



CAPE BYRON RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVE DRAMA

Come along and experience the talents of Class 9 & 10 drama students on stage next Wednesday & Thursday

Cape Byron Steiner High School presents;
Living with Lady Macbeth
By John Rob

June 10 & 11
2009
Movement
Space
7.30pm

*Come you spirits that tend
on mortal thoughts...*

\$5.00 Tickets
Available at
the door

Suitable for ages 13 and over

CRAFT GROUP

The craft group has started again, meeting every Thursday morning in the Parents & Friends Room. Spring is around the corner and we are madly, creatively sewing for our fair. Come and share a cuppa, learn a new skill and be amongst friends. Children welcome.
For more details please contact Sandi 6684 7961 and Jodi 6687 2573

Term 2 Fees are OVERDUE and prompt payment is requested.

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Friends

It is with some deep regret and some relief that I am taking my departure from CBRSS. This is a beautiful little school with enormous potential and my wish is for guidance for the Being of the school from that Being of divine light and universal love, Christ. The impulse of this Being is a basic and fundamental element of the philosophy which informs and supports Steiner Education – Anthroposophy. In today's age, together with the Christ, stands the Archangel Michael whose task it is to give us the strength and courage to be truly aware and conscious and to implement change for the higher good, for clarity of direction, structure and purpose.

I am very grateful for my time at CBRSS, for the support I have received from the staff and for the beautiful friendships I have made, both within and outside the school, which will endure beyond my physical presence in the Byron area. There are some incredibly talented, devoted, hard-working, caring people teaching in this school. Humility is another quality I'd add to that list, as true worth does not call for self-promotion. Please take care of these gifts to the school, as well as the ever-helpful, ever-pleasant administrative staff.

Thank you to the many parents who have frequently expressed their gratitude for my presence and my work. Last of all, thank you to the beautiful children for whom the school exists.

Arohanui*

Janet Molloy

*This is a Maori word with no real English translation and roughly means "universal love".

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

A little information from the Primary Faculty...

The primary faculty members spend time in one classroom every 2 weeks being updated about main lessons, practice and afternoon lessons, challenges and joys. The members are able to view the students work and to ask questions. From 3.30 - 5 each Wednesday the primary faculty discusses many items and coordinates activities and events. Some of the discussions have included:

1. Camps and their organisation - the school as a whole is moving quickly toward a sequential age appropriate camp program. Ric, the PDHPE coordinates and supports the camp program.
2. The wet weather and its affect on performances. It has necessitated lots of variations to routines as did the unavailability of the movement space during T1. It affected rehearsals and the actual date of Autumn Festival. It is now affecting rehearsals for both the C5 and the C6 plays due to be performed before the end of term ... we have our fingers crossed.
3. Board of Studies BoS - this is the scheduled year that CBRSS is inspected for Registration and Accreditation by inspectors representing the NSW Board of Studies. All Scope and Sequence documents have been review as have the programming documents. All the work that needs to be done is proceeding in a timely manner.
4. Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management has been re-presented in terms of history, value and process - due diligence, duty of care while doing playground and other duties. Challenging behaviours presented in classes are discussed and support given where necessary to both teachers and students.
5. The Anti-Bullying Policy has been discussed and initial work has begun on a review of the current policy. The primary faculty believes that a whole school community approach is necessary.
6. Winter Festival discussions have begun - Festival Committee and the HS, PS and kindergarten will be involved.

Many thanks for entrusting your children to us ... it is a delight to teach them and learn from them,

Lyn McCormick

Primary School Coordinator

Class 5 The following stories are a result of the introduction of various text types (genres). Some were inspired by a picture, a word, a phrase, by brain storming and some from main lesson stories. They are all works in progress - sometimes finished sometimes not. The aim is to write and write and write using more and more punctuation and grammatical features. Sometimes the students were given 1 minute or 3 or 10 and sometimes much longer.

The stories have been proofread and edited to correct and model good punctuation, grammar and spelling as well as the use of paragraphs, semi-colons, full stops and capitals while retaining the style of each child.

Story by Lee-El

Early after Sambara's death the other giants wanted revenge. They went to Vritra, the fierce dragon, and told him what had happened. Vitra was furious.

I am a cloud cow. I am the leader of my herd. I said, "Look over there, it's Vitra! Run everyone!" The next thing my herd and I knew, we were in a cave, and we just saw the last sparks of light.

We stayed in the cave for forty years. Finally we heard a big noise. Everyone ran to the entrance. The rock was moving. The sun shone on us for the first time in years.

Vritra was defeated by Indra.

Story by Emmanuel

In 1111, there were millions of bears. One bear found a time machine, and pushed a button that said 2222.

Then with a zip zap and he had gone to the year 2222. There were trillions of people everywhere, and he was very scared.

He pushed the button that said 1111. And with a zap zip, he was back.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have a few vacancies for part time kindergarten children in the Thursday/Friday session. The vacancies are for students who turn 5 before 31st July, 2009. Please contact Sharon or Susan in the office.

Applications for Kindergarten in 2010 will be closing 28th June, 2009. Please contact Sharon or Susan for more information 6684 7400.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Practicum students at CBRSS

For the past month or so the CBRSS High School has had the great pleasure of hosting a number of university students undertaking practicum as part of their teacher training. We have been joined by Phillip Raso from Latrobe University in Bendigo, who has been working with Rachel Knight and Simon Richardson in HSIE. From Southern Cross University in Lismore we have been joined by Emma Mariette, who has been working with Elisabeth Noakes and Denis Hopking in Visual Arts, Ben White in Science with Sam Hemphill and Joe O'Keefe with Tom Whitaker in Music.

Hosting practicum students has great value for both the school and university students. It offers qualified and experienced teachers an opportunity to not only give back and help train the next generation of teachers, but is an excellent Professional Development opportunity as we gain insight into our own style and teaching methods by viewing others and seeing their new ideas in practice.

Here are some words from the students themselves:

Phil (HSIE) – It has been an amazing initiation into the world of teaching for me at CBRSS. I came without any preconceptions of Steiner Schools but from day one I felt that this is how schools should be. The skilled and dedicated staff have been incredibly supportive and helped me with all sorts of questions and issues, and the students are fantastic, talented and loving individuals. I am not sure (or prepared to say) who I'll miss more.

Emma (Visual Arts) – I felt very blessed to be sent to CBRSS as it was the exact school I wished to have an experience at (the Steiner philosophy resonates with my personality). I've found teaching here to be both challenging, for a first time, and rewarding! I would like to say thank you to all the teachers for their warm welcome and friendly nature. They made me feel like part of the staff and I hope to return. My highlight was encouraging students to complete a successful painting when they begun with an attitude that they couldn't or wouldn't do it!

Ben (Science) – My practicum placement at Cape Byron Steiner School has been extremely valuable and I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to put theory into practice. The students and staff at the school are fantastic and my experience here has definitely confirmed my career choice.

Joe (Music) – It has been great to be thrown out in the “real” world of teaching. An intimidating experience but what a lovely place to start! Great environment, supportive staff and I am blown away by the talent of the students.

Thank you to Phil, Emma, Ben and Joe for the great enthusiasm you have shown during your stay, and to their supervising teachers who have given of their time and expertise.

Rachel Knight
CBRSS High School Coordinator



A WAY TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY
REPAIR, CARE & MAINTENANCE (R,C&M) PROGRAM

Programs such as this help to make a community resilient by fostering interaction and communication in a variety of formats. We encourage parents to come forward and offer ways in which they can contribute to the life of this school (community). We put the word Care in there to foster a broader approach to the activities. As of this year parents can either contribute 16 hrs of time, per family, or \$200.

There are a number of ways this time can be contributed. We have 2 R,C&M days planned for this year and are looking at possibly having more. Parents can also contribute at other times in other ways. Throughout the year you can contact your class Teacher or class Guardian or any teacher and ask them or offer to them ways in which you could contribute. For example, due to the cut back in our cleaning program, parents are already assisting some teachers in the cleaning of, in and around class spaces. More help is needed. There are many tasks teachers need help with. Discussion will foster ways in which it can happen. More ideas will come up as we all get practice at it.

You can also do tasks for Admin and the Library. As the Site Manager I am always in need of various forms of help. One such task at the moment is the construction of a timber containing frame for soft fall at the PS swing near Class 1. We need deep cleans of classrooms during school holidays and cleaning of windows now and then. With enough people power and contributed resources we could get a significant food garden operation happening. One parent is already doing 8 hrs plus a week in the garden and is keen to have more people committed to further this activity.

You can contact me on 0427 847 400.

Gavin Colley, Site Manager

SPRING FAIR NEWS

Heads up! Our Spring Fair is on September 26th this year but a lot of planning, thinking and preparation begins long before the big day. Class 3 are already getting things started and here are some ways you might get a head start creating, networking and gathering goodies to contribute to this fantastic day:

- Do you have, or do you know of a business that could contribute goods and services to the raffle or silent auction?
- Do you have clean, non-broken goodies, clothes, books etc in your cupboards that can be kept aside for the white-elephant stall?
- Are you harvesting delicious fruit that can be made into preserves? If you're a jam-maker, why not bottle up a few extras for your class contribution to the preserves stall?

These are just a few ideas to get you into the 'Spring Fair Groove'. If you have any questions or suggestions please email Heather on hbraniff@bigpond.net.au. Class 3 will keep you posted with our progress and more ideas about how you can help make this another very special celebration of our school and community!

CALLING ALL STORM DAMAGED VEGIE GARDENERS

Has your vegetable garden been flattened or your fruit trees damaged? Have you got any green tomatoes sitting there never to ripen?

Perfect opportunity to make Kasoundi or green tomato pickle. They will sell like hot cakes at the Fair. Just google a recipe if you don't have one – its easy.

If anyone needs jars or has excess jars please call me.

Heather

hbraniff@bigpond.net.au

Ph: 6685 3396

SUSTAINABILITY – Our Theme

*P*ot those Plants, preserve those fruits.

*R*ing your family and advise the date – 26 September

*I*nquire with Class Co-ordinator what will be your role.

*N*ourishing Food – More information to follow.

*G*rab those old wares and clothes for the White Elephant Stall.

*F*antastic fun for one and all.

*A*rtists –Calling all performers – painters, dancers, singers & musicians.

*I*mpression – An opportunity to showcase CBRSS .

*R*aise the awareness of sustainability generally and in particular our school. Raise as much money as possible whilst building our community.

∞ **Bush Dance**

Saturday 27th June, 5.30 – 10.00pm, Byron Youth Centre, Gilmore Cr, Byron Bay

Come along and kick up your heels! An all-school bush dance has been organised by class five featuring the *Bushfire* band. Hearty food and refreshing drinks will be available for sale to keep your energy up throughout the night. Dress up in your best countrified gear and join your friends for a night of fun.

Tickets are \$25 per family at the door or just \$20 when bought at the Friday markets.

∞ **Alternating P&F Meeting Time and Day** The P&F are alternating their meeting times and days. Every second meeting will now be held on a Friday at 3pm in the P&F Room. Childcare is available for a \$2 donation at the Friday meetings.

Next meeting: Monday 29th June, 6.30pm

∞ **Class co-ordinators** come along to the P&F meetings to fulfil your RC&M hours and share information between your class and the wider P&F community. It is a great way to find out what is going on around the school, have your class represented and you might even enjoy yourself! If you haven't received your updated co-ordinator handbook, contact Jane Dolahenty: janedolahenty@bigpond.com

∞ **Craft Group** The Craft Group has started work on producing beautiful handwork. If you are interested in being involved please contact the school office with your contact details.

∞ **Mobile Phone Muster** Clear out your old mobile phones, in any condition, with or without chargers and hand in to the Office. Recycle and raise money at the same time.

∞ **Shopper Tokens** If you choose to shop at the Supa IGA at Sunrise, make sure you ask for tokens to deposit in the Cape Byron RSS box near the registers. The IGA donated around \$600 to us from the tokens last year – that's easier than selling raffle tickets!

∞ **After-school Care** The P&F are keen to determine if there is a need to run an after-school program. If you are interested in after-school care being provided, please email Petrina Hutchinson stevepetrina@optusnet.com.au with details of days, times & children likely to attend.

∞ **P&F Business** The executive positions for 2009 are confirmed as:
Chairperson: Petrina Hutchinson, Treasurer: Jenny Leyland, Secretary: Jane Dolahenty.
Many thanks go to Josie Kelly for her great work as P&F Secretary over the past year.
If you would like to receive P&F minutes and agendas, please email the secretary janedolahenty@bigpond.com with "P&F contact list" in the subject box to go on the new, updated P&F list.

Petrina Hutchinson, P&F Chairperson stevepetrina@optusnet.com.au

27th JUNE 2009

BYRON BAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTRE

5:30PM ~ 10PM

BUSH DANCE

BUSHFIRE BAND

HOMEMADE

- SOUP
- CORN
- BREADS
- PUDDING

BYRON STEINER

\$25 PER FAMILY @ DOOR

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council wishes to announce that our Principal Janet Molloy has resigned effective from today, Friday 5th June 2009. We wish her well in her future endeavours and thank her for her work at the School over the last 16 months.

The School Council, College of Teachers and Faculty heads will be meeting to ensure the smooth management of the school in to the future.

Once consultation has taken place with the College of Teachers and Faculty heads it is envisaged the role of Principal will be advertised with a view to having the position filled by no later than the commencement of school next year.

Parents will be advised of any interim management arrangements as soon as possible.

Mark Stephan

On behalf of the School Council

Council Report – April-May 2009

On behalf of the School Council, I am pleased to give a brief report of the new School Council's activities since its election at the AGM on April 4, 2009.

Apart from the Chair of the meeting forgetting to bring some food for all Councillors to enjoy at one of our meetings, the bi-monthly meetings have been quite successful with many resolutions reaching a consensus decision in a timely and efficient manner. One of these resolutions was to enable all Association members to view the Council minutes, so please feel free to go to the www.capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au to view an extract of the minutes if you so wish. The password for Association members is the date on the file and then cbrss. (for eg to open the word document 140409 Extract of Council Minutes.doc; the password is 140409cbrss).

A summary of the work performed and status of Council activities thus far is:

- The elected Chair and Treasurer is Mark Stephan; Vice Chair is Jeremiah O'Toole and Secretary is Adrian Hanks. If you would like to get in contact with any of the Councillors on Council matters please email the Secretary on secretary@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au
- The Financial results of the School are performing slightly better than budget and we are pleased to announce that the NAB has approved an increase in our overdraft facility this week. Final statutory accounts will be emailed to all Association members..
- In terms of operational matters, some of the major resolutions passed by the School Council are:
 - Secondment of Jeremiah O'Toole and Merrill Badger to the Property Group to assist in the completion of the BER Grant for initially a \$2m multipurpose hall. This Group has now completed an architectural design brief for the hall and Jeremiah has also received written assurance from the AIS NSW that there is no disadvantage to the School for applying in the third round so as to enable greater consultation on the results of this design brief.
 - An extension of bursaries for a limited time and only for Classes 10,11 & 12. Total bursaries are limited to 10% of the School population.
 - An acceptance by the Council to attend the AIS management and governance workshop. The Council also wishes to reactivate the Constitutional Committee after this workshop. We have also begun discussions on the Special resolutions at the AGM and our strategy for future resolutions.
 - A request to review the current Grievance Process so as to make it more accessible and quicker to resolve issues.

The School Council is also dealing with a number of confidential grievances in accordance with our Grievance Policy. We are now meeting again in a fortnight to review the budget impact of decision in relation to kindergarten, specialist teachers and the BER Grant.

On behalf of the Council

Mark Stephan

Dear Association Members,

In accordance with the constitution, you are cordially invited to attend a Special General Meeting to be held in the Library at 7pm on Monday the 22nd of June. The purpose of this Special General Meeting according to the 10 Association members who signed the submission is to vote on a number of special resolutions to alleviate election anomalies.

Kind regards
Mark Stephan
Councillor

GENERAL INFORMATION

Little Yarra Ensemble to visit Cape Byron

The Little Yarra Ensemble will be coming to our school for workshops and concerts at the end of September. The ensemble consists of young players from class 6 to 10 and they are brilliant.

If you have not seen them you can find out more by visiting their website

www.lyss.vic.edu.au/lyensemble/index.htm

On Wednesday 30th they will perform for our school and you are invited to come and hear them.

On Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October we will be running workshops with them, our students and Shearwater students, culminating in a combined concert on Friday night at the A&I Hall in Bangalow. The students from Little Yarra will need to be billeted by families from our school. Please let me know if you can offer a place for 1 or preferably 2 students.

There are about 45 of them so we will need lots of families to help out!

It will be a great opportunity for your children to get to know other students who share the same passion for music and a similar school life experience.

Thanks Loani

The following students have been rehearsing with Robbie & Ian (our strings tutors) in the Lismore Symphony Orchestra for the last two months and will be playing the Can Can in their next concert series, which starts this weekend. It has been a fabulous experience for Cecilia, Leila, Hayley, Thea, Chela, Madeleine, Lee-El, Jasmine P, Tahiti, Esme, Mali, Elsie, Ruby & Tim and any support from the school community as audience would be greatly appreciated.

Ian Bowles

Lismore Symphony Orchestra

Sunday 14th June - 2.00pm

Lismore City Hall, Lismore

Saturday 20th June - 2.00pm

Southern Cross K-12 School Auditorium, Chickiba Drive, Ballina

Orchestral Favourites including

William Tell Overture, Phantom of the Opera, Raiders of the Lost Ark and the Can Can.

Featuring 50 additional string players from the community.

Children are invited to enter the lucky draw door prize by coming dressed as a Star Wars or Harry Potter character

CLASSIFIEDS

Study group invitation

You are invited to join our study group. We are studying the first of Rudolf Steiner's mystery plays - 'The Portal of Initiation'.

We meet in Bangalow every second Tuesday from 7.15 pm - 9.30 pm (and 9.30 pm - 10.00 pm social time).

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th June.

Phone Adrian or Arleen Hanks on 6687 2507 or 0400424417 for more information

Friday 5 June, 11 am

Living Landscapes Stories for World Environment Day

Byron Council Chambers, Mullumbimby.

Hear stories by Aboriginal local Athol Compton of Madhima Gulgan; Frank Mills our local historian and Mark Dunphy of Firewheel Nursery.

Saturday 6 June 8am -12pm Madhima Gulgan Aboriginal Cultural tour walking, storytelling. Bus Departing Brunswick FREE! Bookings essential -room for 24 only Call 66846294

Sunday 21 June Celebrating Winter Solstice

As we approach mid winter, when we have the longest night and the shortest day, it is a great time to contemplate the dark and the return of the sunlight. In some cultures stories were **only** told in winter or else only **certain** tales were told in certain seasons. Some stories associated with this season are 'Mother Holle' or 'Mother Winter' (Grimm's) and the Japanese Story of Ameratsu, the Sun Goddess who retreated into her cave, creating winter until she could be coaxed to laugh at herself and then she re-emerged and life could spring forth again. Some stories tell of the Goddess labouring through mid-winter's night to rebirth the Sun.

If you know of other winter stories please drop me a line! Deep winter is also a great time for dream incubation- so go ahead and ask for divine dreams!

"Any story that gives hope for something to come, whether it is the lengthening of the days, the birth of a prophet/teacher, or hope for prosperity of wealth, happiness, or health, would be totally appropriate as a Solstice tale." This quote and some mostly American and Alaskan tales at <http://www.story-lovers.com/listswinterstories.html#online>

Want to get back into work or study, but not sure how to getstarted?

Wollongbar TAFE's free 'Preparation for Work and Study' course is what you're looking for. The course has a **welfare industry skills** focus, but is also available preparation for any work and study area. You will boost your confidence, and gain essential welfare industry communication skills, jobseeking skills and study skills. The course also includes computer training and work experience. Supportive and friendly, within school hours, 3 days a week. Semester 2, 2009. Contact Wollongbar Campus on **66204700**.

For Sale

Cello - Professional Ensemble Cello, beautiful tone. \$750.00 Ph: Jan 66851864

Play Rugby in 2009!

Bagalow Rugby Football Club is looking for more players aged up to 14 years to join our successful and growing Junior Club for the 2009 season. Games are played on Friday evening. For details see www.bagalowrugby.com Contacts: Dave Phillips (0412 080 614) or Paul DeFina (0400 572 028)

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Hello,
my name is Chrissy Schmidt and I'm 19 years old. I visit a Waldorfschool in the South of Germany (Stuttgart). After my final exams in June, I would like to spend 6- or 12 months in australia as an au-pair. I have 3 littel sisters (16,13,10 years old) and a 2 month old brother. Besides that I have already been for 6 months in South africa as an exchange student. So I have already experiences with other cultures. During the week I look after children from the age of 4 to 13. I can speak english fluently, but not perfect =), so I would also like to improve my language in the time I'm in your country.

If I have evoked your interest you can contact me the following way:

e-mail: schwatzbasechrista@web.de

phone: 0049-70563419

With best regards from germany to australia, Chrissy

Hi

I'm studying for the Diploma in Rudolf Steiner Education at Taruna College in New Zealand. I'll be coming back to OZ July 6th and looking to rent some accomodation for 2 for a couple of weeks - maybe a parent has a shed or granny flat to rent over the holidays or someone needs a house sitter?? If you think this request is appropriate for the newsletter and can help then thanks heaps, if not, no worries and thanks for your time.

Have a beautiful day

Tania tania sena [tania_sena@hotmail.com]

HOUSE SWAP :- Family currently living in three bedroom house at Federal to swap with same in Byron. Phone:-66884565 or 0432418352

