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21<sup>st</sup> November, 2008

Dear Parents and Friends

Firstly, I would like to pass my warmest congratulation to the 15 young people who have recently graduated from our Class 12. During the various formal functions which were held to mark this occasion, the leavers conducted themselves with the dignity, grace, sincerity and uprightness that we have come to expect from our students. As I watched them mark this very important milestone in their lives, I was struck by their fondness for the school and their teachers and their gratitude for the education they have received. As they did, I would also like to thank their parents for allowing them the opportunity to receive this wonderful education and for blessing the school with their presence. They will be missed but we will be very interested to hear of their progress through life.

Thank you to Class 6 for the beautiful dramatic performances full of music, colour, drama and humour. It was a pleasure to see the high standard of production and the obvious enjoyment of the children. Well done all!

As we head towards the end of our year there will be more occasions for parents and friends to experience the wonderful music in our school. Why do we place such an emphasis on music? Research shows that children who learn to play a musical instrument benefit in many ways, the most important of which is in the development of their "EQ" or emotional intelligence. Playing music increases or improves a child's memory, reasoning capacity, concentration, social skills, creative ability and time management. In these times when instant gratification is easily attained, learning to play a musical instrument teaches children the value of delayed gratification, an important aspect of EQ. Children with a highly developed EQ have a higher self-concept and are more self directed as a result. If your child is not yet playing an instrument or has "given up" speak to one of our talented and skilled music staff about taking up lessons. Around the age of 7-9 is a good time to begin playing an instrument and it is never too late.

Keep well and dry.

Kind regards  
Janet Molloy  
Principal

Congratulations to Kaya Edwards in Class 12 who submitted a piece of writing in a competition run by Southern Cross University and won \$500.

## Juel in Beijing

Living in China is completely different than living in Australia. When we walk down the street there are hundreds of people. China populates 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the world. To reduce the population they made a rule that you can only have 1 child and if you have another one you get a big fine. In Australia they speak English and words I can understand. In China they speak Chinese and words I don't understand.

In China there is a lot of pollution. Some days you can't see to the end of the block because the pollution is so heavy. But sometime it is just the same as Australia, clean air and blue skies.

I have moved from living in hotels to living in a house in a Hutong (lanes and old streets of Beijing). It is a courtyard house, it has 2 bathrooms, 2 bedrooms, a kitchen and a living room.

We had to build the furniture ourselves on my birthday. And the hot water system leaked, the toilet blocked and we were told we can't put toilet paper in one of the toilets, one of the shower heads broke off, no internet for a couple of weeks and a crappy paint job. But when you compare our house to the neighbours we are living in luxury. Their houses don't even have toilets. They have to use the one on the corner of the Hutong.

We ride our bikes everywhere and only rarely catch taxis. In the morning we ride to Star Bucks so my parents can have a coffee and I can have a soy caramel hot chocolate. We drink them on a massive lake called Hou Hai which has a island in the middle and people swim in it and you can ride boats on it. The lake is surrounded by old willow trees and old Chinese buildings. It is the best thing we do all day besides when I am asleep.

And after we go to Star Bucks we go to

an exercise park and work out for a while. The equipment is yellow and blue and you lift your own weight. There are no electric machines at all. Each day there are old people playing chess or knitting or playing table tennis or dancing or doing tai chi or just talking to each other.

Living in China can be hard because we don't know the language so sometimes we have to mime what we want. If people are talking to us we just nod our heads and say yes.

Every Tuesday and Thursday Trina, Taj and I have a 2 hour class of learning Chinese with our Chinese teacher. Her name is Maya and she is Chinese but she can speak fluent English. I have learned how to say hello and how are you and I am good and I am bad, and I have learned how to ask if your mother is busy or your little brother is tired and how to ask for bottled water. Etc.

24-28 Nov 08	Class 10 Work Experience
21 Nov 08	Classes 1 & 2 to see "Emily Loves to Bounce" in Lismore
24-27 Nov 08	Class 7 Camp—Near Glen Innes
27 Nov 08	Class 2 Play
1 Dec 08	2009 Kindergarten Parent Evening
1-2 Dec 08	Ensemble to Brisbane
3 Dec 08	Class 6 Graduation from Primary
4 Dec 08	High School Beach Day
5 Dec 08	Christmas Market 1-2.30pm
8 Dec 08	High School Geography Excursion
10 Dec 08	Class 5 Play
12 Dec 08	High School & Class 6 to Wet & Wild
12 Dec 08	End of Term 4

**Adult Eurhythmy** with Marilyn Myres—  
open to all & free of charge  
Every Tuesday 7.45-8.30am -

**Craft Group** in the new P & F Room  
and craft available for purchase  
Every Friday 12.30—2.30pm

**Craft Market** commencing 2.30pm  
last Friday of the Month

**P & F Meetings**  
in the new P & F Room 6.30—8.30  
Next meetings—Monday 24 November 2008

**PLAYGROUP—Limited spaces available**

<b>EVERY MONDAY</b>	<b>EVERY FRIDAY</b>
9.30—12.00	9.30—12.00
with Carina—	with Arinna—
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**Head Lice**

Please could you help us by checking your children's hair over the weekend. Every Monday the Students in Primary School will be checked. Any child found with live lice will be sent home, and will need to be treated before returning to school.

**SNAKES**

Please be aware that it is snake season and already snakes have been spotted around the school.

**2009**

**Term 1 2009 Mon 2nd Feb—Thu 9th Apr**  
**Introduction Day for Classes 1, 7, 11 & 12**  
**30 January 2009**

**Term 2 2009 Wed 29th Apr—Fri 3rd Jul**  
**Term 3 2009 Tue 28th Jul—Fri 2nd Oct**  
**Term 4 2009 Tue 20th Oct—Fri 18 Dec**

**Term 4 ends Friday 12 December 2008**

**Please note that School fees are now OVERDUE**  
BSB: 082 489 Account Number: 03774 9357 Bank: NAB Byron Bay

**Payment in full is now required. If your account is not settled by December 12th 2008 a 10% late payment fee will be applied, unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school.**

**Community Fee Assistance Fund**

In recognition of the economic diversity in the region from which Cape Byron draws its students, the school has established a Community Fee Assistance Fund (CFAF) to enable continuity of Steiner education for families experiencing short-term hardship. Under the direction of the Principal and the School Council the fund can provide an opportunity to receive short-term assistance with tuition fees. Past fee payment will be taken into consideration. Contact the office to obtain a copy of the CFAF policy and application form – support based on a form of means testing and is subject to an interview.

The fund relies largely on **donations** from parents and the broader community for its income; we welcome one off and regular contributions.

If you would like to receive your statements and invoices by email, please could you send an email to [accounts@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au](mailto:accounts@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au)

your 5 minutes of fame!



**CAPE  
BYRON STEINER SCHOOL  
COOKERY**

Now gathering:  
**5min. meals**

Please give us your favourite 5 minute meal idea for a chance to be published in the upcoming school fund-raiser cookbook, and win a free copy!

Drop your recipe into the office or email  
[tracey.whitaker@bigpond.com](mailto:tracey.whitaker@bigpond.com)

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**2009 CBRSS Calendar available from the School Front Office. \$20 each or 6 for \$100**

# Edward “Gough” Whitlam

## A Biography Isabelle Jones Class 6

Edward Gough Whitlam was born on the chilly day of July 11<sup>th</sup>, in the year 1916 in the upper class suburb of Kew in Melbourne Australia. When Whitlam was older, he let go of the name Edward and became just “Gough” Whitlam.

Gough attended school in Canberra and Sydney. He later attended Sydney University. Gough had many jobs before he made a clear mark in Australian history. Like many other Australian men he served in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II. He was promoted to Lieutenant.

On the 22 of April 1942, he married Margaret Elaine. She took his surname - Whitlam. They were married at Vaucluse, Sydney and have four children: Anthony [1944] Nicolas [1945] Stephen [1950] and their first and only daughter Catherine [1954]. After the war, Whitlam practised law and was a successful barrister.

In 1945 he joined the Australian Labor Party and on December 5<sup>th</sup> 1972, he became Australia’s 21<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister. He was again elected in 1974. On November 11<sup>th</sup> 1975, a wave of shock passed over Australia when the elected Labor Government and Prime Minister Gough Whitlam were dismissed.

Whitlam was dismissed by Sir John Kerr, Governor-General of Australia. Australians were not happy by Sir John’s actions and for this he has been called: “A deceiver”, “An insecure man desperate to make his mark on history” and a “drunk”. Whitlam was disappointed by Sir John’s actions; he felt betrayed. Whitlam and Kerr had been good friends and Whitlam was the person who had promoted Kerr to Governor-General.

In three short years in Government, Whitlam had given back land to the Aborigines; lowered the voting age from 21 to 18; ended military conscription and Australia’s involvement in the Vietnam war; made university education free; given independence to Papua New Guinea; equal pay and conditions for women; set up Medicare; helped set up the National Gallery in Canberra; established diplomatic and trade relations with China and set up world heritage areas (such as the Barrier Reef).

Many of these were “firsts” in this country and were considered radical at the time. This made Whitlam and his government many powerful enemies, such as the USA, the media and the banks.

Even after Whitlam was dismissed he still stood up for what he believed in and tries to make a difference. He was Australia’s Ambassador to the United Nations; he was active in the campaign to stop monopoly of the media.

Gough and Margaret Whitlam are both known to have a “sardonic wit”. When in Parliament, Gough was so famous for his witty put downs that they were collected into a popular book. Margaret Whitlam is a published author and a former champion swimmer. Whitlam is also a published author he has written extensively on politics and public affairs.

This year [2008] Whitlam turned 92, but he is going strong and is still involved in the Labor Party.

Thank you for reading my biography on Edward “Gough” Whitlam.

1. Wikipidia (website)  
<http://www.wikipedia.com>

2. Meet a Prime Minister (website)  
<http://primeministers.naa.gov.au/meetpm.asp?pageName=after&pmlId=21>

3. The Whitlam Institute (website)  
[http://www.whitlam.org/whitlam/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=36&Itemid=62](http://www.whitlam.org/whitlam/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=36&Itemid=62)

5. Labor eHerald (website)  
<http://www.alp.org.au/>

4. Whitlam, EG: The Wit of Whitlam (Outback Press, Melbourne 1976)

5. Whitlam, EG: Abiding Interest (University of Queensland Press, Brisbane 1997)

*Drawn out into the sheen, the  
shine, the glisten and the gleam,  
It would be easy to be lost into a  
dream.*

*So I must rouse myself and start  
Ton conjure forces of the heart,  
Which live within me truly and will  
bring  
The strength and majesty that  
make me like a king!*

*Amidst the glory of the sense-  
world, everywhere displayed,  
In sunlit grove and glen and leafy  
glade,  
It is the human heart that rules  
and reigns supreme!*

*Michael Hedley Burton*

## Points to Consider When Buying a Used Car

**Know what type of vehicle is allowed.** On 11 July 2005, the NSW Government introduced changes that prohibit all new provisional (P1 and P2) drivers from driving certain vehicles while on their provisional licence. Prohibited vehicles are those with:

- Eight or more cylinders.
- A turbocharged engine (diesel exempt).
- A supercharged engine (diesel exempt).
- Engine performance modifications.
- High performance six cylinder engines.

**Know what you want.** Do some research and work out what type of car will suit, whether manual or automatic, what the car will be used for, running costs and level of safety. Cost is obviously a big concern, but be aware that operational costs, repairs and maintenance should be considered.

**Know where to look.** There are many options - licensed dealers, auctions, or private sales.

**Know what to check.** Check the vehicle's identity; its VIN (vehicle identification number), engine number, compliance number plate, and check to see whether the vehicle has money owing on it. REVS ([www.revs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.revs.nsw.gov.au)) can also tell if the car's been stolen, re-registered or classified as a write-off.

**Know how it drives.** Take the vehicle for a test drive, but before you do, make sure the seller has an insurance policy that will cover if there is a crash. Listen for odd noises and rattles. Does the engine run smoothly when you change gears, slow down, accelerate? Do the brakes work effectively? Does the car stop straight and smooth? How does it steer? Does it steer straight or drift left or right.

**Know that the vehicle meets all safety checks.** A comprehensive pre-purchase safety inspection and an authorised inspection (pink slip) will ensure your wheels are in good enough shape to be driven on the road. Ensure that all faults are repaired before you take possession of the vehicle.

**Websites You Need.** When thinking of buying a second-hand car, there are many websites you should visit:

Roads & Traffic Authority	<a href="http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au">www.rta.nsw.gov.au</a>
NRMA	<a href="http://www.mynrma.com.au">www.mynrma.com.au</a>
NSW Office of Fair Trading	<a href="http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au">www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au</a>
REVS	<a href="http://www.revs.nsw.gov.au">www.revs.nsw.gov.au</a>
Motor Traders Authority	<a href="http://www.mtansw.com.au">www.mtansw.com.au</a>
The Red Book	<a href="http://www.redbook.com.au">www.redbook.com.au</a>
ANCAP Vehicle Safety Review	<a href="http://www.ancap.com.au">www.ancap.com.au</a>

Thank You

Steve Richards (Ric)  
PDHPE Teacher  
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## Tips for Supervising a Learner Driver

The amount of time a learner driver spends on the road is very important. Research indicates that learner drivers who increase their supervised on-road experience can reduce their crash risk by 40 per cent in the first two years of solo driving.

Many learner drivers get tuition from professional driving instructors, but most will also want additional driving practice and some tuition from a parent, carer, other relative or a friend. These twelve tips come from the RTA website:

1. If either you or the learner driver is tired, upset or stressed, reschedule the practice session to another time.
2. Try frequent, short practice sessions in the beginning.
3. Read and refer to the log book and the task key points as a guide to practice sessions.
4. Begin with the easiest tasks then, once they have been mastered, move to the more difficult tasks.
5. Discuss then demonstrate new tasks before getting the learner to attempt them.
6. Use 'commentary driving' - which involves the driver and passenger talking about what is happening inside and outside the vehicle.
7. Start the learner practising on quiet streets, preferably in daylight, before moving onto busier roads and more challenging conditions.
8. Allow the learner to proceed at his or her own pace.
9. Don't criticise mistakes. Calmly discuss what happened and allow the learner to try again.
10. Be positive and offer praise when the learner successfully completes a task.
11. Impress upon the learner the importance of developing a sensitivity to speed. It is important that they realise that the faster a vehicle travels, the more difficult it becomes to respond to potential hazards. They should also realise that the faster a vehicle is travelling when involved in a crash, the more devastating the outcome.
12. Avoid using the radio, mobile phone or talking to other passengers while the learner is practising.



High School Elective Art

## News for all Parents and Friends of Cape Byron

Bring a friend and share the P&F joy!  
The last P&F meeting for 2008 will be held this  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm in the P&F Room. All welcome.

There are easy ways to contribute to the P&F before school finishes up for the year.

**There is still time to send in your recipe for the Cape Byron Cookery Book** – via email to: [tracey@nappywrap.com.au](mailto:tracey@nappywrap.com.au) or drop a hard copy, addressed to the P&F into the office.

**Drop your old mobile phones into the special box in the office.** Every phone collected saves toxic waste from entering landfill, plus will help raise funds to support the school. The phones are either repaired and reused in developing nations or taken apart and the components recycled. Any phone, any age and in any condition is suitable. Chargers are not necessary. We need at least 50 phones by the 12<sup>th</sup> December, so clear out your old phones.

**Buy a beautiful School Calendar, or 6.**

**Dig out your old photos and memories of the School.** A special display of historical photos will be part of the anniversary celebration early next year. Have a look through your old photos for any that you would like to share.

**Join the Craft Group.** The Craft Group meet every Friday afternoon in the P&F Room and are busy sewing treasures for the Advent Market. A new co-ordinator is also being sought for the new year.

Petrina Hutchinson, P&F Chairperson

[stevepetrina@optusnet.com.au](mailto:stevepetrina@optusnet.com.au) 6685 0145

## ***CHANGE OF DATE***

***21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
Cape Byron Steiner School***

***Friday 6 March 2009 Dinner Dance  
&  
Saturday 7 March 2009  
Celebrations at School***

### GENERAL NOTICES

#### **Bangalow Tennis Academy**

Christmas Holiday Clinics - For Kids of All Ages

Monday 22, 23, 24 December 2008

Monday 12 - Fri 16 January 2009

Mon 19 - Fri 23 January 2009

Full and Half day programs available

Coaching and Sports Games 9am -1230pm - \$22

Lunch 12.30-1.00pm - \$8

Round Robin Competition 1.00pm-3.00pm - \$40

Plenty of prizes and give aways - Great Fun!  
Book Now!

Summer JuniorTournament Sat 13-14 December 2008

Girls, Boys and Open Boys

1 event \$15, 2 events \$25, 3 events \$30

Book or Inquire Call Jason 0411 896 955

Feel the joy within!

*Limited number of our  
fantastic 09 Calendars  
available from the office  
Great gift at \$20 each  
or 6 for \$100*



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The Alice Springs Steiner School is looking for a Class 1 Teacher to join our experienced team of Steiner Educators. We are looking for a teacher who is inspired by working in a creative environment, loves learning and has a passion for teaching. You will join our team of committed teachers and our nurturing community and be

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**WANTED—PIANO.** Does anyone out there have a piano that is playable and unused and looking for a temporary home? I would love to have a piano and re-visit my childhood piano playing skills! I am not in a position to buy one at this stage but as a child we looked after one for three years...anyone know someone about to move who really cannot take that heavy piano with them??? Call Kristy Brake 0431 833 959

**Too many guests?** Are you having so many lovely friends and/or family to stay this Summer that you are going to need somewhere else for them to stay? This could be the solution for you! **Stunning house available for rent in Ewingsdale. Sleeps 6. Large tropical garden with pool and decks. Very luxurious. Available for 2 weeks between the 6th and 22nd January 2009. Special price of \$3000 for the two weeks. Enquiries to Gerry 0406 788 050.**

**Grail Quest** Ever wanted to know more about Anthroposophy? Ever feel there just isn't time to ask your child/ren's teacher/s all those juicy questions? Ever felt like you would love to have a better understanding of Steiner Education and Anthroposophy in general? Feel like you would really love to do sculpture, singing, painting, craft, drama and speech work but cannot find one place that offers all that? Look no further! Best of all there is no homework! This course is only offered in Sydney and Melbourne and Perth. Now its here in your school! Does it get any more convenient? **If you need some insider views ask two wonderful members of staff have done the 9 week intro course (ie Term 1) Rick (Steve Richards) and Simon Ivanac. Also doing it now are Tania (Kindergarten Parent) and Petra (Class 2 Parent). They assure me they would love to chat to you about it! I am also doing it so you can ask me too! Enquiries to Kristy Brake 0431 833 959.**

**GRAIL QUEST 2009—**A two year part-time Foundation Course in Anthroposophy. Starting 6 February 2009—Fridays 4.30pm—7.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm at CBRSS. \$600 per term. Please contact Gerry Josephson (02) 66848280/0406 788 050 or Kristy Brake 0431 833 959

### Tertiary Preparation

Information packages are now available at Wollongbar TAFE for next year's Tertiary Preparation Certificate, an HSC-equivalent course designed for adults returning to study. The course is offered both full-time and part-time. On completion, students can claim a refund of their course fees. Phone 6620 4700 to ask for a package or call in at the campus.

### 'Storytelling from the Heart' 29 & 30 November 9.30am-4.30pm

Through the magical world of story be playfully guided on a journey within. Discover the power and beauty of your own life stories, the timeless archetypes they embody and their place within the collective well of folklore. Creative ways to re-imagine yourself and enhance confidence, presentations and relationships are just some of the precious gifts you will take away from the storyteller's toolbox. **In this workshop participants will work on telling from the heart and 'casting the golden net' over their listeners. Some of the concrete skills touched on will be vocal sound effects, vocal variation, pauses, and character voices. The emphasis will be on how to tell a story, but there will also be provocations to help those who wish to write their own story. The course may culminate in a small informal performance for friends and family. Cost: \$168/\$150 call Jenny Cargill-Strong 02 66 846 548**

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www.capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au where you can also subscribe.

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