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CORKWOOD CHRONICLES

TERM 3, WEEK 8

Wednesday 14th September, 2011

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

Class 6 Camp Honeymoon Gap	12-16th September
Primary Spring Festival	Thursday 22nd September 5.30pm start
Billy Button Spring Festival (Thursday Group)	Thursday 22nd September 12p,-12.30pm
Billy Button Spring Festival (Friday Group)	Friday 23rd September 12-12.30pm
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.

“All of nature begins to whisper its secrets to us through its sounds. Sounds that were previously incomprehensible to our soul now become the meaningful language of nature.”

-Rudolf Steiner

Office News

Strategic Planning Day

Thank you to all parents, council & staff who participated in the strategic planning day. The forum really focussed us on where we need to go in the short term, while looking toward a great vision. I am looking forward to seeing the draft document & sharing the work we did.

Thank you

A big thank you to Elaine for her efforts over the past few weeks in ensuring the school is fulfilling all our legal obligations and Duty of Care with all our camps and excursions. Elaine has processed dozens of ochre card applications, ensured all licences were on file and indemnity forms completed before activities got underway. Thanks also to all teachers and parents who endeavoured to get these forms and information to the office in good time.

Thanks and best wishes also go to Lauren who has filled in while Karyn was on leave.

2011 School Photo - Reminder

Sibling photos are still on display and available to order at the front office. These beautiful photos will be displayed and available until the end of Term 3, Friday 23rd September.

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

For parents who have overlooked ordering photos, or didn't register their child for the absentee photo shoot, then April and Taylor at Moving Pictures can be contacted and you can arrange a date and time with them.

Moving Pictures phone number is 8952 1617.

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

2010 Class Photos - Update

For parents who did not receive 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.

We are still in need of a 2010 photo of Class 5/6. If any family in the school community has one please let us know.

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

Elaine

Council News

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

- **Interim School Principal** - [an announcement will be made this week](#). 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 last weekend (10/11 Sept).** Thank you to all who participated in our 2 half days on the weekend...WOW what an amazing effort and contribution to our school. I would like to note Bill Pechey's contribution, as a founding parent and member still so actively involved in our Community. John Mero, whom facilitated the workshop, was a gift to lead us through this process. John last worked with the School in 2005 when the School was at Araluen. He literally couldn't believe his eyes that the 2005 aspirations '*to create a school on Ragonesi Road, (including basketball court)*' had occurred in 6 years! 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 was 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, 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 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!!

Once again thanks to all for your support, commitment and belief in our school and community.

Kindest regards,
LIBBY PRELL for Council

Kindy News

Billy Button news

Next week is the last week of term!! Yes, we can hardly believe it ourselves. This term has literally flown by. Next week will also be our spring festival. We would like to invite all parents and families of Billy Button children to our celebration of spring.

Where: In the Billy Button Kindy.

Thursday group - Thursday 22nd September at 12 noon.

Friday group - Friday 23rd September at 12 noon.

During the morning, we will be making flower garlands with the children. Please bring, (first thing in the morning when you drop off your child), some spring flowers from your garden so we can decorate their garland.

Please also bring a plate of food to share, for our shared feast after our spring story.

We would also appreciate 2 to 3 parents to come early (about 11.15am) to help us set up the room for the festival. If you can do that, please let me know. Thank you very much.

We look forward to seeing you all at the festival,

Warm wishes,

M'Lis and Skye

Ruby Saltbush

With winter still trying to maintain its grasp and Spring dancing in and out we watch the garden flourishing all around us. Excitement is rising as we commence practicing with the Cassia children for the Spring Festival next Wednesday. The songs are really resonating with the children and they are starting to sing with gusto. Meanwhile the spring nature looms are looking more robust as the children master the winding on of the wool to affix the various sticks together. We are looking for two parents who can stay on Wednesday morning to assist us with our preparations on the Festival day. Please remember to bring a plate of healthy food for our lunch on the day.

We have news that Seamus is finally on the mend after a stint in Adelaide hospital with complications from pneumonia. We are thinking of the whole family as they go on this journey of illness and healing.

Thank you

Katy and Holly

School News

Dear Parents and Friends,

* On behalf of all the staff at our school, I would like to publically thank Annie Farthing for the huge job she has done in such a short time; helping us out in the role of School Manager. Mind you, she has stepped in many times over the past 4 years to my knowledge, helping out in the Office. I am sure she would be the first to state that this job is herculean, but she has been able to make it work. It is not just your work ethic Annie which is saluted, but also the manner in which you have gone about the task. Once again, well done.

* Last week the students all participated in the Jump Rope for Heart. It was really good seeing the kinder students joining in. They did very well indeed and by the look of the smiles on their faces they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a fun morning. A special thank you to Vivienne for supporting me to work out the course for the students. The students all joined in with enthusiasm and had good fun. If there are any outstanding donations and forms to come in, please send them to your child's teacher so we can send off our school's total fundraising effort.

Noel, on behalf of the staff at school.

Class 1 News

Well done to all our children for exploring new territory last Friday up the back on our bush walk. We braved the wonderful windy weather and went up the bigger ridge, through a lot of scrub next to the Shady. How refreshing to have a different view of life from there! The settling ponds were very obvious and the fire path on the higher range evident. Many kangaroos were seen which was very exciting for Patrick, and new nooks and crannies for playing coveted. The path home was much easier and an adventure to remember. It's a little like how I see the children. They have grown and moved on so much in their development this latter half of the year. They are well and truly on that bridge to the next phase of their orientation to play,

school and each other. Bookwork, imaginative play and their relational capacities are expanding and with that more opinions and negotiations!

Swimming continues, knitting is well established. Thank you to all for getting us on our way. The weaving frames still need to be returned so we can do our magic with them. Our literacy main lesson is on the Russian fairytales. We are building our reading around the tale of Baba Yaga, the bone witch. There is regular sight and sound practice of word families and blends now. Our little brother and sister alphabet letters have arrived and we are working on our formation of them.

We look forward to you joining us for the Spring Festival. It was wonderful to see the Scrambled egg show at the Alice Desert Festival. Everyone did such a great job. Well done, parents included. You are a talented bunch! I am conscious that the flu and stomach bugs are still out there.

Take care with family members and a big thanks to those who helped with Class 1 while I was away.

Regards Viv

Class 3 news

Aloha,
So good to be back in health

Sleep Over

Well, living up to my word, was the point of the exercise, other than including those who were away for the camp or had yet to join us. Many thanks to those who were on the 'front line' and to those providing transport, and for the preparation of our fabulous food. No doubt you heard the story of the sprinklers trying to dampen our spirits around 5 am as we tried to throw ourselves in the line of fire.

Reports were good. Much learning ensued with spinning wool, making Panini, and visiting the enormous Rocky Hill Table Grape vineyard. A good play at the town pool really wore the gang out before returning them to your care.

Music Main Lesson

I finally have a handle on the music main lesson which eluded me for a few days. The children seem captivated. Hopefully they will have been able to avail themselves of the symphony orchestra's performance Tuesday eve, to help promote a purpose for the learning of music notation.

If anyone knows of a musician(s) who would be willing to offer some time to discuss their musical interests with the class let me know. We discussed leaning guitar as a possible home interest as most Waldorf educated children take on an instrument at this age and many of the class haven't been taking their class instrument very seriously practise wise. I'd really like to find some stories relevant to music if anyone knows of any. My search has been fruitless so we're filling in with bible stories. Our 'memory hook' story characters include King Semi Breve (Ta-a-a-a) 4 beats, Queen Ta-a 2 beats, Captain Crotchet(Ta) 1 beat, Princesses Ti Ti (half beats) and the castle mice Tika Tika(quarter beats)..... Others attend to the royal note family allowing them extra time, as a service. ...Something along those lines.

Play Rehearsal

Most impressed with the learning of lines. The children are spurring each other along and looking for new parts they can take on. We have some cloths to use for costumes but any old sheets or curtains would help. Perhaps some filmy transparent fabric for the spirit beings to overlay would be effective.

Personal Books

Some fabulous homemade books have been arriving, a great tribute to the children's burgeoning talents as readers and writers.

House Building

Only a couple of houses still to be created.

Thanks Everyone

Class 4/5

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is the end of a fairly complex term, and as usual, there has been much going on. We have had camp, jump rope and also book week thrown into the mix, and now Alice Festival matters too, as well as the up and coming Spring Festival. Never a dull moment in this place, still it keeps us all honest.

There is also a fair degree of illness going round so roll on the holidays is all I can say.

Much love,

Noel

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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.

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.

\$630,000 neg Call Gabe & Skye 0422 809 911

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. Thanks, Shane Weatherstone and Cathy Butler.

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

Circus classes for term 4 @YMCA

7 week course on Wednesdays @ the YMCA Stadium, from 12th October till 23rd November
 7-10 yr olds come from 4-5pm
 10-16 yr olds come from 5-6.15pm (all come at 4pm on the 23rd November for end of term family & friends show)
 Activities include Juggling, acrobatics, trapeze, tissu, web, balance, tumbling.
 Instructors will be Matthew Leyland & Adelaide Church
 cost is \$100 for the term
 all bookings through the YMCA ph 89525666

Cello for Sale

A beautiful 3/4 cello for sale, great condition fantastic quality with a full size bow and soft case
 for more information contact rosemary on 0421 818 128

For Sale

20 acres + large, character filled house on Bellinger River near Chrysalis School, Thora, NSW.
 Certified organic garlic farm. Beautiful river frontage. Spring water. 50/50 cleared/bushland.
 Walk to Steiner School. Wonderful place to raise children. 25min Bellingen/Dorrigo. 1hr Coffs
 Harbour. 40 min beach.
 \$790,000 Carol Chodkiewicz Ph: 0423 712 612



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 16th September with application, CV and names of 3 refs or email info@capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au. Position Description available at www.capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au

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The Alice Springs Community Garden Network



*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)



Arante rana in concert Ormiston gorge

Sun 18th Sept 3.30pm



With special guest
appearance by Boyd
Owen of 'The Ten
Tenors':

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