



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2

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The healthy social life is found When in the mirror of each human soul The whole community finds its reflection And when in the community The virtue of each one is living. Rudolf Steiner

## Dear SVSS Community,

The year has started with much activity and many changes and I hope you managed to read my pre-term 1 email which explained physical changes that occurred in the holidays and also new staff positions. Those of you who have seen the empty space next to the Primary Admin office, will now notice two signs erected which show the future building planned for this space. Plans are already underway so that tenders and Council applications can commence this project of six classrooms which will provide the necessary classrooms to complete our double-streamed Primary School.

Before school commenced, all staff came together for two professional development days where we focused on our theme for the year of *Wellbeing for All*. Robyn Maggs, our Wellbeing Officer led the whole staff in activities to highlight how we can care for ourselves and each other to set the tone for the year. Teachers worked in their faculties to plan with each other and came

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together with shared meals where we were well fed by Bronte and her team. On the second day we whisked staff off in buses to a secret location (Phoenix Sculpture Gardens) where they could wander in nature, admire beautiful stone sculptures and engage in a sound bowl mediation to give them a calm start to the year and for the school to show our gratitude to our dedicated staff before they started the year with the students.

So many people sacrificed time, effort and hard work for our school to have the school ready for day one, with all the building relocations, last minute classroom changes and fixes. To all the teachers who have been

flexible and patient, understanding and generous in spirit, I thank you. To the builders, architects, Paul Clarke and his site team and all the Admin staff who went above and beyond in difficult conditions and almost unachievable timeframes, I give my heartfelt appreciation, as we did it! This sort of spirit shows that we are a community who cares about each other and this is a great foundation upon which we can rely.

On day one, Water Lily, our new fourth Kindergarten classroom, welcomed its first class. Students and parents of four Kindergarten classes of children met their teachers and aides sharing a Kindergarten Picnic to start the year. At the same time in the Primary School our new Class 1 children were warmly welcomed with the Rose Ceremony. Class 12 students greeted each Class 1 child into the Primary School and with grace and care, handed each student a rose to start their Primary School journey with their Class Teachers, Bianca Telford and Nick Garnock. Already the Class 1 children seem to be fairly settled and making their way around the lower school area with confidence and joy. In the High School they came together for an assembly to start the year. It was wonderful to welcome back all students and see the growth that miraculously occurred in the school holidays.





#### Dates to Remember

Friday 7 February Class 4 Parent Teacher meeting, 2pm

#### Monday 10 February

Class 3M Parent Teacher meeting, 6pm

Class 5 Parent Teacher meeting, 6.30pm

#### **Tuesday 11 February**

Class 1B Parent Teacher night, 6pm

Class 9 Parent Teacher night, 6pm

Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 February School Photos

**Thursday 13 February** Class 2N Parent Teacher night, 6pm

Monday 17 February Cuppa Morning, 9am in the Hub

Class 1N Parent Teacher night, 7pm

**Tuesday 18 February** Class 8 Parent Teacher night, 6pm

PAFA Meeting, 6pm

Wednesday 19 February Class 2C and 3L Parent Teacher meeting, 3pm

**Thursday 20 February** Kindergarten Parent Teacher meeting, 6.45 cuppa for 7pm start

Friday 29 February Working Bee 8am – 1pm



On the second day of term, we held a whole school assembly where Classes 1 through 12 filled the hall, and our amazing music teachers, Zoe Akeroyd, Karen Macdonald, Dale Jones and new strings teacher, Georgia Stibbard, played a wonderful piece for the students to welcome them to the new year. Class 12 students introduced themselves individually and also gave a clear message to the student body that they were student leaders, that others could come to them for support or ideas and they expected students to care about the environment, each other, to respect their teachers and friends and to do their best. This was a heart-warming message from our senior class and I know they will be shining role models for our students.

This week our energetic PAFA (Parents and Friends Association) team hosted a Welcome Morning Tea for new parents. It was a large gathering and thank you to Scott Reading (Board member) for coming along, as well as some of the Admin and Senior Leadership Team. PAFA gained some new names of those who wish to contribute to PAFA. Parents had the opportunity to meet each other and learn how they can be involved in the community, the school association, PAFA or craft group. Michael Brydon, Chairperson of PAFA for the past few years has given much of his time and energy to the school and is now ready to hand the PAFA reins to another willing community member. On behalf of the school community I thank Michael and all PAFA members for their generosity, dedication and commitment. David Baccinelli spoke about how PAFA supports festivals, working bees and also the important bi-annual event of festiValley which will be held again this year and their support is always greatly appreciated.

This week was also the start of term for Pacifica College of Eurythmy and it was heartening to see the return of the secondyear students and the new cohort of first year students. This year we are excited that at times the second-year students will be working with some of the classes. I wish them well with their studies and look forward to ongoing sharings of their work.

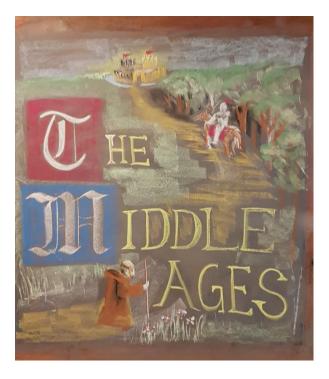


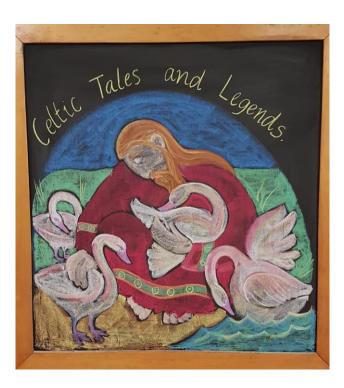
On a personal note, I am excited at the year ahead. We have deeply committed staff, a sense of gratitude for the beautiful school we attend, the families that place our trust in us and the environment which surrounds us. We have a clear vision and goals to support our vision, and I ask you to take the time to read our updated School Improvement Plan (see attached document; it is also in Parent Lounge under School Links).

We work collegially, collaboratively and work hard to listen, support and find creative solutions to issues that arise, which of course always do. Our Senior Leadership Team is in service to the school so any questions you have can be firstly directed to your child's teachers, or to our Senior Leadership Team; College Chair - Jackie Cox-Taylor, Early Childhood Administrator - Marilou Araullo, Primary School Education Administrator - Alan Drysdale, High School Administrator - Delaney Crawley, Steve Klipin - Economic Development Manager, or myself.

I hope to see you at a cuppa morning this year. First one is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the Hub. Warm regards,

Tracey Taylor, School Director





Blackboard drawings from Class 7, Class 2N and Class 1N



# CLASS 1B (BIANCA)

Class 1B has had a wonderful start to 2020 and as a teacher I'm feeling grateful to both the Early Childhood teachers and the parents of the children whom have been passed into my care for this positive start.

In a little under a week the children have mastered almost the entire morning circle routine (a mixed combination of 8 different songs, movement exercises and verses), have eased into their first main lesson block of Form Drawing (learning about the world of straight and curved lines) through the tale of 'The Velveteen Rabbit' and generally shown very good whole class cohesion/ group dynamics. Jake Craig, the 1B classroom aide, has been brilliant with the children and is a natural with children this age. In addition, we have experienced an array of specialist lessons with Karen for music, Sonja for German and Chris for handcraft which the children are really enjoying.



There is a lot of "head, heart and hands" learning occurring in our room. We had a beautiful therapeutic story telling/beeswax session on

Monday with myself about 'The Winged Horse' - a story designed through metaphor to teach children about giving everything a go and building resilience. The children all listened intently and it was therefore joyful for me to tell.



Music lesson with Karen



Fruit salad cooking session

## **BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUNDRAISER**

Class 4 will be holding a fundraiser as part of the bushfire appeal. The money will be donated to the families of the firefighters who have lost their lives during this ordeal.

The children in Class 4 will be making and selling lemon ice-blocks each week for the duration of this term. The ice-blocks will be 50c and we are using reusable containers which the children will be asked to return. The ice-blocks are homemade using lemons and sweetened with stevia.

They will be on sale at 2<sup>nd</sup> break on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the following classes.

- Monday Classes 1N, 1B and 2N
- Tuesday Classes 2C, 3M and 3L
- Wednesday Classes 4,5,6,7

We are hoping that you will enjoy the bargain price and the yummy natural ice-blocks as well as getting behind our fundraiser.

Can you please remind your class that these are on sale? For the younger classes I have asked parents to please ensure that their money is held in a little purse or an envelope labelled with their name. There might even be some left over for teachers if you would like them. **Ice-blocks will be available each week for all of Term One.** 

With thanks, Jane and Class 4

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

The High School students have settled in quickly to their new rhythm for the year, it did not take them long to settle into their new Class level.

The Class 8's are all beaming and enjoying their first High School Main Lesson - Industrial Revolutions with Carla, Class 9 have jumped enthusiastically into the History of Art Main Lesson with Samuela, Class 10 are using their imagination with the Birth of Literature Main Lesson with Delaney, Class 11 are running around surveying High School students as part of their Statistics Main Lesson with Sahel and Class 12 are buried deep with thought in their World Literature Main Lesson with Mel.

Ensembles went off with a loud bang on Wednesday morning, the usual peace and quiet was interrupted with the sound of music from the different groups - percussion, guitar, ukulele, strings, vocal and band.

Class 11 have many excursions this term including a QUT visit, sculpture garden visit, theatre tour, and participating in an onsite road safety program.

Class 12's are participating in a WAVES leadership program today, which includes learning to surf with the intention to provide them with leadership skills that they can use to assist the lower High School classes.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) reps have been chosen for all classes and will gather for their first meeting shortly. The SRC are the student voice in the High School and as a leadership group they meet weekly to represent their classes and discuss issues and ideas they have to improve their school and support initiatives.

A few reminders

- ✓ Late arrivals if your child arrives late to school please ask them to report to the office so we know they are here. If they do not report to the office they may be marked absent.
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- ✓ Tuck shop is every Friday orders are to be in by Wednesday pm. The menu will go up on a board every Tuesday and order forms can be picked up at the office.

We look forward to the remainder of the term unfolding and welcoming in the cooler weather. *Mercedes* 

# WHAT'S THE POP??

The Parents Outdoors Program (POP) is an initiative born out of the desire to further enhance the connections with our parent body, especially in the High School when our students start to develop their own independence. It is an opportunity for parents to sample aspects of our Outdoor Education program. It is also an opportunity for us to showcase, review and improve our OE program.

Date	Activity & Venue	Based on	Challenge level
T1: 6-8 Mar	Cycling on the Brisbane	Class 8 camp	Medium - High
	Valley Rail Trail		
T2: Sat 13 Jun	Sailing on Moreton Bay	Class 11 Camp	Low
T3: Sun 19 Jul	Canoeing on the Brisbane	Class 9 Camp	Medium
	River		
T4: 7-8 Nov	Overnight hike in Mt	Class 9 Camp	Medium - High
	Barney NP		

In 2020, parents (and staff) have the opportunity to enjoy the following activities in the great outdoors.

More details about each of these options will be advertised in the school's newsletter closer to the date (see details about the BVRT Bike Ride in this edition). To express interest in any of these events please send your contact details to our Outdoor Education Coordinator, Simon Roberts via <u>info@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au</u>

# WANT TO CYCLE THE BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL?

It's on again!! Last year we trialled this program as both a 3-day adults' trip and a 5-day student trip and it proved to be very enjoyable and successful.

We are looking for some keen staff and parents with bikes who would like to spend 3 days riding the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail – currently Australia's longest continuous rail trail at 161km. This will be the first offering from our 2020 Parents Outdoors Program (POP).



Meeting at school at 7:30 on Friday morning, we will be transported up to Yarraman to spend the rest of the 3 days cycling back down the Brisbane Valley to Ipswich, here we will catch a train back to Ferny Grove and finish off our cycle by riding back to school!! This is the exact same ride that our Class 8 students will do, just squeezed into a long weekend.

If cycling is not your thing, but you still want to be involved, we will be looking for a driver for our support vehicle.

- > What? 3 days of cycling, with a support vehicle to carry the gear. Approx. 175km
- Where? Starting & finishing at SVSS, including the full length of the BVRT and the cycle path from Ferny Grove to school
- When? Fri 6 Sun 8 March
- > How much? \$300 (includes meals, transport & accommodation)

For more info, or to book in a spot, contact Simon Roberts (Outdoor Education Coordinator) via <u>info@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au</u>. More info on the trail: <u>http://www.brisbanevalleyrailtrail.com.au</u>.



# PAFA 2020

A new school year brings new beginnings, new energy and new opportunities. The rhythm of school life – where we start fresh and excited and each new year brings new offerings – is an enriching experience. Over time, we deepen our understanding which helps us live the rhythm of school life. Along the journey there are always new things to feel, explore and contribute. And together this brings community.

At PAFA (Parents and Friends Association) we value this sense of community. Our vision is to foster a strong and vibrant

community at Samford Valley Steiner School and encourage a heartfelt sense of belonging amongst community members.

Our mission is to support the needs of the school in providing a strong and caring environment for our children to learn and grow; nourish the needs of parents and friends; and enhance the relationships between the parent/friend body and school body. All of the school's parents are members of the PAFA community and are welcome and eligible to join in the activities.

This year, we invite you to participate in a way that is meaningful and sustainable to you. Contributions big or small are all valued and necessary in the coming together of community and supporting our children in their education.

We would like to present some 'roles/jobs' that are open for new candidates to take them on and give them what they can. Some of us have been involved intensely for the last few years and we'd like to support whoever is keen to step up and bring forth fresh energy. All positions that are open come with ample support from parents who have done this before. Most of the roles can be done without needing to attend PAFA meetings – so they can be done in your own time, and you can also share the role with a friend or other parent (which in our experience has even more benefits in developing strong relationships).

## PAFA Roles available

- Secretary/chair; this role is perfect for a natural communicator. You will chair meetings, help with communications (manage email account, take minutes, facilitate communication with class contacts). And as the past secretary says "Have fun and laugh loudly when you don't understand something." (Oh Michael, we will miss you.)
- Treasurer; if making order out of chaos is your thing crunching numbers, managing money and keeping things accountable, this one's for you.
- Friday Foodies Coordinator; if you love building community and bringing people together you will love this role. You'll choose dates for the twice term foodies' market, organise the market stalls, liaise with the other key people who make it happen (BBQ coordinator, Treehouse, Music Coordinators, social media coordinator, treasurer etc). You will help with setup and pack down. A nice role to share with a friend if you wish.
- Friday Foodies Open Mic coordinator; this could be a good role to work with the school's music coordinator to bring new life into Open Mic. If music and organization are your passions – get in touch.
- BBQ coordinator; this involves organizing the PAFA fundraising BBQ. Typically, this is held at Friday Foodies however there are one or two other times through the year where we might support the school (for example, last year we put on a sausage sizzle for the Ride to School Day). You will be in charge of purchasing ingredients, organizing helping hands to cook. Pretty fun way to give back if you are a passionate BBQer!

- > Craft Group Coordinator; this role has been filled but support is always welcome.
- PAFA ED coordinator; last year we introduced PAFA Education, which involved a few teachers at school running evening adult education programs for parents. Topics included Science, Hardcraft and the Steiner philosophy. Parents who went along gave great feedback. For it to continue this year, we need a coordinator who can promote the program, coordinate with teachers and parents. It would be a real shame for this to not go ahead so if you can help please get in touch.
- Working Bee Helping Hands; this involves working closely with the working bee coordinator on the day of working bees so all goes smoothly.
- festiValley- PAFA coordinator; Yes, it's festiValley year again! This role is the liaison person who creates smooth communication between the festiValley committee/team and the PAFA team. (Please note, we will be seeking volunteers to form the festiValley Committee in the coming weeks).
- Helping Hands Coordinator; PAFA has a growing list of Helping Hands a group of people to call upon when we need things done – e.g. cooks for the BBQ, bakers, people to setup or pack down etc.
- Noticeboard Artists; We have one person in this role but it would be great to have some back-up artists who can share the role. We know we have a wealth of creativity in this school – this is perfect for creative types!
- Social Media Coordinator; This position is filled at this point but transitioning or sharing of this role would be great. A big part is taking care of our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- School calendar; This will start in term 3 and 4. This role is perfect for graphic designers who want to give back through creating the annual school calendar. You will be arranging layout, working with the school and photographers for imagery and dates, and arranging printing. If you can muster up a friend to help with distribution, that would be perfect for a dynamic duo.

If you'd like to fill any of the roles, please contact PAFA team at <a href="https://www.syspafa@gmail.com">syspafa@gmail.com</a>.

## **PAFA Meeting**

The first official PAFA meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, February 18th at 6pm. It will be at the Meeting Room in the Library Building (opposite the staff room). We are holding it in the evening to better suit working parents who would like to contribute. Everyone is welcome. If you think you would like to come, feel free to email <a href="mailto:sysspafa@gmail.com">sysspafa@gmail.com</a> so we can get a sense of numbers.

## Finally, a thank you

As we advertise openings for PAFA in 2020, we would like to acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to Michael Brydon for his tireless service and support to the school through PAFA.

Michael has stepped back from PAFA in 2020 after taking a leading role for the past 5 years, notably serving as PAFA secretary. As well as the behind the scenes activities supporting PAFA, school festivals, welcome morning teas and such, Michael made valued contributions in other areas - such as FestiValley, bush dances, and supporting the school's Kitchen Garden, helping out with the school library and much much more.

Thank you, Michael, for all you have done for the school community. You are an asset to our community and we thank you for your commitment. We will also miss your delightful sense of humour and making us laugh.

We would also like to thank Kelly Whilock and Amy Curran for their role in designing and distributing the school calendar for the last few years. We thank you for your commitment, creativity, organisation and dedication in getting this valuable resource out.

(And to plug the calendar to those who don't yet have a copy - it's a fantastic resource (especially for knowing key dates and school holidays) and also a terrific showcase of our school. You can pick up a copy at the Treehouse.)

## **NEWS FROM ADMIN**

#### **BRISBANE BUS LINES**

For news about the bus services provided by Brisbane Bus Lines, please click on the link to their newsletter. https://stats.sender.net/browser preview/8w8Rd889kB 8mzJy

#### PARKING

Moreton Bay Council Rangers recently visited the school and issued notices to all illegally parked cars. This warning was a first step and they advised that they will start fining in the near future. Please read the Fact sheet below carefully and abide by Council regulations.





## **Stopping or parking on footpaths - Local Law 5 (Parking) 2011** *Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Road Rules) Regulation 1999*

Footpaths and nature strips are in place to promote pedestrian movement in a safe manner along roadsides. Drivers and residents must not stop on a bicycle path, shared path, dividing strip or nature strip.

#### The law

The Moreton Bay Regional Council Local Law No.5 (Parking) 2011 and Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Road Rules) Regulation 1999 control parking or stopping of vehicles on footpaths, bicycle paths, shared paths, dividing strips or nature strips. Council is legally required to enforce these controls and investigate complaints.

#### Penalties

Penalties apply for stopping or parking a vehicle on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path, dividing strip or nature strip. The penalty amount is standard across the whole Moreton Bay Regional Council area. Please refer to <u>Moreton Bay Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No.5 (Parking) 2011</u> and the penalty unit fact sheet available at <u>www.lgtoolbox.qld.gov.au</u> for more information about penalty units.

To ensure that you avoid a penalty you are required to lawfully park on the road or wholly within your property. Please note that vehicles that are parked with two wheels up and two wheels down (example below) <u>is</u> <u>not</u> considered as a lawful parking practice.



#### Complaints

Should Council receive a complaint or observe a vehicle stopped or parked on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path, dividing strip or nature strip, a Penalty Infringement Notice may be issued.

#### Where can I get further information?

Further information is available on Council's website www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/parking

For further assistance and information please contact Moreton Bay Regional Council on 07 3205 0555 or email <u>mbrc@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</u>.

# **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 \$5 charge for each advertisement and payment is required** <u>prior</u> **to inclusion**.

#### Looking for short term accommodation

Hello, My name is Ned Bodor and I am studying Waldorf Education, Bothmer gymnastics and sports, in Stuttgart, Germany. I was born in Berlin, and moved to Budapest, Hungary when I was 8. In 2013 I started studying education at the university of Karlsruhe but after a while I discovered a deeper interest for Waldorf Education. Therefore, I changed my subject and started studying Waldorf education at the Freie University of Stuttgart. Our studies include internships at schools in order to obtain practical experience. I wanted to get new and different inputs and for that reason I applied at Samford Steiner school. I will spend 4 weeks at your school. Mr Muller agreed to be my mentor. I will attend the National Bothmer Congress with him before my internships starts. So far everything is organized except my accommodation for my time at the school. I am looking for a place to sleep. I wouldn't mind sharing bath and kitchen. I will arrive on April 5th and will stay until 16th of May. I need from the 21st of April until may 16th. I would appreciate every kind of help and am looking forward to your suggestions. Thanks in advance for your help. n.bodor@gmx.de Kind Regards Ned Bodor

## Your own thriving organic/biodynamic garden

We provide self-sufficiency design, implementation and mentoring for your food gardening endeavours: covering vegies, herbs, edible flowers, fruit trees and native edibles. We also run regular organic and biodynamic gardening workshops, check our workshop calendar at <u>www.myfoodgarden.com.au</u> or call Peter Kearney on 0401156532. Next biodynamic 2-day workshop is on 28-29 March in our beautiful and productive urban farm patch in Draper.

Nick Ellson Holistic Health - Mobile PT and Online I know just what it's like to be a parent, juggling to fit everything in. And I know how easy it is to let your own health and fitness keep falling down the to-do list!

So I created the <u>21 Day 'Small Steps, Big</u> <u>Difference' Challenge</u> – a three week program designed to help you feel fitter and have more energy through simple & manageable daily actions:

- daily challenges
- weekly feedback
- achievable goals

For more information, call Nick on 0434 990 572, or you can start today by <u>clicking here</u>. If you'd prefer more specific, face-to-face exercise and health coaching I also offer a mobile service in the Samford Valley so give me a call to book in your complimentary assessment.

## Homeopath/Naturopath

Cyena is a SVSS mum and a natural health practitioner with over 10 years' experience in practice. She works with families who prefer to use natural medicines to help with a wide range of ailments. Homeopathic medicine is completely non-toxic and acts gently, allowing children's bodies to recover without strain on their immune system. Homeopathy is holistic, taking into account the physical, mental and emotional aspects of the child's experience. Cyena takes a naturopathic approach to health and is qualified to prescribe nutritional supplements and herbal medicines where needed. Cyena offers consultations for adults and children by phone, via home visit or at her home clinic in Gaythorne by appointment. http://www.highervibration.com.au Call 0418792827.

## Child Friendly Goddess Sharing Circle - Friday 21 February, 9.15-11.45am, Samford Valley

I invite you, dear women, to the first child friendly goddess sharing circle where we will gather together as women to connect, breathe out and just be. I recognise that sometimes, with little ones, it's best for women to gather in the day with the option to bring our children. I also believe that the young children today benefit from being in high vibrational spaces. However, if this time suits you and you don't have, or won't be bringing your children that is totally perfect as well. It's time to sit together in this gorgeous goddess sharing circle to nourish yourself with true connection with other women, ceremony, shared wisdom and meditation.

#### \$20 (+booking fee) per goddess

To provide time for each woman to participate fully in this sharing experience, and to encourage connection, the numbers are limited to 10 women. Please book early if this sharing circle is calling you to avoid disappointment.

"Danielle's circles are a lovely way to make real, genuine connection with other women and good for the soul!!!" Narelle

"Danielle is amazing! A beautiful gentle soul who provides a safe inviting sanctuary to allow you to connect, share and grow. Highly recommend!" Kim

To find out more, to connect with me or to secure your space in this beautiful gathering: <u>https://events.humanitix.com.au/childfriendly-goddess-sharing-circle</u>

Danielle (mum of Soraya Class 8 & Aidan Class 11) Woman Dreaming Holistic Nurturing 0466 843 344

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