**MOVEMENT AND SPORT AT SVSS**

As the curriculum in our school continues to grow and evolve we are working to strengthen and consolidate the movement program at Samford Valley Steiner School. Steiner believed that Eurythmy was fundamental for the healthy education of children and should be an essential part of the Waldorf curriculum. We are blessed at Samford to have such an experienced and devoted Eurythmy teacher in Jan Baker-Finch, who works tirelessly to connect our children with the wider movements of the cosmos. To balance and complement Eurythmy, Steiner worked with Fritz von Bothmer to develop a form of movement that would be focussed on the spatial realms in which we live and move.

Myself and Mark Piper have been training in this discipline for the past few years and we have enjoyed bringing these lessons to the children in 2014. This term Class 5 are working with the Greek disciplines in preparation for the Greek Olympics which will be held later this term. Class 6 are working with movement to develop their spatial awareness. To the disappointment of many Class 3 and 4 children we unfortunately do not have the available space to continue their lessons this term. It has been difficult to tell these enthusiastic youngsters that we cannot continue with the Bothmer this term when they come running up to me smiling and saying 'Ted, when do we have Bothmer Gym?'

Also this year we are privileged to have Jacek Sicinski join our team of teachers. Jacek has a Masters in Health and Physical Education and brings a new range of skills and talents to our growing High School.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Monday 11 August**
  Moreton Bay EKKA Holiday
  *(No school today)*

- **Tuesday 12 August**
  Primary School Assembly, 8:45am

- **Wednesday 13 August**
  Normal school day for SVSS

- **Friday 15 August**
  Friday Foodies

- **Tuesday 19 August**
  High School Parent Teacher Interviews – 5:30pm – 7pm

- **Thursday 21 August**
  Preschool Parent Teacher Night, 7pm

- **Saturday 23 August**
  Working Bee

- **Thursday 28 August**
  School Music Concert, 7pm

- **Saturday 30 August**
  Music Under The Stars, 7pm

- **Friday 5 September**
  High School Spring Ball 6-8.30pm

- **Wednesday 17 September**
  Preschool Spring Festival

- **Friday 19 September**
  Primary & High School Spring Festival
  *Last day of term*
As we continue to develop our sport curriculum in the High School we are also looking at becoming a registered member of the North-West Metropolitan Sport District which will enable any of our children from Class 7 upward to trial for District sport teams.

Next week on Wednesday evening at 7pm I will be talking to Class 6 parents about the Bothmer gymnastics program that their children have just begun. I would like to take this opportunity to invite any parents, who are interested in hearing about Bothmer Gymnastics and also about the future plans for the continued development of our movement and sports curriculum. If you are interested please come along on Wednesday 12 August at 7pm in the Hall. The talk will only be for about 30min and all are welcome to attend.

Kind regards and keep moving!
Ted Muller
High School Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS
Helle Heckmann arrived in Samford this week and will be running a couple of very interesting workshops on Saturday on the subject of early childhood. Helle will also be talking at a parent evening next Tuesday which is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about raising children in today’s world.

Helle Heckmann worked for many years as a Waldorf Kindergarten teacher in Denmark and is the founding director of Nøkken, a pioneering kindergarten that emphasises the importance of time spent in nature, natural rhythms, biodynamic foods, and shaping life around the unique needs of the young child. As a freelance Steiner education consultant, Helle works as a teacher trainer, mentor and visiting speaker throughout the Americas, Canada and Europe.

Painting by former Class 12 student – Kristy Morwood

Helle is a member of the Danish Steiner Waldorf Kindergarten Association and serves on the board of The International Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education Association (IASWECE). She is the author of 4 books: “Nøkken,” “More News From Nøkken”, “The Little Ones” and “Childhood’s Garden”.

“For the last few years I have traveled the world visiting kindergartens, childcare workers, nurseries and schools. Everywhere I have met a growing need to council parents about how to handle everyday life with small children. It takes guts for parents in this day and age to go against the stream and follow their intuition... knowing that children need to be given the space to develop.”

Next week Helle will spend time in the Preschool observing and working with the teachers to reflect, challenge and inspire.
On Thursday I had the pleasure of taking Class 1 for most of the day and I am amazed at the progress they have made since the beginning of the year, now writing and reading their own work. They are completely captured by the stories Jane brings and have already knitted some beautiful gnomes with the guidance of Lucie. We also had the pleasure of attending the Class 3 German Play, *The Musicians of Bremen* with colorful characterisation of the donkey, dog, cat and rooster which had all the children laughing. Thank you Class 3 and Sonja. On Tuesday there will be an Assembly for the Primary School in the Hall from 8:45am with Classes 1, 2, 3 & 4 presenting. All welcome.

*Chris Jack*

*Education Administrator*

**HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

**Importance of Attendance**

We have seen a number of absences from the High School recently. These have been due to a range of reasons; family holidays, fun days, visitors at home etc. The High School Faculty would like to remind parents of the agreement students and families make regarding attendance, as described in the school handbook:

> Teachers aim to bring continuity and rhythm to lessons from day to day and from week to week. Therefore it is considered a priority that parents are committed to their child’s regular attendance.

> It is recognised by us all - teachers, parents and students - that absences from school cause a significant disruption to the educational programme. We are aware that while most absences are for valid reasons, some students take time off for quite tenuous reasons (shopping, farewells, entertainment, etc.), which makes it very difficult to maintain a positive learning atmosphere.

> If your child will not be attending school on a particular day, you must advise the office by leaving a message on the Absentee Line on 3430 9600 prior to 8.30am on the day of the absence. Please advise your child's name and class. If you have notified the office of your child’s absence a note to the teacher on return is not required unless you wish to advise the teacher of the nature of the absence and special care that may be necessary.

> In the case of absences in excess of five days a meeting may be arranged with the parents and teachers to discuss the situation.

If your child can’t attend school, we strongly encourage you to make sure they communicate with their main lesson teacher to organise how to keep up with the work and maintain their continuity with the learning journey. Also, please support your child and the teaching staff by keeping unnecessary absentees to a minimum.

*Mercedes & Tim*

**PAFA NEWS**

As well as our fortnightly Friday Foodies and Music Under the Stars this term, we’ve also got a lot of things happening in the background! The Calendar team have begun planning for the 2015 Calendar, festiValley 2015 planning has begun, a Term 4 Study Group is also being discussed and we will also be starting planning on the Christmas Market in a couple of weeks! It’s all a lot of fun! As well as meeting some wonderful parents you also get the chance to either pick up or polish up a few organising skills! So if you think you may be interested in being part of organising our annual Christmas Market (our last big event for the year) please drop us a line at: info@svsspafa.org.au.
PAFA Meeting - Wednesday Week 4 (13 August) 9am at the Hub
It is that time of term again for us to have another PAFA meeting! Come along and hear some updates about the school from faculty and also about all the events we are organising for the rest of the year. The meetings are very relaxed and there will be some nibblies as well as tea and coffee. We would love you to come along!

Music Under the Stars -Saturday 30 August, 7pm til 10pm
A night of amazing music, Govindas, Genuine BBQ, wine and fabulous company.

What a line up we have!
*The Iranas* - Original three piece acoustic.
*Ten Minute Musical* - A mini-musical by Kerry Beaumont and Lesley Roberts. The previously untold story of a group of choral singers dragged kicking and belting into the world of musical theatre.......  
*Dale Jones* - Dale Who?  
*The Nightinguys* - Men wot sing  
*Barb Fordham and Friends* -from "Woman in Voice" (not to be missed)  
*Denvar* -Dave Gilbert and band
Book your Babysitters!  
Tickets selling this term!!

See the flyer on the next page.

**Friday Foodies**
The next Friday Foodies will be in week 4 (Friday 15 August).

If you are interested in having a stall at Friday Foodies please send Angelina an Email  
angelinap@cartridgeciti.com

If you or your children would like to perform at Friday Foodies please send Brendan an email  
bhook@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

**Parents Study Group –The 4 Temperaments**
This term we are delighted to bring you a Parent Study Group run by Connie Grawert on the 4 Temperaments. The group will run on Friday mornings in weeks 5 (22August), 7 (5 September) and 8 (12 September) at the Hub.

There is a small fee of $20 for all three sessions! Registration forms are available at the office and please ensure you have the correct amount as the office will not be able to give out change.

See the flyer attached to the newsletter email for more information.
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Dessert, Tea, Coffee and Alcohol available for purchase

SAMFORD VALLEY STEINER SCHOOL HALL
TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL 20 AUGUST
http://www.svsspafa.org.au

Imogen (PAFA President) and Amy C (PAFA Vice President), Angelina (PAFA Treasurer) and Amy V (PAFA Secretary)

2015 SVSS CALENDAR – CALL FOR PHOTOS
Thank you to the many parents and friends who purchased last year’s school calendar – all copies sold out fast! Order forms for the 2015 calendar will be available early in Term 4. If you have any high quality photos from the last 12 months that you would like to offer for consideration to include
in the calendar, please email carol.kleidon@hotmail.com before the start of Term 4. Photos from events such as class day trips and camps, the 2014 Christmas market, class plays and presentations would be appreciated.

Carol Kleidon

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.

Atelier for the Social Quest
A 30 week part-time course
This course explores the scientific methods of the poet Johann von Goethe which Rudolf Steiner drew on. 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 the human 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. Next course start date: 1st September, 2014.
For more information please go to this web address: www.ateliersocialquest.wix.com/atelier

Queensland Teacher Professional Development
Teach the Children Well – Term 3 Workshops (5hrs CPD) www.qtpd.com.au
Only $125 school funded  *** $100 self funded  *** $50 student/unwaged concession
Click on workshop title for further information and registration details
Creatively Teaching Number, The Four Operations and Geometry in the Primary School - Creative engaging lessons which follow the wisdom of child and faculty development  (P)
   Friday 15th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, Noosa/Tewantin Bowls Club, Noosaville, Sunshine Coast.

BRISBANE - UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Storytelling in the Early and Primary Years - The why and how of storytelling in the early and primary years  (EY and P)
   Thursday 14th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, St Leo’s College, University of Queensland, Brisbane.
Movement and Sensory Learning in the Early Years - Supporting the development of movement, touch, balance and joie de vivre in the early years and primary school.  (EY and P)
   Wednesday 20th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, St Leo’s College, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

SAMFORD VALLEY STEINER SCHOOL - WIGHTS MOUNTAIN

Steiner Education and the Finland Education System - Underlying elements that are shared by two of the most successful educational systems in the world  (EY and P)
   Monday 25th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, Samford Valley Steiner School, Narrawa Drive, Wights Mountain 4520

Key:  EY - Early Years;  P - Primary;  S - Secondary

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