

The Alice Springs Steiner School

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SNIPPETS

TERM 3, WEEK 9

Wednesday 21st September, 2011

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

Pupils Leave School Early	Thursday 22nd September, leave school 1pm (no bus)
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 Playgroup returns also	Tuesday 11th October
Last Day of School 2011	Friday 16th December
First Day of School 2012	Tuesday 31st January

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."

-Rudolf Steiner

Council News

Dear Parents and Members

School Principal Announcement - Welcome Julie Lovett

It is my great delight to announce that Julie Lovett will be joining our community next week as our new and inaugural School Principal. Julie has extensive leadership experience in Steiner schools, has trained Steiner teachers, and brings with her experience and skills of enormous value to our Alice Springs Steiner School.

One of the commitments your Council made was to enact the recommendations resultant of the SEA Management review of our school. Julie was able to join us as we developed a draft strategic plan recently and contribute her wisdom. The time in those sessions was a chance for some of us to meet Julie and for Julie to meet us and see our school.

Julie's appointment as our Principal gives our community confidence as we consolidate and grow from all of our work since our school began 15 years ago.

On behalf of you all, I would like to offer my deepest thanks to Annie Farthing. Annie was able to offer us all support and certainty as Acting Manager in the space between Chris Shilton leaving and Julie commencing.

Julie commences at the beginning of the school holidays, and will be ready to meet our children as term 4 commences.

At this stage, Julie is with us for 4 months (reference my letter 22 June). Now we have completed our review, and have a great first draft of our strategic plan, we are well placed to recruit long term. Advertisements will be published in the next couple of weeks.

Kind regards,

Libby Prell
Council Chairman

Office News

Spring Festival ~ Early Finish for Students

Next Thursday 22 September, children go home early (1pm) due to Spring Festival. NO bus pickup - parents will need to make alternative arrangements.

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, and also for Billy Button afternoon group (we have one of the morning group, thank you). 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

Finance News

SCHOOL FEES: Only a few days to go before the end of term. The Term 3 part of your July invoice is now very overdue and should be paid as a matter of priority. **Please attend to any overdue school fees before the end of this week.** Your timely payments help prevent cash flow problems for the school and also reduce our interest payments on the buildings loan in the offset account. There is a fee of \$25 for late payment.

We do try hard to keep fees at an affordable level. As you can see on the MySchool website, Milkwood Steiner School in Darwin is 42% more expensive to attend than ours!

Reminder notices will be sent out early next term for those who still owe money for Term 4. Thank you to all the prompt payers who have paid on time. For those who are paying in instalments, please schedule your final payment before the holidays begin.

UNIDENTIFIED PAYMENT: A large unidentified card payment came into our account on 31/8/11 for which we have no paperwork. If this was your EFTPOS payment please let Chris or Karyn in the office know your identity on 89 534 578.

Chris Gillen (Finance Officer)

Playgroup News

Hello All,

Just a quick note to let you all know that last Friday (Friday 16th September), was the last day of playgroup for this term.

We will be recommencing on the first day of term 4 (Tuesday 11th October).

Term 4 will be a 9 week playgroup term.

Thanks,

Any more info required, just let me know.

Kylie

Kindy News

Billy Button Kindy

Well the end of term is upon us. For me it is bittersweet. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Skye in Billy Button. I would like to say a huge thank you to Skye on behalf of the children and myself for taking such great care of us in Billy Button this year. Skye's quiet, organised energy has been such a wonderful support to me. The children have all experienced her perceptive, gentle kindness and it has nourished and nurtured them deeply. Also...she makes the best porridge! We wish you love and many blessings on your next adventure Skye and we will miss you very much.

In term 4 we welcome Lenley Bursle to Billy Button. We are very lucky to have Lenley fill in for the rest of the year. Lenley comes with a wealth of experience, having both assisted and been teacher in the Steiner Kindy for many years. I feel like I will be greatly supported and have much to learn from Lenley's practical knowledge and capable assistance.

Just a reminder that our spring festival is this week.

Thursday group - Thursday 22nd September at 12noon.

Friday group - Friday 23rd September at 12 noon.

Please bring flowers in the morning at drop off time for your child's flower garland.

Also, please bring a plate of food to share for our lunch time feast! If you are able to come a little early, around 11.15am to help set up the Kindy for the festival, please let me know.

I wish you a happy spring holiday.

Term 4 starts on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of October.

Warm wishes,

M'Lis

Cassia Kindy

Each child has planted a bush or tree and is keeping a watchful eye it and on our little garden patch.

Patrick, the German volunteer helps in the garden every Tuesday and last week many were inspired by his weeding. Shovels and wheelbarrows were put to good use and the compost pile grew and grew. It has been great to get gardening and cubby building and it is tremendous to see the team work amongst the children and their growing strength and competence.

We wish you all a very lovely holiday. Katja will still be with us for one week beginning next term. We'll keep our goodbyes to her and her family until then. Remember, the first Monday (10th of October) of term is a pupil free day.

With Love from Susanne and Kitty

School News

Dear Parents and Friends,

You are invited to a talk on **THE FOUR FOUNDATIONAL SENSES:
Supporting our Children in the First Seven Years (and beyond)**
Monday October 17th 7.30 pm Community Room

"When I was quite new to Steiner education I heard Ellen Sallows (Ellen is a learning support teacher with over 20 years experience in the classroom and also an art therapist) talk about the twelve senses as understood by Steiner. It deepened my understanding of how to nourish children in the early years and how deeply the development of the senses affects our inner life as well. It was inspiring and helpful, and gave me insight into helping people at any stage of their life. It was practical, common sense and made me glad to be at the Steiner School."

Monday October 24th 7.30-9pm Community Room

"Emotional Regulation, looking at the four middle senses and maturation in the primary Years. How does the Steiner primary school curriculum support this: Rudolf Steiner spoke to the primary teachers saying their job at this time was to teach the children to breath and to sleep, what does this mean?" A talk for parents and teachers.

Susanne and Ann, on behalf of the staff at school.

From the Teachers

Another term has come to a close. Many of the staff were sick this term. I had the flu for 2 weeks and have only recently recovered enough to get through the day without feeling exhausted. Many of the children have also had temperatures, tummy bugs, coughs, colds and headaches. It's the time of year when the changeable weather seems to play havoc with our immune systems.

A lot was packed into this short Term 3 - including camps in all classes, excursions, book week, jump rope for heart, the strategic planning weekend, the Spring festival and our regular classroom activities.

Along with all these other activities we've seen some wonderful creative play in the playground including games involving whole classes and extras as well, lots of cubby activity, making and

mixing mud and earth, as well as handball and ball games on the basketball court. Skipping has also featured. I'm so happy when I see the children run out to play with such enthusiasm. At school we consciously encourage the children to play outside at morning tea and lunch time (not that they need much encouragement). I'll never forget working in a public school about 10 years ago where computer games were the main attraction for many children at break times and I watched as they would literally knock each other down to get to the library to play games, elbowing each other out of the way to stay on the machines for as long as possible.

The notion of computers and computer games in classrooms as valuable learning aids for young children is now becoming an out dated one (how quickly that happened) and the use of computers in classrooms is far more strictly monitored in most schools. However, they are still prevalent in other Primary schools and non-existent in Steiner schools (at least until year 5). Interestingly, I've noticed how people have stopped asking why we don't have computers in our classrooms. With the widespread use of computers at home I think many parents are glad their children are "computer free" at school.

Fostering the natural inclination children have to play with one another is far more "educational" than the anti-social realm of computers and computer games, and while it may seem like more is asked of adults, in the long run children will become far more creative, independent, balanced and happy without them. We do our children a tremendous favour when we allow them grow up without media, when they are given the opportunity to foster real, lasting and supportive relationships based on perceiving their human and natural surroundings as they really are. We should not allow machines to become our children's best friends and constant companions.

With love, Ann

Class 1 News

Term 3 has whizzed by. We are quietly preparing for our Spring Festival which will be this Thursday. The children have been practising with Class 6 first thing in the morning. We only had 3 class members this morning at bell time for this!!!

Could I see all children on time during Term 4 as they are no longer in transition and it is disruptive for all involved. The children have been working consistently on their Baba Yaga story which we have been using as a reader. Their writing and letter formation have come a long way. Like the girl in the story we have been making bread featuring our alphabet letter shapes. This has filled our hungry tummies!

The children will also receive their individual Birthday verses this week. Something special for them, about them that they can recite at home with you before going to bed, and at school during class time.

It looks like the warmer weather has drawn a natural end to our wonderful bush walks up the back. We will continue to journey on Fridays down to Campfire of the Heart to pick up drawing and Aboriginal stories again with the possibility of a quick dip as well! Otherwise could all weaving and knitting ventures be returned to the class so I can offer some direction on this over the holidays.

Finally THANK YOU to one and all for all the support transporting and supervising the children this term, for the fresh flowers, food and company in the class. Much appreciated.

Wishing all families a wonderful break and I look forward to Term 4.

Viv.

Class 3

Apart from coming to see the dance we are working on for the Spring Festival Thursday and bringing a picnic dinner for your family you'll need to keep Friday evening free.

At this stage I've settled on 2 play performances on Friday, one will be after recess (if all classes agree, check) for the school and the other in the evening at 5.45. Hope you can attend one of those. The children's houses will be on display for the Spring Fair and a short presentation of the books created for and in some cases by the students will be presented to the school after our play presentation on Friday.

Gardening

We need to harvest our garden produce prior to term's end if I'm to free myself from watering duties. We may even need to harvest the class wheat crop.

The building project-

We will need to put this onto next term's tasks, but if anyone can work on eliminating the paint, using power tools (electric planer), from the potentially beautiful veranda posts we are to use, or allow me (an old hand at it) to use their tools, we could improve our design.

Main Lesson Books

These will need to stay at school for me to peruse for reporting this semester.

Craft

A belated thanks to Adelaide's work with the children on their cushions which are looking magnificent. Next term we will begin a very difficult cross stitch bag project. This usually takes a year for some children to complete.

Let Adelaide know if you are willing to help out Wednesdays.

Class Library

Even though we're unable to borrow from our school library the children can borrow from the class library but you will need to be vigilant about this if we are to have a class library. Thanks Suzette for your recent donation of extra books. Unfortunately our books are not all quality literature, and rather than rely upon the books that only whimsically entertain, perhaps you could help me make a list of books for the class that you have found to meet your child on many levels.

Happy Holidays Everyone,
Pam

Class 6 news

Class 6 had a great camp last week out at Honeymoon Gap. We mostly spent our time doing drama and music, with several visits from different tutors who shared their skills with the girls: Rachel Hore, a choir leader from Sydney did two fantastic sessions; King Marong led us in African drumming and dance; the Splinter Sisters Choir came out and sang with the girls; the drumming group from Santa Teresa performed for us then taught us some rhythms, after which we sang to them and taught them a song; and the gorgeous Anna, who lives out on the block we stayed at, did some unplanned but fantastic African dance with the girls.

Bill Townsend also did a wonderful session of team building games and Chris Gillen gave another great session about astronomy, which the girls got a lot out of. Many thanks to all those who shared their skills. The girls did a beautiful concert at the end to show what they'd been learning throughout the week. They all did a great job of working together and looking out for each other and finished the camp full of stories and smiles.

Thanks also to: Annie, Libby, Merren and Anna who stayed the night; Kerubo, Donna and Annie who helped out with lunch; and Max, Chris and Bill who rode their bikes with us from Flynn's Grave to Simpsons Gap. And a big thankyou to Amanda and her family for sorting out all the delicious food. Weeks like we had simply aren't possible without all that warm support from parents...so thankyou!!

Hope you all have a great holiday.

Warm regards,

Katrina

Strings News for Festival

The school orchestra will be playing two lovely pieces, "Willows of Skye" and "Fiddlin in Aberdeen" in the Thursday Festival AT 5.30pm. So this means that all orchestra players will need to arrive between 5.00-5.15pm to tune and warm up....no later than 5.15 though please. In case there is any doubt amongst parents or players, here are the members! Ruby F., Danica, Isabel, Lara, Amy, Chante, Ugo, Indigo, Daisy, Maggie, Mila, Kyah, Rita-Mae, Vanessa, Xavier, Joshua, Ella, Xee, Django and Rory. Everyone's contribution to the whole is important, especially cellos as they are a very small section, so please do ALL you can to be there, as a responsible member of the team.

If you are sick or going away on holiday early, and so can't be there, then please call me asap. Thank you!

Jane 8953 1136 / 0431 290396

PS. Jane's string lessons and orchestra begin again in the first week of term 4, 12th, 13th, 14th of October. So remember to bring your instruments and music in to school, same days as this term.

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Intestinal Worms

Please be advised that there have been some cases of intestinal worms being reported at school. This is common in Alice Springs because of the dust (it's dust-borne).

For more information check the government health website

http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/factsheets.cfm?doc_id=3732 or speak with your pharmacist.

German Volunteer: For Patrick

Does anybody have a spare swag and/or camping gear, sleeping bag, or anything you think an 18 year German Volunteer might like. If so please contact Margi 8952 0967

Wanted for Interim Principal

Short term accommodation in preferably in a granny flat or studio apartment is required for the Interim Principal. Also a 4WD vehicle for sale or lease. Please advise the office if you know of anything that might be suitable.

Pool Lifesaving

Exciting opportunity to Come & Try Pool Lifesaving at the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre in October school holidays. Need to have minimum Level 4 Swim & Survive certificate and be prepared to swim fast!! It's a great way to use your swimming skills and a fun way to compete in the water! Free tryout Wednesday 5th October 2-4.00pm. It will be an ongoing program through Term 4 on Wednesdays 4.30 - 6.00pm with a reasonable weekly fee and membership. Come down and see Petina and Kari and you might have the opportunity to represent NT in 2012. For more information please ring Petina on 0408 857 331

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.

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 Bellinger/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

FINAL LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION (FREE) FOR
2011 AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for The Alice Springs Steiner School students to attend our next LIVE Online information session being held on Wednesday 19th October. The session starts at 6:30pm (AEST) and will be the last LIVE Online session for 2011.

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. Further details are available in the newsletter notice which can be downloaded in either [Word](#) format, as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF](#) format. We would be most grateful if you would place this notice in your school newsletter, on a notice board or website, or mention it in an assembly.

SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER - DEADLINE 31ST OCTOBER

Each year we also offer 12 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

- Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 2 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 each.
- Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 3 Creative Arts Scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$3,500 each.

The deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between April 2012 - September 2012 is 31st October, 2011. More information on scholarships is available from [here](#).

Nick Lorentzen,

National Director

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FOR RENT



Rural Retreat in Alice Springs

Trees galore, Peace & Tranquillity.

3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home with veranda on all sides in Ross area.

The House has been recently renovated including a new dishwasher & oven.
Garden beds have been set up and reticulated and a small shaded area of grass.

There's even a chook area fenced and ready to go.

It also has a large shed and a separate carport.

The area available to the house is about 2000 sqm.

The House will be available the week starting 24th October.

The weekly rental is \$460.00

Please phone Denne on 0427 540 001 or 8953 8897

COOL MOB

The Alice Springs Community Garden Network

and



*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)