I am very impress with their writing as well as their diction. Class 4 is so well behave it is a real pleasure and a lot of fun to teach them.

Francoise

THE world I see:

*A frozen, empty, barren wasteland it would be
Without the work my head and heart and hands can do
To heal its pain.
All things must die and then be born anew.
To help in this great task, that life be not in vain,
The world needs me.*

Michael Hedley Burton

Term 2 2008 Tue 29th Apr—Fri 27th Jun
 Term 3 2008 Tue 22nd Jul—Fri 26th Sep
 Term 4 2008 Tue 14th Oct—Fri 12 Dec

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P & F Meetings in the new P & F Room 6.30—8.30

Next meeting—Monday 26 May 08,

(23 June 08, 18 August 08, 27 October 08, & 24 November 08)

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| 27 May 2008 | Lismore Lantern Making Group visit to school to help make lanterns |
| 27 May 2008 | Class 2 Parent Meeting 7pm—Class 2 Room |
| 27 May 2008 | Class 7 Parent Meeting 7pm—Class 7 Room |
| 19 June 2008 | School Tour—9.30am Library |
| 19 June 2008 | Class 5 Parent Meeting 6-7.30pm |
| 20 June 2008 | Winter Festival—details to be finalised soon |
| 21-25 July 2008 | Class 8 Camp—details to be finalized soon |
| 27 July 2008 | Classes 2, 3 & 4 excursion “The Happy Prince” Lismore Town Hall |
| 18-22 August 2008 | Class 6 Camp—Mee Bunnbia, Beaudesert |
| 17-19 September 2008 | Class 5 Camp—Tyalgum Ridge Retreat |
| 20 September 2008 | Spring Fair |
| 22-26 September 2008 | Class 11 Camp—Carnarvon Gorge– Outback Queensland |

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2009. Is your child turning 6 next year. Please remember to let the Front Office know as soon as possible. The enrolment process is beginning very soon.

Thank you to all who attended and helped out at the P&F Stall on the Open Day. The Stall generated a profit of \$861.60 which will be gratefully received by the P&F Canteen fund. A heartfelt thanks to everyone (you know who you are) who cooked/baked/served/donated \$ for raw ingredients/ and even saved the tables from some unforeseen OH&S risks. The other plus was the 5 applications we took on the day plus plenty of enquiries for our kindergarten and playgroup.

Building works continue earnestly given our lovely weather. Please remember to remain clear of the construction site and please don't park within the School grounds for at least the remainder of this term. In relation to the next stage of capital works, we are currently getting quotes for the new High School toilets and Multi Media Extension. These works are expected to begin in the July school holidays along with work on the Amphitheatre roof.

School fees for Term 2 are now due. We request payment at your earliest convenience as I will be following up all outstanding fees next week.

In relation to my resignation, I thank all staff and parents for all their support over the last two years. It has been a wonderful experience and I am confident that I am leaving the School in very capable hands. I look forward to being a member of the Class 2 parent community and offering positive support to Rosina as Mackenzie-Jane continues her journey at Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School. In relation to farewells, I am happy to gratefully receive an organic lemonade (Tracey reads this newsletter ☺) at the Bangalow Hotel this Saturday night from 7.30pm while we watch the Waratahs cruise to victory over those hapless Sharks from Durban (Simon Kilpin also reads this newsletter ☺).

A warm heartfelt thank you

Mark Stephan

ENROLMENT POLICY UPDATE RE: HOLDING FEES DURING LONG TERM ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

The School Council would like to notify all parents of the following amendment to our Enrolment Policy which is applicable from the 19th of May 2008:

“Holding Fee:

If a circumstance arises whereby you need to withdraw your child from School temporarily and you wish to reserve your child's place in the class, you must apply in writing to the school giving as much notice as possible. Your request will then be considered taking into account the nature of the circumstances resulting in such a request, for example medical or special family reasons.

If the School agrees to the holding of your child's enrolment you will be required to pay a holding fee that is non-refundable which is equivalent to the full tuition fee per term per child. If the School decides that a place is unable to be reserved for your child you will be advised. Should you still wish to remove your child from the school this will be treated as a withdrawal. Re-entry of your child into the school will be subject to the re-enrolment procedures and re-entry interview.

To be eligible for a holding fee, the student's fees must be fully paid up at the time of the departure. A child's place cannot be held for longer than **one** term. Long absences bring about a separation from both the class community and the sequential work program and are therefore not encouraged.

A pre-requisite for holding a child's place is an agreement by the parent(s) not to enrol their child at any other school in Australia..

Post script:

Education in Australia is compulsory for all children between the ages of 6-16. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child is enrolled at, and attending, a registered school or has a Home School exemption. Schools which accept enrolments have a responsibility to follow up on unexplained absences. We do understand that there are occasions when children have opportunities which broaden their horizons and which may require a prolonged absence from school. We will rarely not grant that permission as long as parents are aware of their obligations to their child's education as we are not set up to distance learning. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.



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LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY TIMETABLE TERM 2 2008					
Times	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30 – 11.00	Open	Open 9.15 – 11.00 Primary Small Group Tuition	Open 9.15 – 11.00 Primary Small Group Tuition	Open 9.15 – 11.00 Primary Small Group Tuition	Open
11.00 – 11.30	Open for Morning Tea				
11.30 – 12.30	Class 2	Class 5	Class 6	Class 4	Class 3
12.45 – 1.30	Open for lunch				
1.30 – 3.15	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open

Parents, please make sure that your children bring their library books in their library bags to school on the day of their library class.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Our School Library took part in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 21st May. Children in Classes 1,2,4 & 5 (Class 3 are still away on camp) heard the story of 'Arthur' by Amanda Graham. The same story (about a very ordinary brown dog looking for a home) was read to children all over Australia at the same time. Class 1 heard it in their classroom and the other classes responded to an invitation to hear the story in the library. The library was full and the children enjoyed the story. Thanks to the Primary teachers and children for supporting the event. - - - - -Catherine

GENERAL NOTICES

Due to limited space, priority will be given to activities, community events/classes, practitioners, courses, businesses, sales and notices which are seen to support the philosophy and enhance the well-being of the school, its activities and the students.
PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL NOTICE BOARDS FOR OTHER NOTICES SENT TO THE SCHOOL.

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Sat 7 June: Storytelling: Taking the First Steps & Sun 8 June: Therapeutic Storytelling: Healing Challenging Behaviour Through the Medium of Story 8.45am -4pm. - Registration 8.30am.

Byron Shire

Solar Hot Water Heating Campaign
Byron Shire Council has launched a **Solar Hot Water Heating Campaign** to help reduce the generation of greenhouse gas emissions within the local community. The campaign aims to assist residents to convert from conventional electric systems to

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