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CORKWOOD CHRONICLES

TERM 3, WEEK 5

Wednesday 24th August, 2011

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

Class 2 Camp Simpsons Gap	25-27th August
Class 6 Camp Honeymoon Gap	12-16th September
School Photos	24-26th August
Class 1 Camp-out on grounds	Friday 26th August
Book Week	30 Aug - 2 Sept
Jump Rope for Heart	6th September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 23rd September
Teachers Professional Development ~ Pupil Free Day	Monday 10th October
First Day of Term 4	Tuesday 11th October

Please note further information on festivals and other upcoming events will be posted once we have confirmation of times and details.

"Bright as the sun's gold rays are streaming;

Streaming fills my soul with light.

Light becomes a sword of radiance,

Radiance flashing in dark night.

Night is banished. See Love's sun-rise,

Love's Sun rising, warm and bright."

~ In the Light of a Child, Michael Hedley Burton.

Office News

German Volunteer

We warmly welcome Patrick Best our new German Volunteer, to the school. Patrick is staying with us for the next 11 months, so please introduce yourselves and make him feel part of our community. We are looking for families to host Patrick for a week or a month. If you are able to have Patrick as part of your family please contact Karyn at the office to coordinate dates.

Teachers' Professional Development / Pupil Free Day

Please note, as an addendum to last week's notice in the newsletter, that Monday 10th October will be a Professional Development Training Day for the Teachers and so the students are not due to come back to school until the Tuesday 11th October.

Thanks & Goodbye's

The school would like to warmly thank the Kilgariff family for their kind donation of a garden shed. The shed is located in the garden beside the Kindy fence and has access for the Kindy as well as the rest of the school. Class 3 has made very good use of it and it has been a very welcome addition to the gardening program. We can now safely store all our tools and keep them out of the weather.

It is with sadness that we are going to wish Karyn from the office farewell in October. Karyn is moving on from Alice Springs to seek the sea early in term 4 and we wish her well. This means we will be shortly advertising for a new school receptionist. If you would like to know more or know of someone who you think will be great, please come in and see Annie or Elaine for a job description.

Thank you
Annie Farthing
Acting School Manager

Ochre Cards

Dear Parents

A courtesy reminder that the formal introduction of the Working with Children cards or Ochre Cards as they are referred to now are in place and were in effect from the 1st April 2011 in all child related industries. There is an employee and a volunteer card that can be applied for.

If you are contemplating volunteering your time within the school or participating in classroom activities, school excursions and camps, etc. you will need to apply for a Volunteer Ochre Card. The card is current for 2 years. The cost is \$5.00 per volunteer application plus the cost of a passport sized photo.

Application and guideline forms can be collected from the Front office or by logging into www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au and select Forms and then select the **Volunteer Application**. I can advise you where to submit your application, what forms of ID you will need and help to complete the form if needed.

The procedure to apply is quite straight forward and is not as daunting as one thinks. ID can be signed and Payment accepted at the NT Business Centre, Peter Sitzler building on the North Stuart Highway. Once payment has been made and a receipt has been issued to you an Exemption form will need to be submitted also to allow you to volunteer whilst waiting for your Ochre Card. The exemption is for 90 days only.

This will need to be sighted, copied and registered by the school office. This will then entitle you to volunteer your (much appreciated) time within the school.

If you have an Ochre Card application being processed or when first applying for one, an Exemption form will need to be submitted.

We have had some response from parents who are in the process of applying for an Ochre Card but it would be so much more beneficial for the children if the school had more parents involved.

Thank you for your precious time and co-operation in this matter.

School Photos - Important Information

The school photos are in the process of being taken as I write this. It is going quite smoothly and quickly and there are lots of smiling happy faces. The photos are being taken on Wed 24th, Thu 25th and Fri 26th Aug. If students are absent for their photos on these days it can be organized to have their photo take as a portrait and then placed as an inset on the class photo. I would like to apologise that there was quite short notice from when the Photo envelopes were sent out to receiving them back. A class photo, individual photo and sibling photos have been taken regardless and will be available for families. The orders and money can be handed in by next Wednesday 31/8/11, so this will not be as rushed. Thank you for your patience in this matter and the photos should be beautiful.

The class timetable is as below :

Wed 24th Aug: 9.00am Class 2, 10.00am Ruby Salt Bush, 11.05am Class 1

Thur 25th Aug: 9.00am Billy Button, 10.00am Class 3, 11.05am Class 4/5, 12noon Class 6

Fri 26th Aug: 9.00am Billy Button, 10.00am Cassia, 10.45am Staff photo.

If you have any queries regarding photos please do not hesitate to contact Karyn or myself in the office.

School Sports

The Coles School for Sports program has commenced again for 2011. The school participated in this last year and the children have received and are using sports equipment that was selected from this. The promotion started on the 11th August.

The children seem quite enthusiastic about collecting the docketts and placing them in the barrel we have in the front office.

We have many docketts collected already. If you happen to use Coles for your supermarket shopping then with every purchase you will receive the school sports docketts. These are then brought into school and placed in the barrel at the front office. When the promotion period ends the docketts are posted and tallied and the school is given a number of points to spend on sports equipment.

The more docketts we collect increases the sports items that can be selected for our school and students. To find out more about this school sports program visit www.sportsforschools.com.au

Kind Regards
Elaine Barrett
Administration Manager

Kindy News

Cassia News week 5 term 3 2011

We're busy planting at the moment, in anticipation of spring. The children had a wish list of veggies they'd love to pick! We'd need a much bigger patch to fit them all, but come and have a look at some of their choices.

NEW MENU next week... the need for warm winter soup has passed. Please send a fruit or nice raw veggie such as carrot, beans, celery every day.

Megan Hatton will be taking the class every Monday until the end of term to release Susanne. I need to attend to the administration work for our Kinder that can't wait until a principal is employed. Mondays will be a Pitjantjatjara 'immersion' day, which means Megan will do rhymes, circle and basic instructions and blessings in language and also tell stories and enjoy some activities that help deepen the children's appreciation for a culture that is so much part of Alice Springs. She'll be able to do the same songs at circle time on Fridays too, which will help the children to learn more deeply.

With love, Susanne and Kitty

School News

Class 1 Snippets News

Friday overnight camp August 22nd

A parent letter regarding this was sent home yesterday. The children are very excited!

Please deliver your child at school by 5.00 - 5.30 PM in their tracksuit etc. Once settled with their swag set up it would be appreciated if parents could leave as discreetly as possible as time before dusk is precious for our natural light dinner, game or two, hot chocolate, marshmallows and then story time and star gazing.

A reminder: no torches, or toys or lollies.

If you do not have access to a swag, please let me know and we can sort one out for you.

Friday mud play August 22nd

The sand pit is an absolute hive of activity at present in preparation for this event! There is much negotiation and help getting the required resources and teams of people sorted. Please send your child to school with an change of clothes for after their play or perhaps for both their mud time and afterwards and a spare plastic bag. It does stain! They will play after lunch on Friday and then home before returning for camp. I am anticipating a messy pick up time.

Austswim

You may have noticed Sue last week observing the lessons. She is currently completing her training for the Austswim qualifications and wishes to learn from our classes. She will be in the water assisting me. It will mean the children shall get to practice more and do more in the lesson time they have.

Thank you for everyone who helped last week while many of us were away ill. A special thank you to Margi for organising the show also.

Warm regards

Vivienne.

Class 3

This week's homework is/was the corrections from last week's dolch word sentences and maths sheets plus a new word sheet and some time sheets. I give the children time in class usually, but they may be doing music at the time or just need more assistance which is why they come home. We had a few of the class in at recess today as they hadn't finished theirs last week for whatever reason. It is such an unruly process trying to enforce the work being done, particularly for those who need it most, as their lives seem so busy. But there is improvement, so I'll push on for now and try to get them done in class where possible.

Some children have a great grasp of their script; thanks for supporting them in the process. I've had some good feedback about the value of repetition and the joy of memorizing lines. Hopefully they will encourage the other cast members to practice. I've replaced a number of scripts despite having school copies and home copies. I think some may be hiding at home where only adults can find them.

Juggling teaching time to those that know already and those that have no idea, is this week 5 agenda, an art indeed.

Trying to set up a sleep over with outings either side for Thursday around the 1st of next month around a fortnight, with outings and visits either side. Ochre cards or exemptions need to be obtained if you can make yourselves available to get us from one place to another on the Thursday or Friday. Elaine is back today if you need to organise that. I'm thinking badminton,

ice skating, a vineyard visit, a camel hair spinning demo, and I'm open to suggestions on any front. Just be sure to pick them up Friday at school's end.

Thanks all,
Pam

Class 6

Camp dates have changed. Class 6 camp at Honeymoon Gap will now be 12-16 September.

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triple j Unearthed High winner announced

Melbourne's Snakadaktal have taken out the **triple j Unearthed High** competition for 2011.

The quintet's school, **Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School**, now just have to figure out how they will fit everyone in the gymnasium when **The Living End** head there to perform a lunchtime gig.

This morning **triple j Breakfast's Tom & Alex** phoned guitarist **Sean Kelly** before heading to school to share the good news.

"This is really overwhelming. I'm just shocked, wow thank you all so much. I'd like to thank pretty much everybody that we know, all of our friends and family and our school. Thanks to everybody for being nice to us and listening to our music even the people that hate us."

View the music video here: <http://www.abc.net.au/triplej/musicnews/s3298793.htm>



URGENT! Please read!

A Steiner family from Melbourne Rudolf Steiner school is planning to arrive in town tomorrow (Thursday 25th August) in their camper trailer and are seeking a friendly place to park. Also they have been travelling for around 5 months and their kids would love to play and socialise with some other kids. It would just be great to meet other Steiner families and have a chat about what life is like in Alice Springs.

Contact Susan and John 0487 703 141, if out of range please leave a message.

Seeking Accommodation?

Accommodation available: 1 bedroom fully furnished unit on rural block, 15 minutes from CBD, suit one person or couple. For information please ring 0401471479 or leave message on 89535020.

House Sit Available, Adelaide Hills

House in small town of Nairne available for reliable, trustworthy person for all or part of a couple of months.

Would suit a single person, couple or small family; 2 of the 3 bedrooms would be available for use. Well-behaved pets welcome.

Nairne is 10 minutes from Mt Barker and 45 minutes from Adelaide by car, 1 hour by bus.

Contact Sandy on 0431 608 015 for more information.

House for sale

Looking for a lovely home? Our home is up for sale!

It is a real family home with a 'good feel' throughout - in perfect condition, located on a large block in Bokhara street. It is a fully renovated 3 bedroom house with open plan living. Beautiful wooden floors and cork tile living areas, carpeted bedrooms; practical new kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Spacious master bedroom with walk-in-robe and 2 smaller bedrooms built in robes.

Private sale Please call John on 0447296252 or Katrien on 8955 0155

Instrumental Teacher Needed - Guitar And Drums

St Philip's College is a Uniting Church secondary day/boarding school with a comprehensive Music Tuition program.

Currently, there is a vacancy for an Instrumental Teacher who can teach both guitar and drums to students across all Year levels (Yrs 7 to 12). This position is casual, 3 days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) and pays \$36 per hour.

The successful applicant will need to provide two references and be the holder of an Ochre Card for working with children, or be willing to obtain one. The start date for this position is 19th September and will continue for the rest of the school year.

Please contact Kristina Kidd, Music Tuition Co-ordinator during school hours on 8950 4529.

Thanks again, Kris Kidd

Annual General Meeting

The Alice Community Garden is having its AGM and BBQ Saturday 27th August from 10am on site at Frances Smith Park, Eastside. All interested members of the public are welcome to come and meet our nominated committee members, enjoy a camel burger BBQ and talk up big about the community garden.

