



NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

We have had a great start and the school is feeling in good heart. Many teachers, support staff and some parents have been busy beavering at school during the past few weeks to prepare for the first big day of the school year. Classes 1, 7, 11 and 12 began last Friday for orientation to their new year. It was a joy to watch as the school began to come to life with excited, happy children anticipating the wonders ahead of them in their new classes.

Attendance at school fulfils a number of needs for children, not the least of which is a social need. Meeting established friends, and finding new ones is a significant aspect of school life. When classes are small, there is a misconception that children get a better education, but where they might gain in adult attention, they miss out on the social education gained by interaction with a variety of peers. Most of our classes have optimum numbers which is fantastic for the overall health of our school. Our aim, now, is to build the classes in the top end of the school. In order to strengthen the numbers in the high school upper classes we call on your help, as parents and friends of this beautiful school, to spread the word amongst your friends, relatives and acquaintances, that our children are met with interest, respect and high standards of teaching. The school will be offering some limited scholarships for new students in the High School, and the School Council has launched a campaign to advertise this fact.

Congratulations to Koby Hagenfelds, a student of last year's Class 12, who achieved 100% in the HSC English Extension master work. Our students' results for last year's HSC were very pleasing overall.

Kindergarten children are enjoying the novelty of being amongst the "big school" as their wonderful new facilities are being completed during this term. The situation, although far from ideal, has been beautifully and smoothly managed by kindergarten staff and supportive, understanding parents. A huge thank you to all. This is only for this term and we can look forward to seeing our kindergarten continue to blossom in the refurbished rooms.

As has been done before, Eurythmy will be conducted in each classroom during the term whilst kindergarten occupies the movement room.

We have **welcomed several new teachers** to our staff this year. Shelley Davidow and Ralph D'Andrea are settling well into high school classes, and Jana D'Arville looks well established with her brood of little chickens with the second kindergarten class.

As well as the new Kindergarten families we also extend a warm **welcome to our new primary & high school families**

Iyanna McDonald
Ellery Herraman
Harry Valerio
Nathan Brown
Johan de Welle
Sebastian Glaesner

Nelson Retmock
Daisy Valerio
Katie Kirkpatrick
Celine Safajou
Anu Schlawe
Ceridwyn Bliss

Tenzin Burton
Mars Waterman
Griffin Lane
Sharna Browning
Peregrine Lane
Jaiia Herro

Keiko Hikichi
Ella Bown
Seanenah Marshall
Shaolien Chen-Graf
Oden Lerner
Amber Keller

Wishing everyone a wonderful year.

Warm regards
Janet Molloy
Principal

OH & S NEWS & REMINDERS

A reminder to please be considerate of the residents of Ewingsdale when driving to and from school along **McGettigans and Balraith Lanes**. The road has a **50 km per hour speed limit** to reduce noise and to safeguard pedestrians and cyclists. The people of Ewingsdale are our neighbours and, as such, we want to care for their needs.

The amphitheatre roof frame construction will begin in February and should only take a few days. The area will be fenced off for the duration of building works. The Shade Sail will go back up after that.

Nitz Blitz has already started in some classes. Please check your child's hair regularly. Remember if your child has headlice/nits, after the initial treatment follow up is essential, about every 5 days.

Also remind your children about the importance of washing hands. There is a nasty tummy bug doing the rounds.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back and welcome to all of our new families.

Please see the **library timetable** in this issue of the school newsletter. Some classes have the same time as last year and others have changed. You will also note that Class 7 has a weekly library time for this term. You will also see that the library is closed after school (2.45pm) on Wednesdays and at lunchtimes on Friday.

The primary students' borrowing period is one week, so books need to be returned or renewed each week during their library class.

All new Primary students in **classes 4-6 will need a cloth library bag** to borrow books from the library. Class 3 students will be getting their new library bags very soon. If your child borrowed a bag from the library last year (it will be marked 'Please return to library') please wash it and return it.

High School students borrow their text books and can make personal loans from the library. All text books are returned when no longer in use and personal loans are due to be returned after 2 weeks. Books which are lost or irreparably damaged will need to be replaced.

Parents of enrolled students are eligible to join the library. You may wish to borrow books for your younger children (K-2) or for yourself. All new and existing parents are encouraged to join the library to borrow '**An Introduction to Steiner Education**' by **Francis Edmunds**. The library has multiple copies of this book. The borrowing period for parents is 4 weeks and the loan limit is 5. If you wish to become a member of the library come in before or after school and join up. There is no charge to join, however books which are lost or irreparably damaged will need to be replaced.

Parents may wish to fulfill their **Repair, Care and Maintenance** hours in the library. Phone the library to make a time if you would like to help out in the library to make up your RC&M hours. Please send in your clean **milk bottle tops marked 'Collect-a-Cap'** to help us with fundraising for the library.

Catheine Dunham
Teacher Librarian

LIBRARY TIMETABLE						TERM 1		2009	
Times	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY				
8.35 – 11.00	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open				
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Open for Morning Tea</i>								
11.30 – 12.30	Class 4	Class 3	Class 2	Class 5	Class 6				
12.45 – 1.30	<i>Open for lunch</i>				Class 7 12.30-1.15				
1.30 – 3.15	Open	Open	Open 2.45 – 3.15 Closed	Open	Open				

Please note: the library closes at 2.45pm on Wednesdays and is closed for lunch on Fridays.
 Parents, please help your Primary School children to bring their library books in their library bags to school on the day of their library class.
 High School students use the library on an as-needs basis in the times marked 'Open'.
 High School teachers make arrangements for their classes to use the library.
 Parents may use the library at the times marked 'Open'.

P & F NEWS

First P&F meetings in 2009: 23rd February, AGM 23rd March. All welcome.

Each class needs a 2009 parent co-ordinator, talk to your class teacher.

All P&F meetings are at 6.30pm in the wonderful P&F Room in the garden at the top of the carpark.

Get a new phone over the holidays? Recycle your old mobile phones at school. There is a special box in the office, just drop the phone in, without or without chargers, in any condition. Every phone recycled saves toxic waste from going into land fill.

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th March 2009 are the dates for the School's 21st Anniversary Celebrations. 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. Present students can get involved on Saturday with celebrations at school during the day plus an Official Opening of the new buildings.

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 McCormick via the School Office.
 Petrina Hutchinson, P&F Chairperson

Adult Eurythmy will be held on Tuesday 7.45-8.45 am at Ewingsdale Hall. Cost \$20/term to cover hall costs.

Parents and friends who love to sing (or would like to give it a try) are all welcome to join us for weekly morning singing. We will sing together in the library from 8- 8.30am on Thursday morning starting week 2. Childcare is available \$2. Make Thursday your singing morning and then catch the Farmers Market in Byron afterwards! Love to see you, Loani.

The Australian Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Association Regional Meeting will be hosted by our school on Saturday 14th March. 9am - 4pm in Julie's Kindergarten. The theme of the meeting is Preparation for the Vital Years Conference, which our region is also hosting in Brisbane in July this year. Any interested parents are most welcome to attend both the meeting and the conference. More information about the conference will be available very soon.

**★ ★ ★ 21st Anniversary Celebrations
Cape Byron Steiner School ★ ★ ★**

*Friday 6th March 6pm
Dinner and Dance at the Buddha Bar, Byron Bay*

- a great chance to catch up with friends amidst wonderful music, memories, dancing and food

Ticket price of \$65 pp includes a wine or beer on arrival, canapés, two-course meal, tea or coffee and a fabulous band to dance the night away. Please note a cash bar will be operating throughout the dinner

Book your tickets quickly via the school office

*Saturday 7th March, 10am to 2pm
Daytime Celebrations at school*

- entertainment by past & present students & teachers, historical displays, school tours plus the fabulous food you would expect at Cape Byron Steiner School

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CLASS PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Kindergarten	Monday 16 th February at 7 pm in Julie's Kindergarten room
Class 2	Monday 9 th March 6-8 pm
Class 3	Wednesday 18 th February 7pm
Class 5	Tuesday 3 rd March 7-8.30 pm
Class 7	Tuesday 17 th February 7-8.30 pm
Class 8	Thursday 12 th February 7pm
Class 11	Wednesday 11 th February 6.30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

Padlocks for High School sold at school office and money refunded when returned to office in good condition

KINDERGARTEN

A baby monitor is required for kindergarten. If you are able to donate please contact the Front Office.

Parents are reminded that any child turning 5 before 31st July is eligible for part time kindy, 2 days per week. Interested parents can obtain enrolment forms from the school office

The following sections are adverts submitted by individuals and Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School take no responsibility for the content, nor are the opinions expressed in the adverts and notices necessarily those of the school.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOUND Fuji Finepix S3000 – 3.2mp 6 x optical zoom. Ask at school Front Office.

FOR SALE CLASS SLIPPERS now available at Nature's Child. New colours include Green, Pink, Purple and Blue with many new designs.

Preschool, Primary school and Adult Sizes Available.

Prices start at \$30 EFTPOS accepted. Nature's Child is located at 1 Banksia Drive, Arts and Industry Estate Byron Bay NSW 2481

Room to Rent. Ocean Shores, Ros 6680 3226.

OTHER THAN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Grail Quest is taking last minute enrolments. 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.**

A Study Group will meet in Bangalow on Tuesday's from 7.15 pm, discussing Rudolf Steiner's mystery plays – The portal of initiation. The group will meet once every 2 or 3 weeks with the how, when details being discussed on the 10th February. We envision the group doing some art work, movement and drama, speech and poetry to enliven the study. Our address is 3 Keith Street, 66872504. Light & Peace, Adrian and Arleen.

Free storytelling Saturday 14th February @ Natures Child

Duration and content will depend on who turns up- age range and level of concentration. The show will last a minimum of 45 mins and a max of 60 mins.

Hope to see you at the show!

Cheers,

Jenni Cargill-Strong

www.thestorytreecompany.com.au

General Education at Wollongbar TAFE is offering a free introductory computer literacy course to suit those with little to no previous computer experience. You will learn in a small group, in a relaxed and supportive environment. The course runs in Semester 1, 2009 on a Thursday morning from 9:30 until 12:30. It starts on the 19 February and runs for 17 weeks.

This course is free exempt but a small materials charge may apply.

Contact Wollongbar Campus on **66204700** for an Expression of Interest.

Wollongbar TAFE presents a new course (free): "Learn to Live Green".

Find out what you can do to make a difference and to 'live sustainably'.
Classes are 1 day per week, starting Monday 23rd Feb, 2009.
Inquiries to Dave Carey: 66204 783

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 a valuable preparation for any work and study area. You will boost your confidence, and gain essential welfare industry communication skills, job seeking skills and study skills. The course also includes computer training and work experience. Supportive and friendly, within school hours, 3 days a week. Semester 1, 2009. Contact Wollongbar Campus on 66204700.

Sienna Academy www.siennaacademy.com.au
Foundation Painting Course According to the method of Liane Collot d'Herbois

The Foundation Course is taught over a four-year period and is designed to enable students to work artistically out of an understanding of light, colour and darkness. There are two blocks of 5 days each year. It may be taken as a course in its own right, or as part of the training in Painting Therapy. Students work through a series of charcoal and painting exercises to stimulate a new awareness of colour phenomena. Working with light, colour and darkness in this way has a healing effect on participants and helps develop new faculties of perception.

Module one of the next Foundation Course begins on 8th March 2009. It will be taught in Mapleton on the Sunshine Coast, a refreshing, quiet, green haven on the Blackall Range.

Enquiries: Sally Martin Phone(07) 5478 6260 sallymartin@aanet.com.au

DRAWING WATER FROM THE WELL A workshop to explore the hidden meaning in Folktales, facilitated by PAM BLAMEY (B. Soc. Sci., PG Dip. Counselling, Gestalt Therapist)

Date: Saturday 28 February 2009. **Time:** 9.30am – 4.00pm.
Cost: \$60.00 (\$40.00 concession/student/unwaged) **Venue:** South Brisbane
Register: pamblamey@yahoo.com.au Ph: 0401 881 490 by Friday 21 February.

INDOOR CIRCUS SCHOOL at Circus Arts

Under 10's 3.45pm Monday and Wednesday.
Over 10's 5pm Thurs. **All ages** 10am Sat.
Rec Gymnastics 3.45pm Thurs 5-12 years.

Also Flying Trapeze + Advanced Sessions, Kinder Classes,
Birthday Parties and more!
www.circusarts.com.au

Circus Arts. Byron Entertainment Centre
17 Centennial Circuit. Arts and Industry Park
Ph 6685 6566 BOOKINGS ADVISED

Play Rugby in 2009!

Bangalow Rugby Football Club is looking for players aged up to 15 years to join our successful and growing Junior Club for the 2009 season. Games are played on Friday evening.
Sign on day 21st February 2009,

Are You a Funny Kid???

Stand up comedy workshops for The Big Joke

Kids are funny. There is no denying it. Professional comics struggle for years to regain their child's mind: that fresh perspective where the world is completely new, where adult behaviour is curious, rules seem irrational and a fart joke is the perfect antidote to any depression.

The Big Joke Comedy Festival in Bangalow is returns again 26 - 29 March with an international program (Arj Barker, Tim Minchin, Nina Conti) along with the regular faves including the Funny Kids performance, where kids get up and perform stand up comedy for their parents, peers and community. Mandy Nolan, Festival Director and Comedy Teacher with over a decade's experience and over 800 students to her credit, takes a group of kids (aged 10 - 14) and runs them through their paces. In the Funny Kids stand up comedy workshop kids learn how to take their every day experiences and transform them with humour. The workshop is about learning to celebrate who you are, to find your unique voice and your original one of a kind perspective. Kids are taught through performance & improvisation in a group setting, and then later get a 1:1 session with Mandy to assist with challenge of comedy writing.

Workshop One Saturday 7 March 10am - 3pm. Bangalow RSL Hall.

Workshop Two Wednesday 12 March, 4.30pm - 6.30pm @ Bangalow A&I Hall

Personal Writing session to be arranged with child and parent

Rehearsal Sunday 22 March 4pm - 6pm at the Bangalow A&I Hall

Performance : Saturday 28 March 3pm, Bangalow A&I Hall @ **THE BIG JOKE**

Teacher: Mandy Nolan. Cost: \$120

To register interest email mandy@mandynolan.com.au or phone 66843443