We had an amazing turnout by parents and friends for the Primary School Assembly on Tuesday this week. Classes 1, 2 and 3 students presented lovely performances. It’s great to see what they have learnt so far this year, (how quickly they pick up the songs and poems). PAFA had their first meeting with the new team and it was wonderful to see such support from members. I am looking forward to working with PAFA this year. The first School Tour for the year was held yesterday. Joan reported a lot of interest from potential families. They were impressed by the peacefulness and the industriousness of the children working hard in the lower primary. Successful tours results in applications for future enrolments. Last night the school Board held their monthly meeting. I presented the Special Purpose Financial Report for 2013 which has been signed off by the Management Committee and the school Auditors. The 2013 Financial Report along with other reports will be presented at the AGM to be held 13 March at 7pm in the Hall. I thank this wonderful group of volunteers for their tireless work over the past 12 months.

Next weekend will be the first Open Day and Working Bee for the year, so come along if you can. This is a great opportunity for the community to work together on projects that enhance the environment for our students. It is with sadness that I report that over the last few weeks there has been some serious illness and accidents amongst our community. Please hold these people in your hearts and offer your support where you can.

Enjoy your weekend and stay cool.

Zsofia Kennedy
Acting Director

Working Bee Next Weekend
Please set aside next Saturday 1 March to attend the Whole School Working Bee. The day begins early at 8am and finishes at 2pm. There is the added enticement of a lovely lunch provided by our school as a thank you. In addition, donations of cakes and nibbles will be greatly appreciated.

We have many new families this year, if that’s you, this will be a good opportunity to get to know more parents across the school. You are welcome to attend as a family as long as you supervise your children. For safety reasons please remember that no bikes or scooters are allowed. This is also the day we host the school Open Day and there will be groups of prospective parents walking through the school. The focus area for the day is the Productive Garden in the High School. Please remember to sign in and out at the primary school Kitchen Garden. I will be there to offer direction. Dave will be directing the flurry of activity at the High School. There will be other smaller tasks across the school and the usual painting group (thank you). What to bring: hats, water bottles, wheel barrows, kids, gardening tools, and enthusiasm. The working bee is a fun community effort, please come along.

Fiona Williams
AUTUMN FESTIVAL DATE CHANGE – NOW FRIDAY 4 APRIL
I would like to draw your attention to a change of date from that given in the School Calendar of Events for this year's Autumn Festival for the Primary and High Schools. In the calendar it is given as Friday 21 March (Week 8) but we now wish to change this date to Friday 4 April (Week 10) which is the last day of term. The festival will culminate in a shared community festive lunch and then school day will conclude at 12.30 pm but as usual the school will provide supervision for students until 2:45pm, if required. The Autumn Festival committee have agreed together and discussed the change of date with the SLT taking into account the following considerations:

- Given the need for extensive rehearsal schedules to activate and co-ordinate an effective 'whole school' festival, every minute until the end of week 10 will be required to pull this together. Week 8 offers an insufficient time scale.
- We also believe the tradition that has been followed for years now of finishing the term on a climactic note is the best way to conclude the term and to allow the children and their families to carry the energy of the festival into their lives beyond their school environment.

We hope this change of dates doesn't unduly inconvenience anyone and that we are offering you sufficient notice to adjust any plans that you may have already instigated based on the previous dates given.

Alan Drysdale
On behalf of the Autumn Festival Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
We are already one month into our school year! It is great to see and feel the way the High School is working in such a respectful and harmonious way. Our new students have already become important parts of the social fabric of the upper school. I am grateful to our students and their families for helping create such a supportive and respectful place to learn. It is also great to look around our morning circle each morning and see how everyone has made an effort to wear sun safe non-branded clothes. Somewhat of a challenge sometimes in the current heat.

The RACQ free2go team visited the High School on Thursday to work with our Class 11 and 12s. The 11s program focused on their journey as a learner driver, while the 12s presentation included things like what to do in a breakdown, road safety and how to handle potentially dangerous situations while driving.

Class 8 is gearing up, literally and figuratively, for their first High School camp in a few weeks - Sailing camp which is part of their current Physics main lesson. For the first time they have the additional challenge of planning, shopping and packing all their food and kit for a week away, something they will become very good at over their high school years.

Our task here in the High School is essentially to support the students to become confident ethical people, who can engage in the world with creativity and confidence. One way we work with this task is through our outdoor curriculum. Each of the many camps are designed to link closely with the particular main lesson the students are studying - a rich outdoor classroom that develops over the five years of their secondary schooling. The benefits we see in the students are so many, but include deepening and enriching understanding, self-reliance, resilience, self-worth, support and caring for each other - and a sense of gratitude for what many of us might take for granted.

Tim Dunn
Acting Education Administrator (High School)
CLASS 12 NEWS

'Hours apart, seconds together...'  Writing Poetry in Class 12

Class 12 and I have embarked on our Modern/Post-Modern and Beyond Literature ML. Beginning with W. B. Yeats we brainstormed our own symbols for Love and wrote Symbolist poetry; zoomed into the tightest focus (think a film close up) with 'no superfluous adjectives' (Ezra Pound) - and experimented with Imagist poems. We debated The Red Wheelbarrow - does it count as poetry?  [http://www.poetryfoundation.org/learning/guide/178804#poem](http://www.poetryfoundation.org/learning/guide/178804#poem)  We've written our own poems springboarding off W.C.Williams first line 'so much/depends upon' and another of his which begins with 'This is just to say'. We have revelled in the acoustic sounds of Eliot's The Waste Land and now we meet Virginia Woolf, James Joyce and Stream of Consciousness. Fragmentation, diverse voices, honouring our own vernaculars and valuing individuality; this is the 20th Century.  

Molly Brumm

The Class 12 students have written many wonderful poems, here are just few to tempt you.

**This Is Just To Say (William Carlos Williams)**
I have eaten
the plums
that were in
the icebox
and which
you were probably
saving
for breakfast

Forgive me
they were delicious
so sweet
and so cold

**Forgive me (Bianca)**
Forgive me.
Life is hard but,
Darling I can give you,
One thing

That has brought me,
Out, of the darkness
Out of the depths
It is light and full of love
And it is called
Hope

**Complete Destruction: (Cahona)**
A gunshot
In an open field,

Man trudges through
Thick snow;
The fallen beast
Has ceased his trot.

With saw, two branches
Hunter yields.

Once suffering, corpse
Now swarmed by crows,

And carcass left
To rot.

**excerpt from LOVE (J.I.P.See)**
Days spent waiting,
Watching minutes tick by.
Long nights spent talking into phones,
Longing to get a hold on the emptiness.
The feeling of not being whole,
Of loneliness in their absence.
Awaiting their return.

**Love (S.G)**
A bond so strong, an ocean's grasp
Would suffer in its grip. No chains, nor rope or
steal bars doth bind it.
A power held in unity, tis the place you'll find
it.
this world is not conclusion  (M.A.R.B-f)
this world is not conclusion
has not conclusion,
        wants not conclusion

this world is perpetuation.
is invigoration.
is rejuvenation.

stopping is not in its nature
and nature intends not on stopping.

(Emily Dickinson 1st line) - (Kirily Jago)
She slept beneath a willow tree
Its branches shielding her – to a small degree
And on that fine and sunny day
She never woke, except to say
When many people passed on by
And many asked, as her they spied
“Young lady there! Are you awake?”
And some leaned down and gave a shake
She would reply with exasperated sighs
“I do believe I was asleep, then by you walked
and rudely talked
and woke me from my slumber deep.
Now if you please I will again
Lie down myself, so eventually when
You walk away from here, I can
Once more return to a peaceful state
And resume my dreams of dinner plates.

Popcorn is on again
Class 10 will be selling Organic popcorn in first break every Thursday from next week in the
Primary School Garden Kitchen. Small bags are $1. Large bags are $2.

Funds raised go towards the Class 10 students attending a Youth Conference in Switzerland in
2015. They will be joined by other Steiner School students from around the world.

Mercedes

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF

Daniel Lopez – Violin Teacher in the Primary School
Daniel began his musical journey at the age of three in Geelong, giving his first public performance at the University of Melbourne at the age of four.

He commenced his tertiary music studies at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, before moving to Brisbane to continue his studies with Spiros Rantos at UQ. In 2008 he was awarded a full scholarship by the University of Tasmania where he completed his Master’s degree studying with Edwin Paling. While in Tasmania he was concertmaster of the University Orchestra, the Jan Sedivka Camerata and the Tasmanian Theatre Unit trust Orchestra. He also recorded for ABC radio in Hobart and toured with his quartet to record for 3MBS in Melbourne. In 2009 he was awarded the D&MV Scholarship, which saw him spending a number of months studying with Gyorgy Pauk and David Takeno at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Following that he performed with Quartet Australis on board Holland America Line, touring through the US and Canada. He has performed with other various ensembles in Germany, Italy, Singapore, the US, Malaysia and extensively within Australia.

Daniel returned to his birthplace, Singapore, to complete his military service in 2010. He performed as guest principle with the Singapore Festival Orchestra and performed with members of the
celebrated Tang Quartet. Daniel is extremely fond of chamber music and has performed recently in Sydney and Melbourne with quartet2100. He has a number of ongoing projects in Brisbane while regularly performing with the Camerata of St. John's and the Queensland Pops Orchestra. He also enjoys performing with his world music band, Orsino's Safari and runs a wedding music agency, Sanctuary String Quartet, with cellist Eleanor Streatfeild.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

![Class 5 children enjoying the new playground in upper Primary](image)

This week saw the first Primary School Assembly in the Hall and it was wonderful to see classes 1, 2 & 3 share some of their work. Thank you to the parents who attended. The next Assembly is on Tuesday 4th March and there may be a surprise addition to the programme which includes Classes 4 & 5. The PAFA meeting on Wednesday was very well attended and it is exciting to see a new burst of energy and commitment from parents to build social relationships throughout the school. PAFA will be organising many cultural events during the year. There is a bush dance coming up in May and Music Under the Stars (MUTS) being planned for August.

By Monday the Primary classes will be starting or continuing the second main lesson for the year: letters, math, measurement, math (number processes), business math, geometry. Next week we will continue articles from our Class Teachers with Class 2.

At Whole School Faculty we have been hearing from the Class Teachers and next week we will gather in the Preschool to hear about the wonderful work with the youngest children in the school. The benefit of sharing our work has been to deepen our knowledge of the curriculum and see how links are made between Prep, Primary and High School classes. Until next week, have a great weekend.

*Chris Jack*
*Education Administrator*
PAFA NEWS

Our First PAFA Meeting!
We had our first PAFA meeting on Wednesday and it was a fun and lively gathering with a record number attending! Thank you so much to Zsofia, Tim, Mercedes, Chris, and Fiona for taking time out of an incredibly full schedule to give us an update from the board, directorship, primary and high schools. This is surely a fantastic start to what is going to be an enjoyable and eventful year.

Treehouse Hours
The Treehouse hours for this year are Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8:30am – 10:30am. The Treehouse will also be open for the purchase of craft supplies, handmade toys, Steiner related books and gifts. The Parent Library will also be available.

Thanks again for your support.
Imogen (PAFA President) and Amy (PAFA Vice President)

PARENT CRAFT GROUP NEWS
After a week off for a very informative and enjoyable PAFA meeting, it is time to pick up our needles and get back to crafting. Join us from 9am this Wednesday 26 February at The Hub to make felt bookmarks. The cost is $5 to cover materials; coffee and tea is available for a gold coin donation. All skill levels welcome - come and learn with us!
With warm regards,
Cindy Rylands cindy.rylands@bigpond.com and
Lisa Cashion colourmepurple@hotmail.com

ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES
These Steiner/Anthroposophically related activities and services, whilst not directly related the school, can be seen to be in sympathy with and supportive of the impulse of Steiner education.

Position Available - Dandenong Ranges Steiner School - Accounts Payable / Administration
The Dandenong Ranges Steiner School is located in outer East Melbourne. We are seeking an appropriately skilled person to work in administration. The position will initially be for 2 days per week with the possibility of increasing in the future.

The successful candidate will have bookkeeping skills, experience with accounting and general office software, including MYOB and desktop publishing. It is also preferred that the candidate will have an understanding of the ethos of a Steiner school, and be an excellent communicator.

Please apply by email, including a full CV, to the Bursar: drss@ozemail.com.au, by Friday 14 March 2014.
CLASSIFIEDS

Please note: All Classified Advertisements are submitted by individuals for the community benefit. They do not in any way express the views, opinions, endorsement or policy of the school and should not be relied upon as such.

There is a flat $2 charge for each advertisement and payment is required prior to inclusion.

¼ size cello for sale
2 year old Arco ¼ size cello for sale. Purchased from Animato for $800. Beautiful sound. Excellent condition. Comes with a semi hard case (average condition) and soft case. $400. Danielle 0466448602

House for rent
Beautiful 5 bedroom Queenslander on 5 acres in Camp Mountain. Round the corner from the Steiner School. Available from August 2014 to January 2015. Cathy 0422 516 075

Samford Rangers FC
Sign on now for Soccer Season 2014, boys & girls, Juniors U12-U16, City U18, Miniroos U6-U11, Squirts 3-5. Pre-season training underway now on Wednesdays. For more information or to sign on go to samfordrangers.org.au or call 0409 997 596.

Touch Football
Do you want to play a fun friendly game to keep fit? Come and play Touch Footy at Mitchelton Junior leagues with CityKidz. Touch every Thursday of the Term for $50. All you need is some type of covered footwear, a T-Shirt and a Water bottle. We supply the rest. Just ask Isabel Marten© For more information contact Helena 3275 2077 at City Touch or Peter 0439 679 379 (Venue Organiser) for more information.”

Sunshadow Slippers
Sunshadow Slippers available at Foot Health Clinic, Samford. Australian made, natural fibres, hand-painted, washable and biodegradable. Various colours, patterns and sizes. Cnr Mt Glorious Rd and Mary Ring Drive, Samford. Ph: 3289 6050.

Car Required
Jayesh is coming with students from Abhaya and is looking for a car for some of his time here. If anyone in our community is in a position to lend or hire a vehicle to Jayesh for a couple of weeks, it would make his stay here a little easier. If you can help with some or all of his stay, please let me know. (Dates required: 28 April to 16 May and 2 to 6 May) Thanks, Mark Piper, High School.

Kundalini Yoga and Meditation Classes
The one stop wellness session!
Now at The Gap with Vicki Murtagh. Offering a range of weekly adult classes to suit all ages and abilities – the perfect way to decrease stress in your life. Specialised workshops and events also available.
Go to the website for more information www.brisbanekundaliniyoga.com 0424 707 818 / 0401 442 177.

What do you love about the Samford Valley?
Whatever it is we would like to invite you to share and Celebrate Samford Now! Animating Spaces - Samford Now is part of a state wide multi-arts initiative designed to revitalise and celebrate significant or unusual spaces within regional communities through locally-driven arts activities and events. Watch his space to find out more about workshops and events and explore the website http://samfordnow.weebly.com/ to find out more about how to participate. Expressions of Interest are now being called for artists, stall holders and volunteers. http://samfordnow.weebly.com/artists-eoi.html. For more information please call Vanessa 0497 106 476

Dental Wellness
Sustainable Storytelling
Available for children's birthday parties. Show includes stories and songs written especially for your child, based on astrology and using environmentally friendly puppets. These stories are designed to remind your child of who they are and why they chose to be born upon this earth, in a beautiful, gentle, age-appropriate way. Suitable for ages 6 and under.
$100 for half hour show. Includes written copy of story for birthday child.
Please call Emma Forsberg on 0400 826 991, or e-mail emma.forsberg1@bigpond.com. Emma is also available for performances at Family Day Care, Child Care Centres and functions.

Yoga Classes Samford
For all: feel good, improve your posture, get flexible and calm your mind. Yoga Chi Gung, Okido Yoga (New!), Iyengar Yoga, Beginners Yoga Courses Mon and Wed 6pm, Childrens classes with new teacher Kelly now running Thursdays. Space for hire at reasonable rates. All enquiries to Camille 3289 2237/ 0421 106 441/ info@sattvayoga.net.au

Atelier for the Social Quest
A 30 week part-time course involving distance research and optional intensives. This course explores the scientific methods of the poet Johann von Goethe which Rudolf Steiner drew on so much. Here we discover a true meeting of art and science in the way we study phenomena. We cultivate a ‘living thinking’ in order to understand self as it unfolds in the evolution of human consciousness; to research plant, animal and the human form; and to explore the threefold social order as described by Steiner. For more info please go to this web address: www.ateliersocialquest.wix.com/atelier

Grow your own food
Get local knowledge and support in being more productive at growing your own food from long time parent of the school, Peter Kearney. Peter runs regular biodynamic gardening workshops, plans and improves your food garden spaces and provides Australia's largest organic gardening web site at www.cityfoodgrowers.com.au. Call on 0401 156 532.

Samford Eco---corridor
Come and join the team plant a rainforest at Samford Parklands, just near the tennis courts at 8.30am Saturday 15 March. No experience required, all tools provided and free lunch. We do ask that you register at eventbrite.com.au so we know you are coming and make sure you wear closed footwear, appropriate clothing, gloves, hat and bring a water bottle. And lastly… pray for some rain beforehand.
See Jo Wilkinson, Co---convener of Samford Eco---corridor (Class 2 Teacher Aide) for more details.

Doll Making Workshop with Birgit Dowideit. Your help is needed to make a cuddly doll as a donation to one of the Tibetan Children's Villages which I visited in 2011.

Workshop Dates:
(full day, bring a plate to share)
Saturday, 22-Feb-2014, 10:00 am
Saturday, 8-Mar-2014, 10:00 am and Saturday, 15-Mar-2014, 10:00 am
Alternatively: Tuesdays 9:00 am till lunch or one evening class for one week (tba)
Child minding will not be available, sorry.
Cost:
The workshops are free, however I will charge $ 20 per doll kit.
Where: 4 Atanie Ct, next to the SVSS Kindergarten ph.: (07) 3468 0036