

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6

8 March 2019

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2019

The SRC has begun this year with new representatives from each class. This is a vibrant and passionate group of students dedicated to the improvement of their school. We have already been discussing what it means to be a leader in a school community such as ours and serve the needs of both our classes and the whole school community. Last Friday the SRC went to Parliament House for the day in the city to participate in the United Nations Global Citizenship Program on leadership which was an opportunity to connect with other Queensland schools and discuss issues pertaining to social justice.

Other initiatives the SRC are involved with currently include organising the High School student's participation in the Global Climate Strike and organising other charity fundraisers that the student body can participate in throughout the year.

The Students in the SRC are: Eastwood Groth – Year 12, Madeleine Park – Year 11, Dakota Walton – Year 11, Andre Milne-Jones – Year 10, Saskia Wood-Williams – Year 10, Ethan Cook – Year 9, Lani Harrison – Year 9, Ramon Quezada – Year 8, Bibi-Ann Augustijn – Year 8



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REMINDERS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS

We are certainly well established into the term with our new routines and rhythms!

The school is buzzing and we have settled into our new environments. It is important that we communicate with each other, share information and keep building relationships, which helps to hold and guide the students. For this to work at best we have to make sure that we acknowledge, understand and respect each other and the spaces we enter including the various boundaries.

To support the students and teachers in their learning and teaching environment I would like to remind us of a few basic ground rules:

- Please make sure that your child eats a good breakfast, which sustains him/her through to the morning tea break at 10.30am
- Make sure your child has a packed lunch, drinking bottle, hat etc. for the day
- Please arrive in time to avoid rushing and give time to put bags, hats, etc. into place
- Farewell your child and leave him/her entrusted into the staff's hands; it is important that we leave the classrooms and verandas free so that the children can get ready to 'line up'
- It is important that we respect the time 'to get ready to go to class' and allow the space to settle in; for this we need to withhold from trying to engage in conversations with teachers and/or assistants as they all need to give their full attention to the class; if you should have an important and urgent message for the teacher please leave a note or write it in the communication book to not interrupt the process of getting ready
- You can also always leave a message at the reception which will be passed on in due time
- If you want to have conversations with other parents please do this away from the learning spaces, best is in the front where the cars are parked, as the classes also use the outside spaces at the beginning as well as during the day
- Please arrange a meeting time with your child's teacher if you wish to have a conversation

The supervision before school starts at 8.00am. Please make sure that you do not drop your child/ren off before that time (unless they are engaged in a learning activity with a teacher), as the duty of care is not provided by the school. If you need to drop your children off earlier, please use our Before School Care service.

In the afternoons school finishes at 2.45pm and the school does not provide supervision of students unless they are signed in with After School Care; so please make sure your children are not playing unsupervised on the school grounds.

It is important that we follow all of the above to support the daily smooth running of the school as best as we can. Thank you very much for your support,

Warmly,
Cristina, Primary School Education Administrator

Dates to Remember

Thursday 14 March
RSEGB AGM 7pm, in the Hall

Tuesday 19 March
Primary School Assembly
8.30am, the Hall

Friday 22 March
National Ride2School Day

Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March
POP Event - Cycle the
Brisbane Valley Rail Trail

Wednesday 27 March
Kindergarten Autumn Festival

Friday 5 April
School Autumn Festival

**** Term 1 Ends ****

Tuesday 23 April
Term 2 Begins

CLASS 8 SET SAIL ON WIVENHOE



The day had finally arrived, we were off to camp. On our way to Lake Wivenhoe the Class 8 students covered their ears as Elton John and Neil Diamond played through the buses speakers. Everyone was more than relieved to unload the boats and set up our tarps. Finally, we were allowed to go for a swim in the lake, everyone stampeded down to the water. We were exhausted by the time the moon came out so we cooked our dinner on the Trangias and went to bed. The first sleep was not too great for most, but all of the other nights were like staring at a freshly harvested forest ... get it? "We slept like logs".

Getting woken up by Simon and his digeridoo at 5am was tiring, everyone came out in their sleeping bags wishing they could just keep sleeping. We got out camp journals and spread out around the camp to watch the sunrise and capture it on paper. Our first main lesson was an experiment involving ripples and how they effected the water movement and changed using objects to block them.

On the second to last day we all went out on a 5-hour sail to a small island. Starting the day with sailing was a lot of fun. Putting our life jackets and brimmed helmets on, we got into groups and set off onto the water. The wind was strong and the main sheet was held tight. On the way back from the island Simon had found a small cliff. Rushing to sail our boat over to him, we jumped off the cliff into the water. Doing backflips and bellyflops, that was by far the best part of camp. Everyone had slipped, slopped and slapped on sunscreen, but still some of us came home redder than tomatoes.

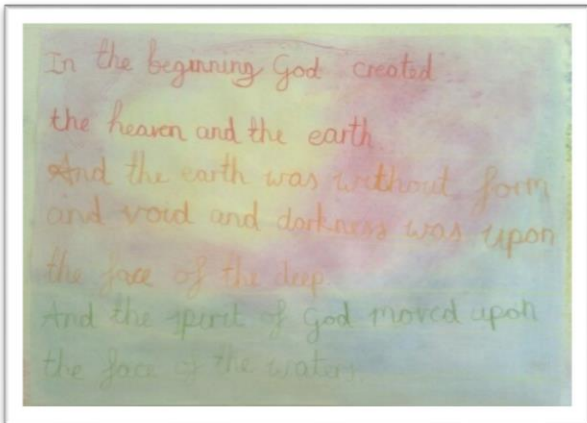
By Friday we were all extremely relieved to know we were going home and we all cleaned up the campsite and went for a walk whilst we waited for the bus driver to arrive. We all climbed a fig tree and sat in a circle to appreciate how what we had done could help us on future camps and how we had all bonded and learned how to work as a team over the last 5 days. Carla, Dave, Simon & Declan ran the camp very well and their persistence with some of the students was hard to watch but they got through it. Thank you so much for making this camp a great experience.

By Hannah & Timothy (Class 8)



CLASS THREE NEWS

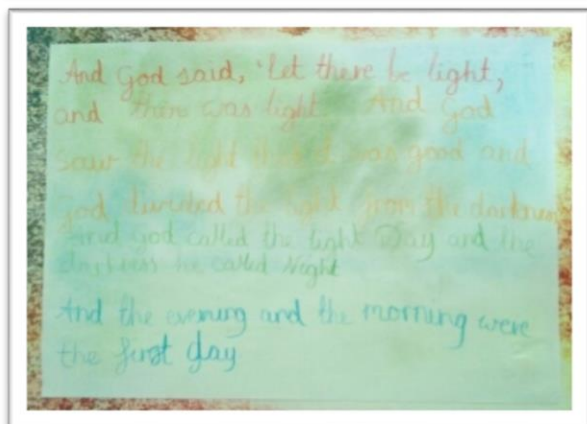
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the water. Genesis 1:1



And God said, Let there be light and there was light and it is shining within the walls of Class 3 this year.

It always amazes me how quickly the children embrace the new routines and lessons of the new year and then suddenly it is nearing the end of Week 6. Time does fly when you are having fun.

Class 3 is another wonderful moment in the development of a child. With the dawning consciousness of the child as an individual we watch the curriculum meet their needs in a rich and meaningful way.

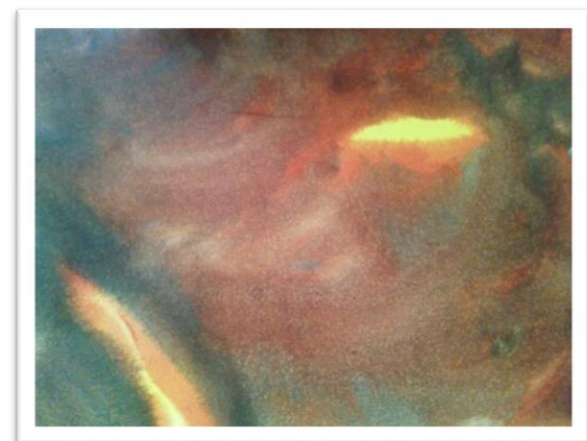


The nine year old child is beginning to see himself as separate from the world. Where previously, the child was at one with the world of plants and animals they now begin to feel that they stand alone. Once they were a part of the beach but now they begin to notice each tiny grain of sand. Where do I come from? Who am I? Are you my parents? These are often questions arising at this stage of development. The Class 3 curriculum meets the child head on by bringing them Genesis and the Fall from Paradise. This is a reflection of what the child is feeling on a soul level and the stories of the Old Testament are used as works of great literature to nourish the child through this crossing.

We sing, we play recorder, we dance oh how we dance!!! If you are passing at 9.15am you will hear us in full voice dancing and singing our Hebrew dances with joyous energy.

This is the year of building and farming and Class 3 have drilled holes to make a mast for our rafts. These we sailed on the dam on Tuesday. We have made spinners and flown them throughout the playground and if you look closely you will see our gardening handiwork springing up around our room. We have made and planted a new garden bed at the rear of our room and zinnias are already sprouting. We have planted strawberries, tomatoes, basil, turmeric, tomatoes, mint, parsley and the list goes on and we have gathered rocks to give borders and paths to our gardens. Thank you to Robbie, Paul, Peter and Dave who have supported us in these endeavours.

A delightful surprise on Day One was the arrival of five little chicks, Blackie, Coal, Honey, Brownie and Snowflake. Never have five chicks been so lovingly welcomed by the children and so well-travelled, as parents and families have fostered them each night and weekend until our coop is built.



Our classroom is bright and sunny, our voices are strong and joyous, our form drawing colours our paths and our smiles are big and bright. Ah the joys of Class Three!

Jane Blomkamp



SCHOOL LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library will be open for Primary School students every break time to borrow books as well as having a place to enjoy some quiet time.

We are looking forward to Term 2 when we will have a teacher librarian, Brendan Hook, working in and developing the library for 3 full days per week.



"It was a marvellous day and I was incredibly impressed by The Steiner community efforts! Great organisation David and Mia!"

NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY - FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019

Later this month the students, staff and parents of Samford Valley Steiner School are joining more than 3000 schools around the country in encouraging their students to start the day in a more active way. Cycling to school is a great way to start the day. It's better for your health, and by reducing the amount of vehicle travel, it's better for the planet.

Ride2School is; "A nationwide program that enables students to get physically active on their journey to school"

The problem - Over the past 40 years the number of children who are physically active everyday has significantly dropped. In the 1970s, eight out of ten students rode or walked to school but today that number has dropped to just two out of ten.

The solution - Students who ride or walk to school contribute to their minimum physical activity level of 60 minutes per day. They are also more focused and ready to learn compared to those who are driven in a motor vehicle.

Simon Roberts who is co-ordinating the SVSS event, asks us "to keep an eye out for extra cyclists on the roads, give them a friendly wave of encouragement and give yourself some extra time to get to your destination."

The friendly staff at My Bike Shop in Mitchelton are proudly supporting the school cyclists to supply, service and repair their bicycles. <https://mybikeshop.com.au>



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World's Greatest Shave

Fellaz Barber Shop, Strathpine Centre will be hosting The Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. Please come along and support our event

When: 14th March 2019

Time: 6pm till 8pm

Where: Fellaz Barber Shop, Strathpine Centre (opposite Coffee Club)

Shaves \$20.00, Colour \$10.00 plus some free giveaways.

Your support is much appreciated, our aim is to raise \$1000.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation. (Any ponytails will be donated to be turned into wigs for cancer patients and hair clippings will be transformed into compost).

If you would like to donate but can't attend the event, there is a link under Fellaz Barber Shop on the World's Greatest Shave website that you can donate to.

Thank you for your support,
Sam (Brandon, Grade 9 mum).

13" Viola for Sale

Excellent Used Condition

Instrument: Viola Arioso Outfit 13"

Bought new from Simply for Strings in April 2017.

In very good condition; never been dropped and only scratch is on the very end.

Price: \$250 (retails new for \$399)

Comes with bow and case.

Please contact Jacqueline on 0400 792 951. I am happy to send pictures prior to viewing if required.

Violin for sale

Full size Atelier student violin with bow, shoulder rest and hard case for sale. The violin is in very good condition. The black hardcase has some wear and tear. Selling as our son has moved to another instrument for high school. \$150. Call Marshall on 0421 518 208 or email marshdom@iinet.net.au.

Cleaning Service

Weekly cleaning service in your home. \$30 per hour. Call Vicki Kearney 0421 569 890.

Looking for rental place

Hi everyone. We are family of 4 and our 12 and 10 year olds just started at the Steiner School. We are looking for a place to rent as we transition to the local area. Alternatively we would be interested in a house swap for all or part of the working week. Our house is in Holland Park good for anyone who needs to be closer to the city for work purposes. You can contact Branka or Andrew on 0450-443868 / 0450-443867

Looking for accommodation

Mother, a prep child and two indoor Bengal kittens looking for a home anywhere within 20 min drive to school. Please contact us if you or anyone you know has a granny flat for rent. We are very clean and tidy, friendly, easy going, active and love to immerse ourselves outdoor in nature!
Tama 0432 626 346 tama.furuno@gmail.com

Homeopathy

Cyena is a local Homeopath with over 10 years' experience in practice and a mum at SVSS (daughter, Sage in class 1). 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 uses Homeopathy in conjunction with herbal and nutritional supplementation as supports in rebuilding health and well-being. Cyena offers consultations by phone, at her home clinic in Gaythorne or by home visit. Call 0418792827.
www.highvibration.com.au

Organic and biodynamic food growing

Find a pathway to your green thumb at organic and biodynamic gardening workshops held in Samford Valley and one-on-one food garden mentoring. More information at www.myfoodgarden.com.au or contact Peter Kearney on [0401156532](tel:0401156532). Workshops start in March, book now.

Kids Yoga in Samford @ Zen Space

Term 1 Tuesday 12th Feb- 26th March
Kids: 4-7yrs (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Tweens: 8-12yrs (4.30pm-5.30pm)

Yoga for Mums @ Kobbie Creek

Term 1 Monday 18th Feb- 25th March
Time for you to move, be still and enjoy peace within.

Contact Kathryn Avery (034237397)

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Dogs Down Pat

Dog grooming, dog training/behavioural consultations, home pet care visits and dog walks. I also offer owner education workshops and lessons covering groom and clip your own dog, before your new puppy arrives lessons, puppy training. Services and training provided by Susan, a qualified and experienced veterinary nurse, dog groomer and trainer. Like my page on Facebook - Dogs Down Pat. Phone 0452 663 408 or email dogsdownpat@gmail.com

Creative arts therapy: Sessions & Courses: for Adults and Children

Creative arts therapy creates a space, where a difficult challenge or condition in the soul can be brought and explored in a gentle way. Using a range of artistic activities including sand play, painting, drawing and form drawing, clay modelling, writing and conversation, an unravelling begins. This may happen over a series of sessions with both guided and more open activities. Art making generates inner warmth and nourishment, helping to restore balance where astrality presses too deeply on the soul. Reflective opportunities help to assist understanding, ultimately strengthening one's resolve to move forward by oneself.

This therapy is also suitable for children. With the assistance and involvement of the parent/parents a series of sessions is structured to meet the child's needs. Drawing upon Rudolf Steiner's fourfold view of the human being a way is sought to support and lighten the unfolding challenges that have become a hindrance for the child. A therapeutic story or artistic reflection is offered to the child as a completion of the series of sessions.

Kate has had a background of many years working in the creative field, as a crafts and handwork teacher in the Steiner School system and is a qualified Creative Arts Therapist.
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Looking for a novel concept for your next event? I host distinguished wine events for your business, social club or society to suit staff or client entertaining, networking and milestone celebrations.

You choose the ideal format and theme – I will help! - to suit your group of 10 to 100.

I bring the story behind the labels in a fun, blind tasting. Experience the flavours of Nero d'Avola from McLaren Vale side by side with the Sicilian original! And see if you can identify which is which.

Explore seriously good Aussie and imported wines – from the classics to the alternative (my passion!) to the downright obscure (also my passion!)

Contact Rob Hewitt at

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