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NEWSLETTER

ACTING PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends

We have had a very busy week at School this week, and as with emerging Spring, we are experiencing the fluctuations of warmth and cold, levity and gravity, light and darkness: there is change all around. The pace is quickening, just as the sap is rising in the plants, as we grow towards the blossoming Spring fair in a few weeks!

The School Council as you know are faced with many challenges this year, with regard to the School's financial situation. The situation is so serious, that many very difficult decisions have to be made.

One of the changes is that the School can no longer afford a full time Teacher Librarian. In the future, the position that has been filled by Catherine will be replaced by a Library Technician position. Catherine has chosen not to accept the new position. Consequently, Catherine will be leaving her position at the School at the end of this week.



We are sure that you are all shocked by this information, and want to acknowledge that Catherine will be greatly missed by the staff, students and the community. Catherine has been a valued staff member at the School for many years, much loved by all the children, and has contributed so much and in so many ways, that she will always be part of the very 'fibre' of our School. It is with appreciation and gratitude for all the time, energy, commitment, beauty and warmth that she has given to all of us, as well as the legacy of a wonderfully created and cared for library space and book collection, that we bid her farewell.

Catherine will return to school next Monday at 1.30pm for a farewell to the children in the primary school. She has spoken to the staff during the week and students in the high school today.

We have been fortunate to have Sue Cairns, an educational consultant from the AIS with us these last few days. She has observed teachers in the primary school, and met with teachers in both primary school and high school, and met with parents as well. Her help and advice for parents and teachers, with regard to managing challenging behaviour, and meeting the additional support needs of students has been much appreciated.

On Thursday evening, Alan Wagstaff and Valerie Campbell-Hogg from Silkwood Steiner School, visited us and gave a workshop for College and School Council members on the Distributed Management Model, developed by Alan and implemented by several Steiner schools in Australia. It was very enlightening and gave much for thought as we deliberate and discuss the ways in which our school can move forward and continue to develop efficient and professional systems of responsibility, leadership and management.

Next Tuesday evening at 6pm at the Surf Club at Byron Bay, the Year 12 students will showcase their final works in music, drama, and film, and art. Please come along to a special occasion for the students and teachers, and be part of the finale to their schooling, as they prepare for their final exams and reach the end of their journey of learning at CBRSS.

If there are any parents who have even an hour to spend, we would love to have your help to paint the front fence before the Spring Fair... see Gavin if that is a job you would like to do..... every helping hand is very much appreciated.

On that note, thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us this Term in our role as Acting Principals. Julie will continue in the role until the end of 2009, with the continued support of the Faculty Coordinators, Katie, Rachel and Lyn, and the Admin Team.

Best wishes
Julie McVeigh and Rachel Knight

Catherine @ CBRSS

For the past 8 years I have been employed as the Teacher Librarian, developing the library collection and planning the new library, which has now been open for nearly a year.

The library began as one shelf in the office, then a couple of fold up shelves on wheels in the movement room which were opened up a couple of lunchtimes per week for the students, then closed up again and stored behind the curtains. The collection grew and the library moved into the Octagon, which is where the first library classes began. The books took up the whole room, so the children had to sit on chairs outside on the path. Most of the books were donated or second hand. When the school decided to have one kindergarten instead of two, a room became available for the library and then the collection really started to grow. There were no tables at first but there were wooden chairs. Later there was a computer and the collection was gradually catalogued. Then the school invested in a library programme, which meant barcodes for the books and the borrowers. After much planning and with government funding the library as we see it today finally became a reality – a long way from one shelf and a box with cards in it.



Over the past 15 or so years that I have worked at Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School I have had many other roles. Before the full time Teacher Librarian position I was employed as Library Assistant and Craft Teacher for the Primary School. I was responsible for compiling, printing and distributing the weekly newsletter (printed on an old gestetner), filling in at the office when someone was away, Behaviour Management Manager for the Primary School, and more recently Co Acting Principal. I have been a member of the College of Teachers and the Occupational Health and Safety Committee and The School Council.

In a voluntary capacity I have run the Craft Group, craft workshops, coordinated the Spring Fair, been secretary and treasurer of the P&F, Market Coordinator and Coordinator of the craft activities at the Spring Fair.

And I have loved nearly every minute of it. I have enjoyed the company of wonderful colleagues, parents and especially children. I have had the very special privilege of seeing children grow from 5 year olds in Kindergarten to Year 12 graduates. I feel honoured to have been a member of a truly fantastic and unique community.

It is therefore with sadness that I depart the school, as well as with a sense of great achievement. I leave behind a wonderful library where the children of all ages have a sense of ownership, a place which provides a window to the world. It is well known that schools with libraries and librarians have greater rates of literacy and a visible love of reading.

I bid you all a fond farewell and give my best wishes for each of you and the school community.
I will be visiting the school on Monday afternoon to say goodbye to the children.

Love
Catherine

You are invited to HSC SHOWCASE

Our current class of year 12 students will be exhibiting and performing their

HSC major works at the Byron Bay Surf Club on Tuesday 15th September from 6-9 pm.

All are welcome to come along and be treated to an immersive display of music, drama, artistic and audio visual performance.

A LONG TERM FRIEND IS MOVING ALONG



Our school has an existing and comprehensive system of wastewater management, an integral part of our whole school approach to sustainability. However, increased usage of water based systems means that we now have a need to take up our reserve wastewater irrigation area in the top playground.

A professional consultant was engaged to look at all options for finding extra land for this purpose, and this area was identified as the only option.

Sadly this means the removal of our much loved and cherished Icecream Bean tree. The vegetable garden will also be removed from this area, and all the soil transported to the bottom vegetable garden in the HS.

Once work has been completed a new tree and other edging plants will be planted in the area. The teachers will organise a special ceremony, to celebrate the life of this tree, before the end of term.

Regards,
Gavin Colley,
Site Manager.

MUSIC NEWS

Seeking Assistance with Catering

On Thursday and Friday, 1st and 2nd October, students from Cape Byron, Shearwater, Samford Valley and Little Yarra Steiner Schools will be participating in Music Workshops. This will culminate with a performance on the Friday evening.

The Little Yarra Ensemble group have their own catering team travelling with them and they have offered to prepare lunch, morning and afternoon tea for all 100 students and 25 teachers. In order to do so, they are calling for some local volunteer helpers.

If you are able to assist and have a sense of fun - then please call Barry Sharman on 0400 565 548. Food handling skills is of course also a valuable advantage. If your call is unanswered then leave a message and either Barry or Leah will be sure to get back to you.



Many thanks,
Barry, Leah and Alan on behalf of the Little Yarra Ensemble

2009 TERM DATES

Term 3 ends Friday 2nd October

Term 4 ends Wednesday 16th Dec

Term 4 begins Tuesday 20th October

Term 1 begins Thursday 28th Jan 2010

Spring Fair Countdown

Saturday, 26th September

ENQUIRIES: Heather Ph: 0417 595 067

THIS YEAR:-

Build those muscles ready to climb the
12M Rock Climbing Wall.

Register for the **FREE skateboarding workshops.**

Write your **SUSTAINABILITY** song - you could win 1 of many amazing prizes.
CHOREOGRAPH and **PERFORM** your **SUSTAINABILITY** inspired dance.

DESIGN, CREATE and get ready to **PARADE** your **fun**

Recyclable Fashion piece – **GREAT PRIZES**

Discover sustainability options this year with the **Exhibitors**

Not to mention all the usual wonderful activities.

Don't forget to bring a friend.

Your To-Do List:-

- Mark Friday, 25th September (setup day) on your calendar
- Bake 2 cakes/plates of biscuits etc. for the tea/coffee stall
- (bring to the office on setup day or on the Spring Fair Day)
- Nurture those plants, seedlings etc. ready for the produce stall
- Preserve those jams and chutneys ready for the produce stall – 10 JARS PER CLASS
- (bring along on setup day or before. Drop off at kindy)
- clear out those cupboards for the White Elephant Stall clothes, toys, books (not broken)
- Collect interesting items for HOOPLA - drop off Class 4
- Register on the Rosters with your Class Co-ordinator
- Cut flowers, ivy and jasmine for decorating the entrance and the Garland making Stall.
- Wrap 10 x \$1.00 gifts for the Kindy Lucky Dip OR collect small items to fit into a match box Castle.

CLASS CO-ORDINATORS To-Do List:-

- Create Rosters for your class to manage your stalls.
- Provide parents to help with parking on the day.
- Ensure you've completed your Requirements Forms and handed them in to Bec or Ilanit for equipment.



12th September Woolworths – REGISTER TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

19th September IGA – REGISTER TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

Contact Margie, Ph: 6685 4873 to book your spot on the Roster.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON IF YOU SELL THE MOST TICKETS

VOUCHERS

Whatever your skill ie. Massage, gardening, graphic design, domestic cleaning, window cleaning – turn it into a Voucher for our Silent Auction and help our Fair.

COFFEE MACHINE - * * * WE NEED YOU * * *

To enjoy a COFFEE MACHINE style coffee, we MUST HAVE experienced Baristas. So if you want to enjoy a fresh coffee on the day please step forward and volunteer 1 hour or so to run this stand.

LEMONS, LEMONS and more LEMONS – KEEP THEM COMING

All donations of lemons welcome (for gorgeous homemade lemonade)

We will do the juicing just call us and we'll arrange drop off/pick up.

Call Heather Ph: 0417 595 067 or Susan Ph: 6687 2393 or Becs Ph: 6629 1537

PRESERVES AND PLANTS FOR THE PRODUCE STALL

Keep planting, nurturing and preserving for this very popular stall.

HEALERS/HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

If you have a wonderful talent to offer and an hour or 2 or 3 we would love to hear from you. An opportunity to promote your craft at the same time bring much pleasure and relief. Contact Arleen at hanksa@bigpond.net.au or 0417 687 229.

HAVING A CLEAN OUT

We'll take it off your hands (providing its not broken). We would love your second hand goods for the White Elephant Stall and HOOPLA game. Drop-off at the proposed cafeteria space or Gavin's shed. For large items call Heather Ph: 0417 595 067

GARLAND STAND

Please call Ruth, Class 6 Ph: 6687 8119 if you know how to make the garlands or if you can supply flowers, jasmine or ivy. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

POTTERY – ITS HAPPENING – THANK YOU SOOOOOO MUCH

WE NEED:-

- . Actors
- . Musicians
- . Dancers
- . Song Writers
- . Recyclable Fashion Designers – great prizes to be won.

Call Praba Ph: 6684 4226

RAFFLE

PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES

Three major prizes for the most raffle tickets sold!

Pre-Kindy to Kindergarten

A Ravensburger game (compliments of Toy Kingdom)

Primary School (Class1-6)

A \$50 Book Voucher

High School

\$200.00 Voucher to the shop of your choice in Byron Bay

If a family wishes to not sell their allocated book, PLEASE return it to the front office ASAP so another family can sell the book. Extra books can be picked up from the front office.

All High School students from Class 9-12 may pick up their own raffle tickets from the front office.

All raffle books sold or unsold MUST BE returned by 21 SEPTEMBER 2009.

*So hurry, hurry, hurry.
Thank you and good luck*

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CLASSIFIEDS

CLEAN CHEAP MODERN OFFICE SPACE

available (share).

Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Ph: 66856840

FRIDAY NIGHTS @ THE YAC 6-10pm

drop in fun for 12-17 year olds

movies, music, art, gaming, food and more....

parents welcome to drop in, have a coffee and a chat and meet the staff and volunteers of BYS

Byron Youth Activities Centre (YAC) is managed by Byron Youth Service (BYS)

1 Gilmore Crescent Byron Bay

www.bys.org.au phone 6685 7777

Seeking Video Camera Operator

to video Wild Honey Dance Festival performance event "Rhapsody"

Saturday 26th September

Bangalow A&I Hall

6:00-10:00pm

Please call Belinda on 6685 1316

Celebration of Michael the Guiding Spirit of our Times:

27th September 11am at

CWA Hall Mullumbimby

Organised by Cape Byron Group for Anthroposophia.

All welcome and please bring a festive plate.

Enquiries - Brian Keats 66191051

4 SALE LEFT HANDED MATON semi acoustic GUITAR. Exel cond. Cherry Red EBG 808 CLG Performer Series. AP5 Pickup. Perfect performance and recording instrument.

Small body makes playing/ transporting comfortable, big pure MATON tones.

Lefties here is a chance to testdrive a beautiful guitar (usually have to custom order without trying instrument, as often no left handed guitars in shops)

Matons not only hold, but can increase in value as they sound better n better as they age.

(Reluctant but necessary sale) Call CHRISSEY ANDREWS-GOVETT 0438662441

Greetings everyone,

I have some friends visiting these coming holidays from NZ. They are a family of 5 - with 3 teenagers. They will be here from Tuesday 6th October to Sunday 11 October and are seeking a house sitting or renting possibility.

Roy is the office manager at Taruna (RS Anthroposophical and Teacher Training centre) and Rachel is the Extra Lesson teacher at the Steiner School in Hastings.

If you are going away for the holidays during those dates and could offer them your house, can you please contact me asap, and I'll forward you their details.

Thanks for your time and consideration
Maria, Class 1

Nature's Child Organic Baby Store in the Arts and Industry Estate has class slippers, drawing books, pencils, drinking bottle and lunchboxes as well as craft supplies and unique wooden toys. They also offer a FREE colour catalogue that can be posted anywhere in Australia. Call 1300 555 632 if you know a special person who would appreciate one.

FOR SALE

1. **Champion Juicer** - Juice, puree, ice-creams. All attachments inc, in great condition.
\$300.00 Ph: 0437892595
2. Steiner Home school curriculum for **Class 7 'Live Education'**, complete.
Enquiries to Elizabeth Ph: 0437892595

Hi

I'd like to organise a house swap for the October '09 holidays with someone living in the Byron area.

We are a family of 3 kids and one adult. We live in a comfortable 5 bedroom terrace house in Waverley, a few minutes from Bronte Beach. We do not have pets but wouldn't mind looking after your family pet. We plan to fly and could talk about a car swap as well (2006 Volvo XC). The house has one main living area, with a second one we use for kids and computer work, a rather small bathroom all situated in a quiet and happy street. So, if you would like to discuss further, please email me, ygdesign@tpg.com.au

or call me on 02 9664 7182.

Yolande Gray

Kind regards,



It's confirmed, Marlis is a LEGEND!

SAE OPEN DAY -tomorrow Saturday 12th September

featuring a SCREENWORKS session.

www.screenworks.com.au for more information.

2010 TERM DATES			
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Begins Thursday 28 th January	Begins Tuesday 20 th April	Begins Monday 26 th July	Begins Tuesday 12 th October
Ends Thursday 1 st April	Ends Friday 2 nd July	Ends Friday 24 th September	Ends Wednesday 15 th December