



HSC English Advanced Excursion to Sydney

On Thursday 12th June I flew down to Sydney with 9 English Advanced students to see the Harlos production of King Lear. We have been studying the play for the past 2 months and we were lucky to find a live theatre production we could attend, albeit a rather long journey to get there!

Shakespeare's plays were meant to be performed rather than read and it is a trying task to help students feel the atmosphere of the great themes in a class reading situation. We were not disappointed by the performance. David Ritchie was the director and he also played the exhausting part of Lear himself. We were treated to front row seats and a 30 minute talk by the director after the show. I was extremely proud of my students' ability to ask thoughtful questions and show maturity and engagement in the show. It was a wonderful presentation of this classic tale. It mixed the tragedy with comedic elements that we were not expecting, giving us a very different version to the rather lifeless BBC versions we have watched on film.

King Lear presents us with grand themes of growing old, paternity, sibling rivalry, inheritance and politics. It asks us to examine language, roles of women now and in past times and how we communicate our love. It is always relevant to a young audience and our students seem to delve deeply into the many possible readings. With many of our students studying Drama, they are able to analyse performance and compare representations.

We stayed in Newtown and enjoyed the vintage clothing shops and hectic city pace as well. We managed to squeeze in a quick visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art on our second day before heading back to Ballina the next morning. Thanks to the wonderful parent who supplied the Travel Essence to deal with my lack of courage in flying! Thank you to the parents also for helping fund the trip and ferrying us to and from the airport. It was a memorable trip with a group of very special and much admired (by their teacher) students.

Katie Biggin

*Within the darkness of the night
I long to be a light,
That seeds be planted, small but flowing,
Seeds or brightness which start growing*

*Soon, in darkness round me, empty, void of light,
God's Word resounds, and all things sparkle pure
And clear and bright.*

Michael Hedley Burton

MOSQUITOES AT CAPE BYRON RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

A large percentage of the world, including Byron Bay and our school site, provides ideal habitat for the life cycle of the mosquito.

There are more than 2,700 species of mosquitoes in the world, with many genera, of which most mosquitoes belong to three. These being

Aedes – floodwater mosquitoes.

Anopheles – associated with bodies of permanent fresh water.

Culex – associated with bodies of quiet standing water.

They can fly up to 120 kms from their breeding site.

Their life cycle is from 1 to several weeks. It is the female mosquito that bites to obtain proteins in blood, necessary for laying eggs. They feed on many warm-blooded animals, including humans, who have moved into their habitat in countless numbers.

Over the years at Cape Byron Steiner School we have worked on many strategies to reduce breeding sites for Mosquitoes. Some of them include, landscaping to reduce ponding of water, vegetative removal to remove ponding in gutters and other areas, sealing of water tanks, waste water tanks etc, replacement of sewerage pond with sealed tank, native fish in storm-water dam to eat larvae and many, many minor maintenance tasks to remove breeding sources. We will maintain an ongoing campaign to monitor and manage the mosquito issue.

However, Byron Bay and our school site are in Melaleuca swampland and major mosquito habitat: therefore for it would be prudent to take measures to minimise the risk of being bitten. These can include wearing of protective clothing, applying Mosquito repellent and avoiding outside activities when mosquitoes are a problem. We provide Air- Conditioned classrooms in the event that classrooms need to be closed.

Gavin Colley

Site Manager

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you—not because they are nice, but because you are.

Author Unknown



**Medal of the Order of Australia.
Rosemary Gentle, Executive Officer**

The RSSA Executive are extremely proud to announce that Rosemary Gentle, the Executive Officer of the RSSA has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her outstanding achievement and service in Australia. Rosemary's dedication and commitment to education and in particular Steiner education over the last 30 years is evident. Her energy, enthusiasm, professionalism and integrity has ensured that she is regarded in high esteem by those in Steiner education as well as organisations such as AIS, ISCA and government educational authorities. She has also spent countless volunteer hours on behalf of schools as a Board Director and always makes herself available to support Steiner schools and their communities. It is wonderful that Rosemary has been recognised for her contributions and we warmly congratulate her.

In the Australian honours' system, an appointment to the Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way Australians recognise the achievements and service of their fellow citizens. The Medal of the Order of Australia is awarded for service worthy

of particular recognition.

Nominations to the Order of Australia come directly from the community: either individuals or groups. Rosemary's nomination was submitted to the Honours' Secretariat at Government House in Canberra, who conducted further research and contacted referees.

The 19-member Council for the Order of Australia then considered her nomination and the Council made its recommendations, independent of government, direct to the Governor-General.

Rosemary's Award in the Order of Australia was publicly announced on the Queen's Birthday public holiday, 9th June.

**The CBRSS Staff and
Community warmly
congratulates Rosemary for
this honour.**

H I G H S C H O O L

High School Cross Country Event.

The High School will hold its Inter House Cross Country event this Friday 20th June starting around 11.10am at the pass in Byron Bay. The students and participating staff will finish their run at Belongil beach where there will be a few beach games and activities before they return to school for lunch. We would like to wish all participants good luck and an enjoyable time.

Steve Richards (Ric).

GENERAL NOTICES

FRIDAY MARKET NEWS

Our thriving market has some openings for term 3. We need someone to fill in for Susan for a single term, making sushi, tofu pockets and the like. Also, there is an opportunity to make and sell cakes. For both of these contact David 66 192 441 or david@inspiredworld.com

GENERAL NOTICES

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HEALING STORIES FOR CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

Guest Speaker and official 'launcher': Kati Wendorf
(Editor of Kindred Magazine)

Friday 18th July 2008, 6.00 to 7.00 pm

Mary Ryan Bookshop, Fletcher St, Byron Bay

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FOR SALE

3/4 Violin (can also be strung as a 1/2 violi). 5 years old. Excellent condition \$250.00—Please call 66 190 190

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Want to get back into work or study, but not sure how to get started?
Wollongbar TAFE's 'free' Preparation for Work and Study' course will boost your confidence, and provide you with essential job seeking and study skills. It has a **wellfare industry skills** focus, but is also a valuable preparation for any work and study area. It includes computer training and work experience. Supportive and friendly, within school hours, 3 days a week. Semester 2, 2008. Contact Wollongbar TAFE on **66204700**.

Petra Karni, Craniosacral Therapy, Alexander Technique, Physiotherapy from 2 July 08 also practising in Byron Bay
0403 226 858/6685 9665

Seasonal Cookbook FUNDRAISER

- We want your favourite 'Spring' recipes
- Try to include recipes made with produce local to the northern rivers.
- Any Lunch ideas & 'tips in the kitchen' welcome
- All funds raised go towards new canteen!
- Cookbooks will be for sale at SPRING FAIR

send to: recipes@nappywrap.com.au
by the 22nd August 2008.

1 Pink Supre bag lost, at last Friday Market, with books in it. Please contact the Front Office if you find it.

We are a Christian based **Horse Riding Camp** and hold **7 Day Camps** for children every school holidays. The camps offer a fantastic opportunity for children to gain their independence in a safe Christian environment.

We cater for children ages 6 yrs to teens, offering full accommodation and adult supervision. The camp is situated close to Gympie and there is a bus available from Brisbane.

JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP DATES: 21 - 28 June, 28 June - 5 July, 5 - 12 July, 12 - 19 July



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