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Dear Parents and Friends

Well, this will be the final newsletter for a very eventful year. As I write this, there are plays, concerts, outings and farewell celebrations happening, or about to happen, all over the school, and tomorrow is the Christmas Market – helping us to prepare for Christmas.

Our Class 12 leavers have now left and two other major transitions have either taken place or will in the new year. This week, Class Six have said “farewell” to two much loved class teachers; Lyn McCormick who has been part of their lives for the past six years, and Simon Ivanac who has been their part-time class teacher for the past two years. A beautiful ceremony, which included music, speeches and tributes, was held to mark this very important transition. These children will next year continue their educational journey either at our school or at another high school. For those who are leaving us, we wish you well and thank you for your time with us. For those who are joining us again next year, we look forward to assisting you through the exciting learning we have in store for you in our wonderful high school. The next transition, which will take place in the new year, will be for the kindergarten children into Class One. We look forward to welcoming this class into the Primary School and the new group of kindergarten children into our “garden of children”.

I wish to pay a formal tribute to two much loved and admired high school teachers who have decided to begin their retirement. Peter Schirrmeister has been at the school, teaching mostly physics and science, for the past 14 years, whilst Christo Brett has taught maths and other subjects for 15 years; however, both men, who were central figures in the early stages of the high school, have taken many roles – guardian,

Council and College work, high school administration, careers and many more. Christo has travel plans and Peter has agreed to be available to finish off with the class 12 physics students for 2009. Both men have brought a deep love of their subjects, a commitment to education, and a depth of anthropology which has informed and enlivened their teaching. We wish to sincerely thank them for their years of service to the school and give them our blessings for a happy and healthy retirement. They will be much missed.

As we move towards the end of the school year, I would like to thank the whole school community for receiving me so warmly and helping to ease my transition into this school during the course of my first year here. I look forward to continuing my work with you in the New Year.



To all, we wish a restful and safe holiday.

Warm Christmas greetings,

Janet Molloy  
Principal

## ENSEMBLE DELLA MAR

The **ensemble della mar** have had a wonderful time this year. In the September holidays many of the ensemble went to the Little Yarra Steiner School Camp. This was very inspiring for us all and great fun. We joined 250 students from Steiner Schools all over Australia. There were workshops in Orchestra, Drumming, African Dance, Guitar, Choir, Song Writing, Music Tech to name just a few, so we played music all day and partied at night. It was so good to meet people who shared a similar experience of school life and who also had a passion for music. Many new friends were made.

This week we caught up with some of our new friends when we travelled to Brisbane. We rehearsed with students from the Samford Valley Steiner School and performed for the school in the afternoon. The next day we performed at Dreamworld in the morning and of course making time to enjoy the rides before we headed home. Domini and Chapei, from Class 12, joined us and sang 2 of Domini's original songs. Thanks also to Andy for his harmonica solo and to Jonno and Jyaz for helping with the sound.

We say a very sad farewell to Mickey and Wei who are moving to Brisbane next year. We have really enjoyed having them with us and listening to their beautiful violin and cello playing.

A big thank you goes to the P&F who have made these trips affordable by supporting us with a donation. I am very proud of the students who have worked so well together and performed beautifully at our Festivals and at the Shearwater Carnival Day. If you would like to support the ensemble more next year we would love to hear from you. We would like to set up a Friends of the Ensemble so we could work together to provide more opportunities for our talented children. It would be fantastic to play at more venues in the community or plan an overseas trip for example and your help would be invaluable! Next year we plan to play at the Belingen World music Carnival.

A big thank you to Robbie, Ian, Belinda and Cleis for their inspiring music lessons throughout the year and all the parents who have supported us.

Loani—Music Teacher

8 Dec 08	High School Geography Excursion
10 Dec 08	Class 8 Play 7pm Movement Room
12 Dec 08	High School & Class 6 to Wet & Wild
12 Dec 08	Kindergarten Christmas Festival 11am—Kindergarten
12 Dec 08	End of Term 4
15 Dec 08	Kindergarten Meeting 7pm Kindergarten Room
30 Jan 09	Introduction Day for Classes 1, 7, 11 & 12
2 Feb 09	Term 1 Begins
2 Feb 09	Morning Tea for New Parents at School
9 Apr 09	Term 1 Ends
29 Apr 09	Term 2 Begins

**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

**PLAYGROUP—Limited spaces available**

<b>EVERY MONDAY</b> 9.30—12.00 with Carina— 02 66 843 492	<b>EVERY FRIDAY</b> 9.30—12.00 with Arinna— 02 66 847 400
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**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**

**THE SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED FROM  
22 DECEMBER 2008 AND RE OPENING ON  
MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2009.**

**Please note that School fees are now OVERDUE**

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**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.**

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

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Most class photos are ready now for viewing.  
Remember when logging –in to write your class number after ‘cbrs’ eg cbrs2 for class 2.  
Any problems please call  
Jacqui on 0438 226 881  
ENJOY!

**Please return all books to the Library  
by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

The library is closed for borrowing in the last week of the term  
There is no borrowing for parents and students in the Christmas  
holidays  
Many thanks to all of you who have donated books and helped out  
in the library this year



Have a safe and joyous holiday  
Catherine

The NSW Department of Health has advised of a large increase in whooping cough (also known as pertussis) notifications in school-aged children in NSW during 2008. Please go to the web site below for advice and information from NSW Health for schools and parents. For more information please contact your nearest local public health unit. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html>

**In the interest of general hygiene please remind children to wash hands well after  
play, toilet visits and before eating.**

**HAZARD REPORTING—Everyone has a duty to report a possible hazard and hazard report forms are available from the Front Office.**

**Magdaline Parastatidou**

Magdaline Parastatidou was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 1935 in a village in Greece called Lakkia. She is my grandmother and she is 73 has dark brown eyes and dark brown curly hair.



Magdaline migrated to Australia at the age of 28. She was invited here by the Australian government and was flown in by Qantas. Because of the wars in Greece and great poverty, Magdaline had to leave her family and her mother behind. Her mother had survived throughout the wars but got shot in the leg and the doctors had to amputate with no anaesthetic but Magdaline's mother still survived. When Magdaline was 3 Years old her father John died and her mother had to raise 4 children on her own. Because of this, the family did not have enough for a dowry. In the village when a young woman would marry, her family would give the grooms family a dowry (usually a cow or gold or money or furnish the home) for marrying their daughter.

My grandmother Magdaline made a choice and came to Australia to live with her cousin in Melbourne in 1963. At the age of 29 my grandmother Magdaline married a lad named Antonio Vavoulis after knowing him for 3 days. My grandmother was 30 when she had her first child (my mother) Sophie. She then had 2 more daughters Markella and Kyriaki. Now she lives in a suburb called Sunshine in Melbourne.

When my grandmother Magdaline was a little child the things she had to eat were Trahano which is a Greek food that was made from wheat and yogurt it was a type of pasta that was in soup and she had to make couscous which was made out of egg and milk. Some other foods were beans, olives, home-made bread, pita (spinach and cheese).

They made a little bit money by making their own wine and selling the tobacco leaves that grew on their land. They also had cows so they could make dairy products such as cheese and yogurt. Other animals they had were bulls, pigs, goats and chickens. They grew almonds and sold them. And that's how they made a living to feed 9 people. My grandmother lived in a house with her mother and her brother and his young family. My grandmother had a special talent. Weaving was my grandmother's passion. The village people would come with wool for my grandmother to weave into blankets and rugs for their homes and paid her well for it.

For fun and entertainment, anything they would find is what they played with. At night they would sit by the fire place and tell stories and the women would work on their embroidery with a small lamp as there was no electricity. The men would go to the cafe and play cards. As they did not have money they would play for Loukoumia (Turkish delight). This mainly happened in winter because of the snow.

I feel lucky to share this experience with my grandmother she had a hard and sad life back when she was young and growing up and I have never experienced any of those things in life.

By Peter James Christou

**The photo is of Magdaline when she was 28 (in her first year in Australia) before she was married. The picture was taken 45 years ago.**

**Esmeralda Patricia Laratro** is my step nanna (Abuelita in Spanish). Over the past four years I have grown to know and love her.

Patricia was born on the 23 of October 1949 in San Antonio, Chile. Her first job was as a process worker in Chile which she found boring. For a long time she worked as a cook for a nursing home here in Australia. She has been cooking from the age of six and makes delicious food. Cooking has been a big part of her life and she real enjoys it, she often makes traditional Chilean dishes such as sope pijas and empanadas. Patricia is also an amazing artist; she is studying art at Tafe and has been a practising artist for many years. Her daughter Trish is also an artist.

Patricia was married to Luis Laratro on the 20th of April, 1967, when she was only sixteen. Luis Laratro was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 1942 and died 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2008. They have three children Mauricio, Trish and Mariela. Trish is the eldest and Mariela the youngest.

When Patricia was twenty five and pregnant with her third child in 1973/74, there was a lot of fear and chaos in Chile because of an illegal and fascist government. It was spreading terror throughout the land. Luis had always been a very passionate supporter of workers unions and the Socialist Party and was therefore declared an enemy of the state. Late one night when Luis was studying (after having finished work for the day and Patricia was preparing him some dinner) five soldiers came to the door and asked him to accompany them to the station. He did not have a choice and left with them. For two weeks Patricia did not know where he was or if he was still alive and she suffered greatly during this time. Luis was kept prisoner for about three months.

He experienced torture in many forms and heard many of his friends being tortured to death. However through the good influence of an uncle, Luis was released but was blacklisted, which meant he could not work in Chile and he was warned to leave the country if possible. Patricia did not want to leave the country of her birth or her parents and siblings, but she felt that there was a lot more opportunity for study and work for her family, especially her children, in Australia. Luis made many applications to emigrate and Australia was the first country to offer the family subsidized air fares. They moved here in September, 1975.

Patricia lives in a beautiful wooden house with a big verandah overlooking the sea in a place called Jarvis Bay three hours south of Sydney. Patricia's favorite food is seafood, and if she could have a super power it would be to see peace in the world.

Patricia is a very inspiring woman due to the hardship she has been through and she is a beautiful person.

By Shenteh Corrigan Carroll

*The waves of warmth*

*That strongly through the land and radiating, spreading,  
Proclaim that we*

*To glorious, golden days of summer-sun are heading.*

*"Be filled with light!"*

*My spirit understands these words which Nature everywhere is showing.*

*"Let thoughts take flight!"*

*My heart is told; "Be never earthbound but be always  
changing, growing!"*

*Michael Hedley Burton*

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

**CLASS 7 CAMP – AT GWYDIR RIVER**

Class 7 returned last week, with all limbs accounted for, from their horse-riding camp in the beautiful New England Tablelands. It was a unique and wonderful experience for the teachers, and we would like to thank all of the special people who make up this class for allowing us to enjoy it.

Thank you Class 7 for-

- Asking only 390 times to watch a movie on the long bus ride there
- Giving in and not asking for the last ½ hour
- Only threatening to be car sick
- Singing '98 beer bottles on the wall' for only 6 of the 7 hours bus ride
- Being enthusiastic and grateful and making the most of EVERYTHING, from the simple accommodation, to the games, to the company, to the food, to the horses, to the countryside
- Being kind and respectful of your horses
- Riding with such style and panache
- Asking to gallop every 5 minutes only
- Coming back from your gallops with John and Mick with wide eyes and beaming faces
- Learning to crack a bullwhip without anyone getting injured
- Noticing the amazing night sky
- Making luscious and beautiful fruit platters
- Turning up for kitchen duty and being very useful
- Treating all the animals, but especially the babies with awe and reverence
- Putting up, almost graciously with the flies
- Being polite to, and respectful of, the owners and their ranch hands
- Accepting advice on riding improvement
- Sharing your stories with us

- Being easily bribed in wanting to earn Christo dollars
- Giving the BEST shoulder, foot and hand massages to earn Christo dollars
- Working so tirelessly and intelligently to muster the sheep
- Finding reasons to pick up the lambs and place them in the pens- gently
- Not making us feel old by knowing most of the Quiz questions
- Making Yvonna feel happy by enthusiastically playing her games
- Building the best bonfire and burning only the marshmallows
- Swimming a herd of horses and teenagers in the river without anyone getting hurt
- Giving us a good night's sleep by going to bed and to SLEEP when asked
- Being able to be trusted to discover Tenterfield's charms
- Not panicking when riding in the thunderstorm
- Coping intelligently with the ensuing power blackout and loss of light and running water
- Congratulating Finn on the birth of his new baby sister
- Putting flowers on Nelson's birthday cake
- Enabling Yvonna to receive an email from Cathy and John thanking us for being such a "polite, lively, enthusiastic" group.

For all these things and more, we say thank you Class 7 for being just who you are.

Christo, Ric and Yvonna

P.S Many thanks to all the parents for their delicious morning tea goodies, to the Dicksons for their produce and Rebecca's beyond-the-call-of-duty help with everything, and a MIGHTY thank you once again to Indi's family, especially mother Leisa, for the BEST EVER camp food.

**High School PLANNING 2009**

Planning timetables, classes and teacher allocations for 2009 are now well underway at CBRSS. There has been a long and involved review of timetabling in the High School. During this process timetables and subjects offered have been refined and reallocated. This will ensure that students continue to receive the best possible well rounded education based on the indications given by Rudolf Steiner. The changes will also ensure that we meet our registration requirements - the Board of Studies has determined that CBRSS will undergo the usual 5 year inspection in 2009.

To achieve these goals some changes to the High School have taken place. These include: **Timetable Layout** – The high school timetable will have a new structure in 2009. There will now be one 2 hour main lesson, followed by two

1 hour middle lessons, and a 1 hour afternoon lesson. The timing is as follows:

- **Main Lesson** - 9.00 to 11.00 (including & roll call)
- **Recess**—11.00 to 11.15
- **Period 1**—11.15 to 12.15
- **Period 2**—12.15 to 1.15
- **Lunch**—1.15 to 1.45
- **Afternoon Lessons**—1.45 to 2.45

There are many reasons for this change. These include bringing the main lesson allocated time in line with the primary school (and most other Steiner schools), and increasing class time – the new timetable provides 5 hours of teaching per day, as opposed to 4 hours 45 minutes in 2008, (the teaching day finishes at 2.45 due to bus pick up times). It is anticipated that having one hour period lessons (45 minutes in 2008) will allow

for the lessons to be taught in a more comprehensive way allowing for a variety of teaching and learning strategies.

**Main Lessons**

As stated above Main lessons will now be 2 hours per day. For 2009 this has allowed for the possibility that some main lessons will run for 3 weeks and some for 2 weeks. Please note however that a 2 week main lesson will have almost as many hours as a previous 3 week main lessons (20 hours per 2 week main lesson 2009 as opposed to 22.5 hours for 3 weeks in 2008). The 3 week main lesson will have 30 hours in total. It is envisioned that with 2 hours every morning the main lesson teacher will have greater scope to include more artistic activities, movement, recitation and song that add richness and meaning to main lesson work.

Rachel Knight—High School

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**STAR Entry Scheme Offers from Southern Cross University for local residents awarded before HSC results.  
Christo Barrett-Hall  
Melody Lake &  
Timothy Schou**

Wei in Class 8 has carved a magnificent Gothic figure out of a block of Hebel stone. She was totally obsessed in the carving of this and worked before the elective started and then long after it ended - the result of such dedication and skills learned is an excellent piece of artwork. The carved sculpture will be on show in the Teachers Room for a couple of weeks, so please come and admire it and give Wei your feedback.—Denis—Art Teacher



### School Spectacular

Malika Colley recently returned from participating in the School Spectacular in Sydney, to be aired on the 14 December on the ABC. Malika studies Dance with Southern Cross Distance Education and she was in the tribute to Beijing with other students from the North Coast.



Rebecca

### Prize Winners in Photo Competition



At the recent “Snap” Photography competition in Byron Bay 5 of our students won prizes of 200 dollars. It was great to see our students proud of their achievements and of their school. Prizes were won by Koby, Christo, Joseph, and Arthur, all in Year 12, and Shakira in Year 8, Koby also won an additional prize for “The Peoples Choice” award.

Christo’s photograph of Odin Dutton was bought by Jan Barham, the Byron Shire Mayor, and will be hung in the Council Chambers.  
Mark Fuller—  
High School

One of the prize winning photos by Christo

In July this year 52 students from CBRSS sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition. All the students received a certificate and congratulations to all for having the courage and will to sit for the non-compulsory competition. There were 17 Proficiency Certificates and 28 Participation Certificates.

Of special mention are 4 students who gained a **CREDIT**:

**Shea O’Toole Class 7**  
**Robbie Clapham Class 9**

**Luci Green Class 9**  
**Ruby Bull-Watkins Class 11**

Three Students achieved **DISTINCTION**:

**Wei Shih Class 8**  
**Jake Williams Class 10**  
**Minka Bleakley Class 11**

Congratulations  
Lindel Gass, High School Maths

### Last report from Beijing

We are leaving China in four days and I am very excited about going home. I want to go home so much and see everyone again and go to Wet n Wild with the high school.

#### Ten good things about living in Beijing.

1. I enjoy going down to Starbucks on the lake in the mornings, it is a very beautiful lake.
2. Going to the vegetarian restaurant and having delicious food there and having tea there is good.
3. Riding our bikes around everywhere and getting exercise by just going down to Starbucks.
4. Going to the exercise park and playing ping pong and doing exercise and talking to the other people there. Plus there are gatherings of old people dancing there.
5. Going shopping in Sanlituan and



buying clothes, shoes, DVD's and games.

6. Living in a big city is good. There are so many cars and people and a couple of people with pigeons. It is good living in a city because it is a good experience and so different from living in a town.
7. It is good playing card games at night with my family.
8. I have read a lot since being here, 8 books in total.
9. I enjoyed having my grandparents here and going to the Forbidden City with them was fantastic seeing where the emperors and empresses lived.
10. Going to the Great wall was fun. I went there twice, once with some friends and once with my grandparents. It was a good walk and an amazing view and it was fun going on a chair lift up there and scaring my little brother by rocking it from side to side.

Juel Class 8

## News for all Parents and Friends of Cape Byron

Log on to [www.jacquiudd.com](http://www.jacquiudd.com) with your special class code to view and order the **beautiful School Photos**. Class shots plus individual photos can be ordered in a variety of sizes and in colour or black and white.

Send in your healthy and delicious recipes for the **Cape Byron Cookery Book** – lunchbox treats, quick meals, wonderful desserts and any other tasty recipes you'd love to share. Send via email to: [tracey@nappywrap.com.au](mailto:tracey@nappywrap.com.au) or drop a hard copy into the office.

**Recycle your old mobile phones and help save toxic waste from entering land fill.** There is a special box in the office, just drop the phone in, without or without chargers, in any condition.

**Buy a beautiful School Calendar, or 6** – available from the School Office.

Mark down Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 for the **School's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** in your new calendar. The Dinner Dance on the Friday night will be a great opportunity for teachers, parents and past students to celebrate the school and their own joyous involvement.

**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. You can post your memories and photos on the CBRSS Facebook Reunion page or contact Lyn McCormack via the School Office.

First P&F meetings in 2009: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Many thanks** to all who have contributed to the P&F during 2008

Petrina Hutchinson  
P&F Chairperson



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**GENERAL NOTICES**

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**CHRISTMAS RENTAL:** 4 Bedroom home in beautiful Ewingsdale. Available 16th December until 1st January (Conditions apply). For enquiries phone Lydia 02 66 847 060 or 0413 916 246

**HOLIDAY CAMP:** Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre. The camps are fully supervised and include meals, accommodation and activities. 1800 655 248 or 02 66 877 168—www.drs.nsw.gov.au

**POSITION VACANT:** Periwinkle Children's Centre (Byron Bay NSW). We are currently seeking a Pre-school Director, grounded solidly in the philosophy and principles of Steiner Education. Established in 1986 the centre caters for approx 40 families and their children aged between 3 -5 year olds. To obtain the essential criteria and position description, please download from our website <http://www.periwinkle.nsw.edu.au/director.html>

Or direct confidential inquiries to Melanie Haire on 0407 327 812. (Application closing date - 19th December, 2008)

**FOR SALE:** 3/4 violin, bought from Animato, great condition. Be ready for 2009! \$180.00. Ph: 66804153

**VACANCIES** Rose Cottage Steiner Family day-care, limited vacancies for 2009. Also offering holiday programme 6th to 20th January. ph 66871980.

**WANTED:** House sought to rent over Easter for Blues festival, 3 days. We are Steiner parents from Armidale taking our lads on a musical adventure. 3 adults, 3 boys. Please contact Marty Lawler on 67714775 or 0427690943.

**BOOK LAUNCH & READING:** "The Secret Pet"—a phonetic chapter book for children aged 7-70, by local author and teacher Shelley Davidow. Sunday 7th December 3-4.30pm at Mary Ryan's Books, Byron Bay. All Welcome.

**WANTED:** 3/4 Violin—please ring Suzanne—02 66 844 970

**BABY SITTING:** Bangalow and surrounding areas. Please call Alex 02 66 871 908 (Class 9 Student at CBRSS)

**TALK:** What's happening to our children? Too much—too soon? Author and filmmaker Amrita Hobbs and Guest speaker and Author Maggie Hamilton "takes parenting into the 21st Century" - Wednesday 10 December 2008 7pm-10pm Mullumbimby Civic Hall \$15—for more information call Amrita 0419 336 291

**WANTED TO BORROW:** Does anyone have a couple of bikes they would be happy to lend, for me and my 10y.o. grand-daughter from 7-16 January? Janet Molloy

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