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NEWSLETTER

*Yellow the bracken, golden the sheaves
Rosy the apples and crimson the leaves
Mist on the hillside, clouds grey and white
Autumn good morning and summer good night*

The Autumn Festival will be held on Friday April 3rd.

We will celebrate with performances and games and we invite you all to participate. We will begin the day at 9.30 in the amphitheatre with a play performed by the whole primary school. After a shared morning tea in the classrooms there will be fun and games for children and adults at 11.30. This is an opportunity for you to stay and participate in the games with the children. After the games have finished the children will meet in their classrooms and you may take them home with you from there. Please bring in produce from your garden or from your farmers market for harvest display and these will be donated to those in need. We look forward to spending the day with you. Please note that this is a change of date to the date specified in the calendar.

A reminder TO ALL PARENTS
Repair, Care and Maintenance Day (RC&M)
This Saturday 21st March

10 am – 3 pm

Pasta lunch provided

If you would like to offer hours preparing/serving/cleaning up lunch (all instructions provided)
please contact Gavin 0427 847 400

We need someone to make curtains for our Class 11 & 12 high school rooms. If anyone would like to offer their “sewing skills” as part of their RC&M hours please see the Front Office for details.

A reminder for parents & carers

The rules for after school and at market times are no tree climbing, no climbing on playground equipment, children are in sight of their parents who are expected to observe and monitor their children’s behaviour. Parents are expected to intervene if children’s behaviour is inappropriate or unacceptable e.g. going out of the boundaries, climbing and other.

All primary students are expected to be in the top playground area.

Last day of Term 1 Thursday 9th April, first day of Term 2 Wednesday 29th April
The school office will be closed Friday 10th April, reopening Wednesday 22nd April.



**!Happy 21st Birthday Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School!
Congratulations to all of our wonderful teachers, staff and families both past and present**

Saturday 14th March will be a day to remember for many of us. The Library was a very busy place with many people coming to see the **historical display**. This being the 15th year I have worked in the school it was a journey for me during the previous few weeks, going through the old photos and newsletters, preparing images for the display and scanning old photos for the **slide show**. I enjoyed working with Mark Purser our ICT guru who then put the images into a delightful slideshow.

I would like to thank Jenny Leyland for looking after the library for the day, welcoming all the visitors and caring for the display. I would also like to thank David Vickers-Shand for generously offering to manage the selected **book donations** on the day. Just under \$450 worth of books were donated, including books for the teachers' library. Thank you also to the Jeanes family for the donation of a box of good-as-new books.

The **collaborative felting** was a lot of fun for everyone who took part. People were invited to make a flower to add to the felt garden. Thanks go to Lou Parkes and Jane Teather for enthusiastically agreeing to help me on the day which included helping people to make fleece flowers and tidying up afterwards. Class 6 students Sundari and Hayley turned up and offered their assistance as well. Their artistic and design skills were much appreciated. The finished felt looks fantastic. It will be framed and hung in the library to add more warmth and colour. There is a photo of the felt piece in this issue of the newsletter. I loved learning the songs with the community choir and enjoyed all of the music on the day. **The choir meets in the library every Thursday morning at 8am – 8.30am**. Come and join us and you too can learn some great songs to sing with us. Loani has the music in her and brings out the best everyone.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to all who helped to make our 21st anniversary celebrations so wonderfully enjoyable. Thank you to all the planners, programme arrangers, music makers, the speakers, the MC's, the makers of the felt wall hanging, the donators of books, the displays of historical data, the providers of food and great coffee and, most of all, to Petrina Hutchinson, Chair of the P and F and her willing band of workers for their fantastic organization of both the Friday evening dinner dance and the Saturday festivities. This was our opportunity to honour and thank the three original founders of the school, Susan Perrow, Kim Tyler and Lyn McCormick. I really hope that the two founders who were able to be present, felt the love and gratitude for their past work coming their way from the current members of the community.

The school has "come of age" and can look forward to its further work in the world, bringing the fruits of the past into a productive and harmonious future.

Kind regards, Janet Molloy

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Evening to discuss governance and management 6 pm Wednesday 25 March in the school library.

In an attempt to bring our school constitution up to date a Constitution Committee has been formed. As part of the process we have invited some guest speakers to present how they see good governance and management. John Foreman from Kamoroi Steiner school, Merrill Badger, former Principal of a Steiner school in the USA and a third speaker yet to be confirmed will be giving a 15 minute presentation on "What does good governance and management look like?" Each presentation will be followed by 10 minutes of question time and the evening will conclude with 1 hour of discussion.

The evening is planned to exchange information and ideas about a future structure for our school constitution. The new constitution will be voted on by the Association which is made up of all parents and staff in the school. All members of the school community are invited to attend.

For more information please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards
Trina

Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School would publicly like to thank the Australian Government for providing \$130,000 from the Investing in Our Schools Programme (2006 & 2007). The funds provided for the following:

Project 1: Purchase and installation of a storage shed, solar panels, a kiln, a roof over an outdoor teaching area and a perimeter fence. Purchase of new sporting equipment, wood working tools and a multi-media projector kit. Upgrade of the kindergarten and primary schools playgrounds.

Project 2: Construction school's amphitheatre roof, the installation of access ramps to buildings and the purchase of a piano and pottery wheels.

HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1	Week 9:	Monday 30th March Touch Football carnival Wednesday 1 April High School Assembly Amphitheatre Wednesday 1 April Class 10 BOS Parent Evening 6pm
	Week 10:	Saturday April 4th Association AGM
Term 2	Week 1:	Wednesday 29th April 11/12 Parent teacher night
	Week 2:	Class 9 camp
	Week 3:	Class 10 camp
	Week 6:	Literacy for parents workshop
	Week 7:	Literacy for students workshop
Term 3	Week 3:	Trial HSC

AGM Monday 23rd March @ 6.30pm in the Staff Room.

The relevant documents are available via email please contact the front office:

- ❖ AGM Minutes from 2008
- ❖ AGM Agenda for 2009
- ❖ CBRSS P&F Constitution – Final Version
- ❖ Minutes from P&F Meeting 23rd February 2009

This meeting will give the school community the opportunity to vote on the P&F Constitution and the P&F becoming an incorporated body. Please note, this is a separate issue to the constitution that the School Council is working on to support the role of the principal in the school. There is also the opportunity to vote in the new chairperson, treasurer and secretary.

Don't miss your opportunity to have your say! Looking forward to seeing you there.
Kind Regards, Jose.

The following is extracted from P&F Minutes 23rd February, 2009.

7.1 Council's Report

Long-term financial stability of the school is looking good. In the short term there are a few cash flow issues. Council will be working with Janet to turn that around utilising methods such as the fee increase, RCM hours increase (to decrease the cost of contractors), decrease in paid cleaning (increase in the children assisting), bursary students for classes 10, 11 and 12 (social and education benefits of larger classes, with increased government funding; an extra 30 students would create funding of \$240,000.)

Annual AGM is on 4th April at 10.00am

P&F AGM 23rd March at 6.30pm

7.2 Treasurer's Report

\$14K in bank, with \$12K of that earmarked to go towards the canteen.

7.3 Meeting Numbers

Currently having 8 meetings per calendar year. Suggestions to increase the numbers of attendants are alter the day/time of the meetings, decrease the number of meetings, class co-ordinators to send a note to parents to attend, guest speakers back on the agenda.

7.4 Friday Market

David not co-ordinating this year. The role is made up mainly of money collection and tidying up. Margaret Brandolini will take on the new co-ordinators role.

7.5 After School Care

Sophie will contact Janet to see if there is a possibility of after school care. Conduct a survey of the school community to gauge the need of after school care.

☞ **Mobile Phone Muster** Clear out your old mobile phones, in any condition, with or without chargers and hand in to Rebecca in the Office. You can help save toxins going into landfill plus raise money for the school.

Cape Byron Steiner

COOKBOOK Call-out

✧ Biscuits ✧ Slices ✧ Cakes ✧ Muffins ✧ Puddings ✧ Bread

.....**SWEET TREAT Recipes**.....

Place your name or child's name & class

You can submit more than one recipe!

Email Tracey@nappywrap.com.au OR drop at School front office

mmm.....gummy!.....gummy in your tummy!

Class 2 French

This year Class 2 has 30 minutes of French on Mondays. Last week the class welcome twin girls from Tahiti, Mila and Liliko'I, there are now 3 French speaking girls in the class and it is wonderful as well as stimulating for the other children. I found myself speaking more in French to explain things and everybody seems to keep up. The children are learning about vocabulary such as animals, body parts, colours and fruits as well as some verbs. This year Teera gave the class a special French work book and it is lovely to start learning how to write and read in French as well as decorating our book with monuments and culture FROM FRANCE. Françoise.

Art:

Classes 1 to 5 have 1 hour of painting or drawing every fortnight.

Class 6 has 1 hour per week.

During this term:

Class 1 has been exploring primary colours, and autumn colours in painting, learning how to mix colours and strengthen drawing techniques with wax block crayons.

Class 2 has completed beautiful brightly coloured desk covers on the theme of the Celtic tale King of Ireland's Son. They have been learning wax/wash pictures in vertical symmetry.

Class 3 have also completed exquisitely shaded desk covers using *scrub shading* technique with pencil. They are exploring colour blending and colour opposites in painting.

Class 4 The Norse Myths theme in line with their Main Lesson is also the theme for painting and carefully shaded desk covers, teaching the children techniques in shading and composition.

Class 5 Ancient India is presented in beautifully and brightly coloured desk covers. In painting we are exploring blending pastel colours and specific brush techniques with the themes the 'lotus' and 'Buddha'.

Class 6 Earth Sciences and Ancient Rome have given the students opportunity to explore oil pastels in a 'volcano' drawing veil painting and shading techniques on the theme of 'crystals', 'limestone cave' painting and developing and perfecting shading techniques and composition with their Ancient Rome desk covers.

All these lessons are rich in information in relation to their current Main Lessons, with demonstrations, stories and music with the emphasis on development of specific drawing and painting techniques.
Eleni, Primary School Art Specialist.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2008 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Hi everyone, if you haven't yet had a chance to check out your child's school photos from last year.....go to www.jacquiujudd.com, click on the log-in section and type in the code **cbrs** followed by your child's year number eg. Class 4 = **cbrs4**. The photos will be up for viewing for only one more month. Check them out!

**Adult Eurythmy will be held on Monday 7.45-8.45 am at Ewingsdale Hall.
Cost \$50/term to cover hall costs & pianist.**

Parents and friends who love to sing (or would a 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.

Library classes for the primary children occur each day of the week after Morning Tea – 11.30 – 12.30. Monday, Class 4; Tuesday, Class 3; Wednesday Class 2; Thursday Class 5; Friday Class 6. Please **help your children to remember to bring their library books** in their library bags on the day their class comes to the library.

Class 2 children listen to a story then access the picture books. They are reminded of how to care for books, how to share books and how to find books which interest them. Many children also use the library time to practice their growing skills in recognizing letters and words.

Class 3 children have been learning about alphabetical order. It's amazing how many uses there are for it! All Class 3 children now have library cards and most of them have finished their library bags for borrowing books. They are also borrowing their violin and cello books from the library. Many Class 3 children are starting to read fluently and are keen to borrow books to practice their reading. They are listening to weekly installments of 'Horrendo's Curse' by Anna Fienberg. Horrendo is cursed with never being able to speak a rude word to anyone or to be mean to anyone.

Class 4 children are enjoying weekly installments of 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. We are now up to the last chapter. Matilda is a girl with great integrity and courage as well as being clever and a great reader. Class 4 children keep a record of their reading in their reading diaries. They all need to have a reading book in their desk and may also borrow for home if they have a library bag. Class 4 children will be learning more about libraries and how to use them, including access to non fiction books.

Class 5 are expected to read at least 3 books (fiction novels) this term so that they can choose one for a book review on at the beginning of next term. They are taking note of character description, plot and their appreciation of the books they read. They also record their reading in their diaries.

Class 6 children need to read at least 3 books in a series for a series review next term. Most of them have chosen the series they want to do. They will need to make a final decision by the second last week of term and have until the end of the holidays to complete their reading. The review will include a description of the setting as well as characters, plots and research on the author. Class 6 children are learning how to use encyclopedias and how to extract the information they need by scanning, looking for key words and finding facts.

The last two **Primary School assemblies** have been held in the library while work was being done on the amphitheatre roof. We managed to fit very well and the wonderful acoustics meant that everyone could hear the presentations.

The Secondary School classes use the library with their subject teachers or guardians. With Mark Purser classes 7&8 are learning the many aspects of the computer as a tool for learning. There are 22 computers in the library for student use. The Secondary School teachers can bring a whole class for research, presentations, viewing film, digital lessons and multi media. Individual students use the library to research, to print their work, to seek assistance with projects and to read. They respect the library as a quiet learning area, and share it comfortably with the Primary School children.

The library is also used for many **meetings of all types** including School Council, Primary Faculty, School of Spiritual Science and now the **AGM on the 4th April at 10am.**

To avoid disappointment be sure to make a booking for use of the library. Please phone me or email librarian@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au to make a booking.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful multipurpose facility.

And please keep those clean Collect-A-Cap milk bottle tops coming in...

Catherine Dunham
Teacher Librarian

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to all the wonderful performers who shared their music on Saturday at our birthday celebrations. The class 3 and 4 choir sang beautifully and the Class 5 orchestra was fabulous, Our ensemble, with many new members, really shined and it was a real treat to have former student Crystal Das singing with us again and Belinda, who joined us with her new baby girl!. It was lovely to hear so many teachers, parents and students singing together in the Community Choir and please remember that you are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 8am in the library. Domini Forster sang her original music with Chapei and Amy. If you have not heard them you will have an opportunity to hear them as a support to Sara Tindley or at the Blues Festival. Check this weeks Echo for more details on Domini. Her music is very moving and her voice is exquisite as is Chapei's adding rich harmonies and violin. Jacob wowed us with his new skills on keyboard which are taking off while he has to rest his saxophone and the Brandolini's were amazing. It is such a special experience to hear a family of 5 children all singing and playing together. They are a very talented, music loving family, singing many of Gabe's original songs. More original music came from Shea who sang her first original song with style. I loved hearing ex students come and sing for us. Simone and Ava both sounded beautiful and we really appreciated them coming back and sharing with us. The jam session ended the day with a great feeling with ex-students Marcus and Tim joining Tom and Eleni's son Josh and Ian on violin. Thanks to Petrina for her uplifting job of MC and to Ian, Robbie and Tom. It was a great day of music.

In September, the Little Yarra Steiner Ensemble will be visiting and we will be holding workshops and concerts. We will be looking for people to billet the ensemble members so if you think you are able to put one or two students up for nearly a week please let me know. Loani

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CLASSIFIEDS

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

Half size violin (Ernst Kellar), excellent condition, with sturdy case with zipper pocket, rosin included. \$150

Thanks, Joanne McMurtry joannemcmurtry@linknet.com.au 6680 8381

Accommodation wanted – quiet self-contained studio, granny flat/cottage etc. Would consider house sitting also. Contact Ben Mackenzie 0401 820 864.

I am the most beautiful horse in the world and I am for sale. I am very quiet and big and would love to have a new home as my mum doesn't ride anymore. Please phone Lindy 6688 4183. I cost \$2,000. A payment plan is OK.

Piano Lessons: Joan Ajala, an experienced piano teacher at Brunswick Heads, with qualifications which include Mus A and the Teachers Diploma, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, has a few vacancies for students of any age or level. Theory of music, music for leisure and aural training are incorporated into the piano lessons. The lessons are half an hour weekly costing \$20. Contact 6685 1056

WANTED!! 1930's POSSESSIONS FOR HSC STUDENT'S MAJOR WORKS

I require 1930's antique items, clothing, furniture and household objects for a film set that I wish to produce in this particular era. If anybody has any of the above and is willing/kind enough to lend me their items I'd be most grateful – every item will be treated and cared for with great respect. My name is Jasmine Moston and I'm a year 12 pupil making a movie for my English Extension 2 Major work. I intend to being filming in April over a three day period.

Jasmine Moston, Class 12 Ph 6687 8767

OTHER THAN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Rose Cottage Steiner Family Daycare Established 2002. Suitable for children 2.5yrs to 5+years. Has 2 vacancies. Child Care Benefit rebate available, for more info call Arinna on 66871980.

The 21st Century Child – Deepening our insights – www.extralesson.com

13th-17th July 2009

A Steiner-based conference for Extra lesson™ practitioners, teachers, doctors, therapists, parents & others interested in child-development. For further information see school noticeboard.

Distance Education Courses in Anthroposophy

EduCareDo – International Research & Learning Centre. Based on the work of Rudolf Steiner

Self Development for World Development

www.educaredo.com

Bringing Light into the Darkness of Cancer & Illness

Two free talks by Noel Wright:

- 7 essential life strategies
- Creating calm in difficult times
- Transparency and health
- Illness as a flower on the path

*Plus music, poetry and healing meditations.

Dates : 11am March 4th @ 26 Ibis Place, Lennox Head

6 pm March 12th @ 11 Blackbutt Street Byron Bay

to book in or for further information call Noel on: 6687 5949 0412 135 421

Speak up now to protect birthing choices for women and families in Australia.

If this interests you I can forward the information email to you. Contact news@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au

FUN STUFF FOR KIDS AT THE BIG JOKE

Cartooning Workshops for Kids:

Saturday, March 28, 12pm -2pm, Bangalow RSL Hall

Brendan Lovechild is a brilliant comic who draws brilliant comics. Brendan conducts a two hour workshop for kids teaching the finer points of how to turn their doodles into cartoons. Kids will be later supplied with a copy of their work, trimmed and presented just like a real cartoon!

Tickets \$15 – from The Urban, Bangalow (02) 6687 2678

Funny Kids Showcase:

Saturday, March 28, 3pm, A & I Hall, Bangalow

Come and be a part of audience for the stage debut of Mandy's Nolan's class of kids who have been preparing for weeks for their amazing stand-up comedy performances.

Tickets \$40 Family, \$15 Adults, \$10 Kids – from The Urban, Bangalow (02) 6687 2678

For further information go to www.thebigjoke.com.au

Begin a new direction in life & join this unique & powerful men's workshop!

This will benefit you, your partner, your children & your community. During this unique & very special workshop you will explore & transform the way in which you communicate & play out your life. You will explore & discover new, more authentic & more meaningful ways to live your life.

Sunday 29th March 9.15 am – 6.00 pm Byron Bay, NSW

A \$225 investment for a much better future

(Includes lunch, morning & afternoon teas & workshop materials)

Book NOW – Limited to only 12 men A (non-refundable) deposit of only \$75 will secure your place

To reserve your place contact

Adrian Hanks directly on 0400 424417

Email: adhanks@bigpond.net.au

Cape Byron Steiner School—Class 7 Room

Singing & Performance

4 Kids & Teens

Term Fee \$10/hr Pay term up front or Casual Rate: \$12.50/hr

Tuesdays & Thursday 3:15—4:15pm

Bookings: Julia 6680 4071 or 0412 201 736

- ☼Vocal Technique ☼Discover your Power Voice
- ☼Harmonies & Parts ☼Colour & Control
- ☼Performance Techniques ☼Microphone Technique
- ☼Build Confidence ☼Rock,pop,jazz,gospel & lots more...

Byron Shire Council has been working with a group of young people, (some of whom attend your school and services), to plan this year's Byron Shire Youth Week event - *MAKE WAVES*.

The event is going to be a pool party held at the Mullumbimby Pool on Saturday 4th April from 6-10pm for young people aged 12-18 years. Young people will be performing and listening to other local youth bands and performances. A program has been organised including a Welcome to Country, the Red Inc Signing Choir, an open mic session and a mix of performances including Half Nelson and Alice Blue. Local businesses have donated lucky door prizes and the pool inflatable obstacle course will be a feature on the night.

Councillors and some council staff will also be attending to provide an opportunity for young people to discuss any issues, concerns or ideas they have for the community, and youth information and consultation Blog sheets organised by the organising group will be available on the night. Below are some of the additional details for your information.

- The members of the organising committee would like to promote the event through their schools by distributing leaflets and talking at assemblies or to class groups. It would be great if the relevant information could also be placed in school newsletters so that parents may also be advised of the event. Press releases have already been printed in the local papers and a further article is expected soon. Some posters will be distributed in local shops as well.
- FREE BATBUS transport has been arranged to pick up young people from the South and North of the Shire. Posters will be distributed soon at schools and bus stops.
- There will be free pool entry and food available (including veg options). The Kiosk will also be operating.
- Obviously the event will be strictly drug and alcohol free. Two (2) security guards and 4 life guards will be on duty.
- There is a limit to the number of people who can be admitted. Doors will close after the first 200 young people arrive.

KITE & BIKE FESTIVAL – Another exciting event to attend after the RC&M day

Part of the Kites and Bikes Festival in Brunswick Heads on March 21st & 22nd is the Country Energy Kite Record Attempt. Registrations are now open for our attempt to break the Australian or world records for the most number of kites flown simultaneously on March 22nd. Local charity "Our Kids", which fundraises for equipment for local hospitals to keep kids local, will be the beneficiary of this big community effort. Enter as an individual, or round up your teams of 10. Groups of 50 or more will be eligible to go into a draw to win a prize. Registrations can be made on line via the website www.kitesandbikes.com.au or at the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre in Park St. The \$10 entry fee includes a kite making kit. Upon receipt of the registration number, kite kits can be picked up from the Visitor Centre and be made up at home (or perhaps at school if your class can get together a group?) Contact Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre for further information on 6685 1003.

CIRCUS SHOWCASE at Circus Arts

Free event featuring our brilliant student performers.

Silks, Trapeze, Circus Bike, Aerial performances

Have a go on the Flying Trapeze for only \$5!!!

Friday 27th March 7pm – 8pm

www.circusarts.com.au

Circus Arts. Byron Entertainment Centre

17 Centennial Circuit. Arts and Industry Park

Ph 6685 6566 **FREE EVENT, NO NEED TO BOOK!**

Byron Bay Tennis Academy. Coaching available, all ages. Contact Bill McDonald 0438 213 729.