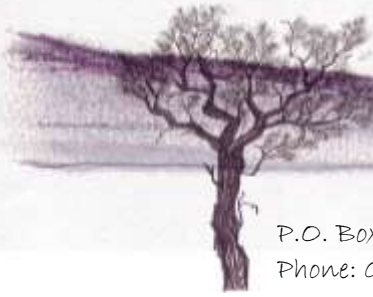


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CORKWOOD CHRONICLES

TERM 3, WEEK 6

Wednesday 31ST August, 2011

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

Book Week	30 Aug - 2 Sept
Shilton 15 Year Celebration Dinner	Saturday 3rd Sept at "Campfire of the Heart"
Jump Rope for Heart	Tuesday 6th September
School Tour	Friday 9th September 9am
Class 6 Camp Honeymoon Gap	12-16th 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.

"Spirits of water, spirits of air,
Weave in the world full of nurture and care.
Sons of bright fire and gnomes of quick gait --
All of them speak to me whilst they create:
Oh, we work within the world for purest joyfulness alone,
But remember please the deeds we do -- they must not pass unknown,
For you free us from enchantment when you make our life your own"
~ In the Light of a Child, Michael Hedley Burton.

Office News

Shilton 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Chris Shilton, our former School Manager and his family have been involved with the Alice Springs Steiner School for 15 years and this dinner is to honour them and celebrate the school community. We will meet at "Campfire of the Heart" for a yummy Thai dinner organised by Cherry Pie and Libby.

The entire school community is invited. Invitations were sent home with children and by email, if yours has gone astray, please come into the office and see Karyn or Elaine. It is important to RSVP by Thursday (tomorrow) so that Cherry Pie can arrange the catering for the correct amount of people.

It will be fantastic to see you there! RSVP NOW

Jump Rope for Heart

Dear parents,

Next Tuesday morning, the 6th September, the Primary school plus Transition, will be involved with participating in our annual "Jump Rope for Heart". This will have the children divided into vertical streams, where classes K-6 will work together in small teams, rotating round a series of stations, trying out various activities relating to skipping. It is a fun exercise, and the classes have been preparing for this over the past few weeks. The positive spin off is not only that the children will have a healthy physical diet, but also monies raised goes to a worthy cause which is the national Heart Foundation. The Upper classes have come home with sponsorship forms.

Kind regards,

Noel for the school

Invitation to Interested Parents

The Alice Springs Steiner School
would like to invite you to attend a

SCHOOL TOUR

on Friday 9th September 2011 at 9:00am
Lot 9523 Ragonesi Road

**This tour will be focusing on all classes with an
emphasis on transition and class one.**

Visit the classrooms, chat with the teachers, connect with Rudolf Steiner's ideas and find out how this education system is helping develop academic, creative and confident children.

This invitation is open to all members of the
Alice Springs community.

Bookings are required.
Phone 8953 4578 or Email: office@alicesteiner.nt.edu.au
by Thursday 8th September

Kindy News

Billy Button news

I would like to thank Tobie and Kylie for stepping in and filling the gap in Billy Button last week when I was sick. I really appreciate the lovely work you both did and thankyou Skye especially for holding the rhythm so beautifully for the children and being there to support Tobie and Kylie.

I would like to remind parents if you would like a Billy Button photo, to make sure you get your order envelope and money into the office.

Also, just following up on the 'Looking forward' forms. Please get them back to me as soon as possible. It is really important for the school to plan for next year. If you haven't received one, please ask me for one. Otherwise, speak to me individually to advise if your child is returning in 2012 to Ruby Saltbush Kindy.

Thank you to all of you who have already handed in your form ☺

This week in Billy Button we will be celebrating spring! In our circle, the little gnomes have been working hard all winter, seeking the treasure deep within the earth. Now spring is arriving,

they will be leaving their mountain home and setting forth in search of lady spring! Little seeds in the earth become plants so dear, stretching and growing in the light and warmth of spring. The promise of warmer days, ripe mulberries and mud play just around the corner! O delicious! Warm wishes,
M'Lis

Ruby Saltbush

Our gardens are starting to give us beautiful peas, flowers and some assorted plants that we are still identifying! We planted a few more tomato and capsicum seeds and we look forward to nurturing them as they grow. Some of the children have become vigilant waterers and others are more interested in weeding.

Some of our classmates have been sick, some even in hospital... we wish them a full recovery and look forward to seeing them again soon.

We are welcoming Spring with songs of blossoms and bird nest building - and we were thoroughly excited to look at a peacock egg in the classroom this week. Our craft project now is the weaving loom that you see hanging in the front window. It will run parallel to the finger knitting and pom-pom work we are doing.

Thank you
Katy and Holly

School News

Class 1 News

A big thank you to Paul, Bronwyn and Dominique, who generously supported the campout night. A few logistical surprises and sick children became the order of the evening and next morning. You just never can plan these things....To see the children enjoying the beautiful school grounds, a lovely open fire and sleeping out under the stars was a highlight to the already wonderful setting that the school exists in. Well done to the class one children and all their fluffy friends that accompanied them for the solo night away from home! They coped very well around fire protocol, having no torches and meals etc . A good foundation to later camps. I shall be sending around some photos shortly on e-mail.

The children seem to be getting tired with the warmer weather. I am wondering if a drink bottle during the day is a better way of monitoring their hydration levels? If it is filled in the morning from home and then I can keep a track throughout their breaks etc. I am open to suggestions here.

Our Maths main lesson has zoomed along as well as the knitting adventures. If there are any weaving frames still at home may I please have them returned to complete at school. Finally if you are wanting to see me regarding your children's school report and general participation at school please make an appointment with me. It was lovely to see 'Two Tone', Beckham, Snow White, Pirate Jack Swift, Fox from Wombat Stew (?), and Milli as shop keeper who somehow found their way to book week at TASSA.

from Cinders!





Class 2 news

Class 2 spent two great days and nights at Simpson's Gap last week on their annual class camp. The weather was superb - warm days, cool nights, clear air and a wonderful night sky made our experience truly memorable. The children enjoyed being together in nature, playing endlessly in the trees, the river-bed, up and down the hills and around the camp.

We were blessed to have Megan and some of her Yirara students with us on Thursday for a kangaroo tail cook up and some conversation in Pitjantjatjara. On Friday morning the National Parks ranger took us on an educational walk and talk about the impact of fire on the various tree species.

There were many highlights and for me one of them was seeing some children sing themselves along the very arduous and challenging bushwalk I took them on. Moaning and groaning soon changed into hearty singing when they accepted the fact that no-one was going to carry them the rest of the way or pick them up in a car!

Their positive attitudes carried them along and they were so proud of themselves by the end of the walk. These challenges are part of the camp experience - an opportunity for children to stretch themselves in ways they would not generally do.

Many thanks to those parents who drove, made food, camped out and generally helped out.

Ann

Class 4/5

Greetings,

* Thank you to the parents who came and supported us on camp. A huge thank you to Dave for coordinating the cooking and with such good cheer; Alex, for holding up the coffee supply and almost everything else; Max, who with one good arm was always present; Bill, who supplied us with some amazing games again; Claire, for covering so much distance and brilliant support; Jane, for the treat of the Violin, and Adelaide for the support at the business end. I really feel as a class these people deserve a huge thanks, and have all bar Claire who is new, been supportive in the past as well. Camps are a vitally important aspect of the curriculum, so when you meet up with any of these people, give them a huge thank you. They have certainly deserved it.

* Keep up the spelling at home and also the reading. Share reading is also good at times. Having your child read to you is very important at this stage, especially those that are not fully independent in their reading. I would also encourage keeping up the tables homework, and those with the maths worksheets, giving them a further outing would not go astray.

* We enter into the world of Odysseus this week on his way homewards, and we shall meet up with a few interesting characters. Last week, he showed all his legendary cunning; outfoxing the Trojans with a clever ruse. The children are very engaged with these stories, which are rich tapestries and narratives of power. I love it!

* This week we celebrate book week, and it is always great to see the children activating their favourite characters and stories. We see in our school not only the importance of reading, but how the children embrace reading too.

* Next week on Tuesday morning, we shall be doing 'Jump Rope for Heart', and those who wish to sponsor their child can get in behind raising much needed monies for this charity. Forms will be sent out this week with the children who wish to be sponsored.

* Does anyone have knowledge of Greek Folk dancing. We will try and have a go at 'Zorba the Greek' for the 'Spring Festival', and even if you cannot demonstrate or help me out, you will get a crash course on the Festival evening, when you are actively encouraged to join in with the class.

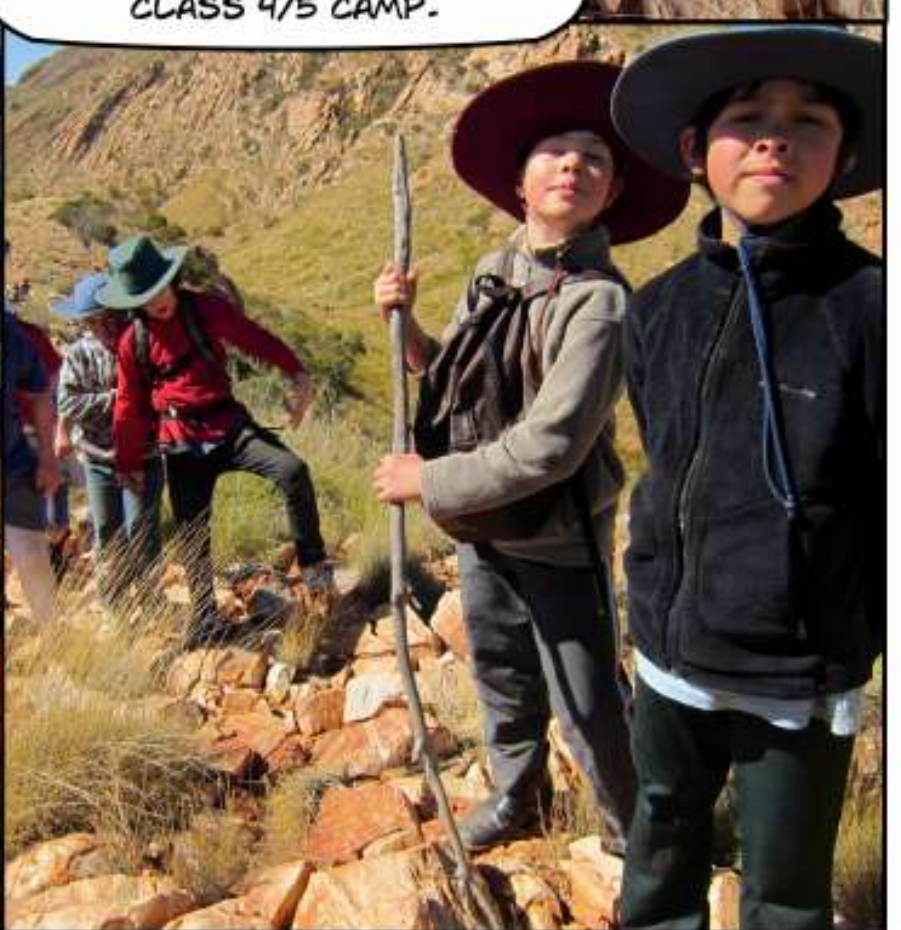
* I newslettered a couple of weeks ago that I am after dictionaries for the children: especially the older ones, and am wondering if there are any old dictionaries or Thesauruses, or even better, a combination of the two, resting in a cupboard, or an outlying shelf somewhere. Buying these reference books for a whole class is extremely expensive, but if we get donations, the main beneficiaries will be the children.

Much love,

Noel



2011 ORMISTON GORGE CLASS 4/5 CAMP.





@ Community Notices @

Lost & Found

Lost at Steiner Fair - Long plastic trestle table - loaned to Steiner Fair. Nothing written on it to identify, but someone or an organisation has ended up with a spare table. Could anyone who has loaned please check? Would prefer to not to buy another. Thank you, Rita Cattoni.

Short Accommodation Opportunity.

Hola, we have a room available in a three bedroom house, to share with a young Latin American family. It is available from September to the end of January. However, for the lucky person, the house would be most of the time empty because we are going back home to South America for holidays.

\$150 per week includes services and internet. Couples could be considered, and why not! Time can be negotiable.... if necessary. contact Diana & Javier 89596163/ 0433668025

House 4 Sale in Old Eastside

Beautiful Family Home in Old Eastside. Minutes walk to schools, shops, parks and CBD. This home boasts a large 1100m² block, a self contained granny flat (rental return \$300 per week) with rear courtyard and private access to large in ground pool, landscaped and reticulated gardens with fruit trees, chook pen, veggie patch and numerous entertaining areas. The main house consists of 3 bedrooms, sunroom, dining area, study, lounge room, bathroom, large kitchen and indoor/outdoor laundry and sleep out.

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- \$70* rego includes a \$75 player pack

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- 7-9 years old
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- Machine Pitch ... Fun!!!

-Little League

- 9-12 years old, \$125* rego
- Be part of the world-wide Little League network

-Colts/Majors

- U15 and U17 \$135* rego
- Exciting games under the lights

* \$5 discount for rego prior to 15 September 2011



The Alice Springs Community Garden Network
and
Gardens for food

*presents a series of workshops at
Centralian Middle School...*

1. Fruit Tree Planting and Care (Sun 7 Aug)
2. No Dig Gardens (Sun 28 Aug)
3. Wicking Beds (Sun 11 Sept)
4. Composting options (Sun 25 Sept)
5. Ask The Experts troubleshooting session
(Sun Oct 9, venue TBC)

All workshops \$10, email info@alicecommunitygarden.org.au to register
(attend 4 get the 5th one free)



Wicking Beds are an incredibly water efficient way to raise veggies in an arid environment because the water is stored in a reservoir *under the soil surface* and is taken up by the plants as needed. No evaporation!

In the Gardens For Food workshop on Sunday September 11, participants will learn how to build one and discuss the benefits of using a Wicking Bed.

Please be quick to reserve your place in this popular workshop!

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