

# The Alice Springs Steiner School

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## SNIPPETS

### TERM 3, WEEK 7

Wednesday 7th September, 2011

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#### SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

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School Tour	Friday 9th September 9am
Class 6 Camp Honeymoon Gap	12-16th September
Kindy and RSB Spring Festival	Wednesday 21st September 11am -12.15pm
Primary Spring Festival	Thursday 22nd September 5.30pm start
Billy Button Spring festival	Thursday 22nd September 12p,-12.30pm
Billy Button Spring Festival 12- 12.30pm	Friday 23rd 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

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

"The beauty of all things, radiant and fair,  
How it pours through my heart; how it fills me with gladness!

In the people I meet this same beauty is there;  
It reflects in their eyes, both in joy and in sadness.

And when our eyes sparkle or twinkle or shine,  
When warm love is flowing in the way that we live,

Then the water of life in ourselves becomes wine,  
And to God this can be the great gift that we give."

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

## Office News

### Photos Update

The photos have been taken and the children were terrific with their many smiling faces. They seemed to enjoy the whole process. April and Taylor from Moving Pictures did a fantastic job. There has been an individual, sibling and class photo taken of all children.

Last week a note was sent home via your child informing parents of an extra photo shoot that had been organised on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am for any absentee students, siblings and teachers to have their photos taken.

For absentee's their individual photo will be placed as an inset into the class photo.

I have noticed some parents have not ordered a sibling photos on the original order envelope. If you would like one, these beautiful photos are currently displayed in the front office. Each family photo is coded so you can order and not miss out on these special photos. Come in and have a look and place this order with the front office. These will be displayed and available until the end of Term 3, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

The photos will be ready by the first week of Term 4, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We will pass these onto your child to bring home.

For parents who may still find that they have overlooked ordering photos or they have not registered their child for the absentee photo shoot, then April at Moving Pictures can be contacted and you can discuss a date and time with her.

Moving Pictures phone number is 8952 1617.

It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all children were registered for their school and sibling photos.

So please do not miss out on a precious memento of your child's school year.

A big thank you to all the teachers for their patience and cooperation in making this happen.

Please do not hesitate to contact the front office if you have any concerns or queries.

P.S. For parents who missed out on the 2010 Class photos we have a digital image of each class on file. We have been emailing these to families. If you have missed out and would like one please let us know in the office and we will send you one.

## Head Lice

We have been notified this week of a case of head lice. While this case seems to be contained to one class could all parents please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Recurrent and prolonged outbreaks are now considered a health risk. Could you please inform the office if your child has head lice so we can ascertain how wide spread this problem may be. A natural and effective head lice lotion is available in the office for \$14.00 a bottle that will do several treatments.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Elaine & Lauren, Admin Staff

## Overview

It has really been a very busy week with so many children and teachers coming down with various illnesses. Thanks must go to Noel, Katrina, Susanne and Viv who have rearranged their days in order to accommodate additional classes. We also wish Ann and Pam and now Viv speedy recoveries. Megan Hatton has been fantastic taking on an additional load - thank you for making yourself available to us, Megan. As a relief teacher Megan has had numerous requests from schools around town. It would seem we are not the only school whose staff have succumbed to the lurgies!

Thank you also for all the Ochre card applications. We are building a large register of parents who now have these cards which makes excursions that much easier. Please note, the Ochre care is a legal requirement to work or volunteer around children.

There is still the opportunity to invite Patrick Best, our German volunteer to come and stay with your family. Please contact the office if you can host Patrick.

Annie

# Kindy News

## Ruby Saltbush

With great enthusiasm the children welcomed Spring this week. We are practicing songs for the Spring festival now, and they celebrate the birds and their nesting at this time. I can sense the Spring time energy in the class as the children (and adults too!) shake off the winter coughs and colds and blossom into the new warmth of these days.

You will notice that the baskets of discarded clothing have now been put away into big garbage bags. If you are missing any items, feel free to rummage in them. They will be given to a worthy cause at the end of the term.

Don't forget the school tour this Friday at 9am (bookings required) - it is wonderful to see where the children are headed and I highly recommend the tour if you can make it.

Thank you,  
Katy and Holly

# School News

## Class 3 news

### Class 3 Craft

Great news! Almost all the students have finished their crocheted cushions to go on their chairs; the sense of achievement in the class is fantastic. So now most students are working on their craft bags to go behind their chairs with woven and embroidered designs to decorate them. Parents are welcome to come into the class on a Wednesday afternoon to assist with craft.

Adelaide Church

## Class 5 and 6

### 5/6 Sport

This term Classes 5 and 6 are doing 'sofcrosse' for school sport on Friday afternoons. This is a version of lacrosse, using a softer ball. Bradshaw School have kindly loaned the equipment needed. Each Friday we go on the bus to play other schools. Last Friday we went to Yirara College to play Yirara and Yipirinya. This Friday we are going to Albrecht oval to play Living Waters School & next Friday we'll be going to play Braitling School at Head St.

The weather is warming up so it is important that all students bring a water bottle and a hat. It is also really important that students maintain high standards of behaviour on these excursions. Parents interested in coming along to sport please contact Adelaide on 0428 427603.

Adelaide Church

## *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](mailto:office@alicesteiner.nt.edu.au)

# Council News

Council last met Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August for 2 hours. Our deliberations included reflection on our recent **Management Review** - the key recommendations that we are in progressing are recruiting for Interim School Principal and Strategic Plan formulation.

- **Interim School Principal** - our search continues and we are in discussions with a potential applicant. I thank you for your patience and understanding and I'm sure you all join me in thanking Annie Farthing for her incredible generosity & work in her role as Acting School Manager for 2 -3 days per week. This is a difficult period but Council is committed to the best outcome for our school.
- **Strategic Planning this weekend (10/11 Sept)**. John Mero will facilitate Council, Class Teachers and members Chris Gillen, Alex Brown, Anna Yffer, Cathryn Hutton, and Valmai McDonald. This will run at the school from 2-6pm Saturday and 9-12 Sunday. Participants are enormously generous in giving up their time for this process - if you are able to help with childcare or meals or any other way for any of the participants please come forward!! The draft plan will document where we foresee the School to strategically be in the future; the draft will be distributed to all members for feedback prior to adoption.

We also discussed the

- **Website** - Bron and Karyn are doing a great job on updating / rejuvenating our web site. If you can contribute/help in any way please contact them.
- **Risk Management** - with particular focus on **fire** risk. The recent bush fires on the ranges north of our School were well monitored overnight and in conjunction with the Alice Springs Fire Brigade. It wasn't ever considered our school was under threat. Annie is in contact with a training provider to ensure that our Policy/Procedures and staff training are more than adequate. A Fire Drill has been carried out last month.
- **Life Membership** - a motion from Chris Gillen/Bill Pechey recommending Chris Shilton for Life Membership was unanimously accepted.
- **Public Officer** - thank you to Annie Farthing for taking over this role from Chris Shilton.

**15 Year Shilton Celebration** - what a fabulous night, under the stars, old and new friends united, children playing, memories shared, tango danced - visions splendid! Chris and Leni both looking so well and relaxed and of course gracious. Sally Mumford's print of Zeebee Corkwood was most appropriate with the significance of the Corkwoods on our original site. It was special to advise Chris of his Life Membership of TASSA. Thank you to all who attended and special special thanks to Cherry Pie Basso for incredible efforts in coordinating this evening.

**Reminder - Management Review** hard copies are available at the office for all members!!

Enjoy our spring weather - again thanks to all for your support, commitment and belief in our school and community.

Kindest regards,  
LIBBY PRELL for Council

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## @ Community Notices @



### CAPE BYRON RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL Class One Primary Teacher

Applications are sought for a confident, organised and caring teacher to commence primary teaching in 2012. Steiner experience and recognised teaching qualifications essential.

Respond to Principal, PO Box 736, Byron Bay 2481 by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September with application, CV and names of 3 refs or email [info@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au). Position Description available at [www.capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au](http://www.capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au)

### House Swap in Canberra

Are you moving to Canberra next year or keen to give it a try? Want it to be a hassle free exercise rather than having to pack up your home and deal with real estate agents? Our family (2 adults and 2 children) has swapped our Canberra house with an Alice Springs Steiner family this year. At the end of 2011 the Alice Springs family is returning home and we are wondering if there is anyone interested in swapping their Alice house with us next year as we want to stay. Our home in Canberra is a lovely three bedroom place in central southern Canberra, close to the Orana Steiner School, shops, playgrounds and all amenities. Our house will be available from the start of 2012 and we are flexible with the length of the swap - but are hoping it will be for the year. Alternatively, we would consider renting in Alice Springs if any family has a house available. If you are interested in either of these ideas then please email [shaneweatherstone@hotmail.com](mailto:shaneweatherstone@hotmail.com). Thanks, Shane Weatherstone and Cathy Butler.

### 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 1100m<sup>2</sup> 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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Call Gabe & Skye

0422 809 911

### Baseball Northern Territory

#### **-Aussie Tee-Ball**

- 5-7 years old
- \$70\* rego includes a \$75 player pack

#### **- Rookie Ball**

- 7-9 years old
- \$75 rego, loaner gloves available
- 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](mailto: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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