

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4

21 February 2020

## UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Dear SVSS Community,

We are now well into the swing of Term 1 and all across the school, activity is purposeful, engaging and students are applying themselves to learn, play and socialise. I have the wonderful privilege of having a bird's eye view of the school and in any one day I may be in Early Childhood, the Primary School or High School and talking with students and teachers, or meeting with parents, builders or architects.

At our Whole School Faculty meeting this week, John Salmond, our Sustainability Officer, took all of us on a walking tour through the school, from Early Childhood to High School. It was fascinating to hear how the buildings are set to purpose, to enfold in Early Childhood and to gradually unfold as the Primary students grow through the years. The path from Early childhood through Primary to High School is the spine of the school and once you reach the High School, it goes off into different directions, signifying the High School journey of diversifying knowledge and finding different paths in life.

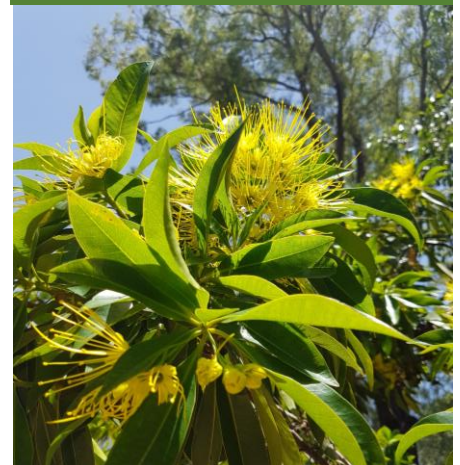
At our College Retreat, we revisited our 20-year vision, looking at double streaming and how we continue to plan our physical, social, academic and administrative spaces, or precincts, in the school. It certainly is an exciting time, and also a time for pause, to ensure we have clarity of thought and a sustainable strategy to ensure our footprint on this beautiful land is sustainable, fit for purpose and aesthetic, meeting the varied needs of all stakeholders.

The next building project will be the six classrooms in the Primary School. We are in the process of submitting the Development Application to Council and will be putting out to tender shortly after.

To all new families, I hope your children have settled in well and you also have found your place in our community and have felt warmly welcomed. It is daunting for new students, but can be for parents too, therefore I hope you can come to our Working Bee Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March so you can meet more people and get involved in community life.

Being punctual to school sets good habits, healthy rhythms and allows your child to start the day with their class. It is therefore very important that students arrive at school on time, so please support your child to

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achieve this. Also, I would like to ask all parents to check the dress code in the school handbook as many students are arriving in clothes that are slightly against our dress code, especially very short shorts!

We have a College Working Group looking at parent education and what we can offer this year, so that parents have many opportunities to learn more about Steiner education and child development and what a Steiner journey throughout the years looks like for your child. Any suggestions of what you might like to hear more about, please let me know. We are also planning a High School Expo next term, which will be a great opportunity for parents and students to talk to teachers, current and past students and hear more about the curriculum and see student work.

Our AGM will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March and I hope as many of you as possible can attend to hear the review of last year and be involved in the work of the Association.

My next cuppa morning will be Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Come along to have a chat in the hub!

Warm regards,  
Tracey Taylor, School Director



## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday 25 February

Class 11 and 12 Parent Teacher meeting, 6pm

### Thursday 27 February

Kindergarten Parent Teacher meeting, 6.45 cuppa for 7pm start

### Saturday 29 February

Working Bee 8am – 1pm

### Thursday 12 March

RSEGB AGM, 7pm in the Hall

### Wednesday 18 March

Kindergarten Autumn Festival

### Thursday 26 March

Cuppa Morning with Tracey

### Friday 27 March

School Autumn Festival, time tbc

Term 1 ends

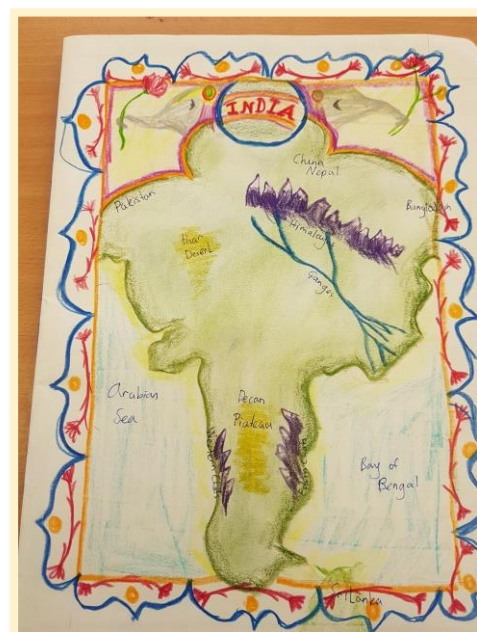
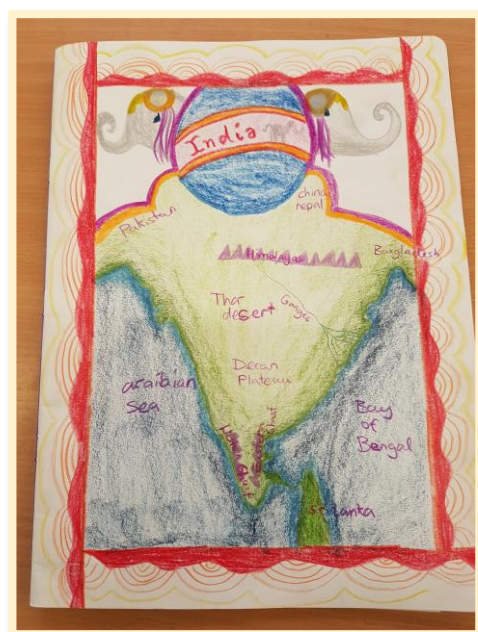
### Tuesday 14 April

Term 2 begins

### Thursday 23 April

High School Expo, 5pm – 7.30pm

## Work from Class 5 students





### *The sun with loving light Makes bright for me each day ...*

I had the privilege to share the speaking of this verse with Nick Garnock and parents of Class 1N at their parent/teacher evening earlier this week. It is some time since I spoke it with one of my own classes [Class 4, 2015], but to speak it again and to feel the ease and free rendering gives me the pleasurable memory of how deeply imbedded it is in my own soul, and hopefully those of my past students. I declaimed this verse every day for four years, until the end of Class 4 with each of my three classes in this school. The evening proceeded well with Nick taking all the parents and myself through a morning circle routine; we were a little flummoxed by the rhythmic requirements of the bean-bag exercise with great mountains of bean-bags piling up in some quarters; while other people sat totally bereft of receiving any bean bags. We were unpractised and ended up in a shemozzle; sadly, our rhythmic skills had been found wanting! Nick explained this was still very much a work in progress with the children, which would require on-going devotion and development; the children weren't perfect either, yet. I saw some parents visibly relax at this explanation, relieved that they may not be judged to be less dextrous than a bunch of six/seven-year olds. Nick's passion, enthusiasm and love for his class was like a bubbling-over cauldron of delight and I'm sure there wasn't a parent leave that meeting who would be in any doubt that their child was in good hands and loved by a burgeoning heart each day they send their child to school to be in Nick's class.

Bianca had a similar warm and engaging parents' evening the previous week and those of us who attended came away with beautiful form drawings and elemental coats-of-arms [now adorning my office wall] associated with the Maths main lesson that Bianca will bring later this term. Her joy and enthusiasm of being with and engaging with each child in her class was palpable to all of us attending this bright occasion.

Both Class Ones have got off to a flying start with a group of happy children in each class and a crowd of happy parents delivering and collecting their children each day, whether rain, hail or shine.

Wednesday morning I also joined our Office Admin staff to a treat of Viking vigour in Class 4 with Jane:

*Hearing I ask of the Holy races  
Of Heimdall's sons both high and low....*



Another trip down memory lane for me, powerful singing accompanied by the pounding rhythmic beat of staves on the floor and movement, completely in unison. It has one looking over one's shoulder for the entry of Thor the Thunder God, or chariot loads of Valkyries, because certainly there before one is a horde of dauntless Viking warriors all primed for battle. The clash of rhythmic sticks following a strict number sequence keeps everyone totally focused and invigorated after meeting the challenge of their partner in bold style. As a teacher, one wants the children to live into the focal culture that a class is to engage with during a particular year. There is no doubt in this Class 4 that the Norse Myths and the qualities of Viking warriors, the gods and goddesses of Asgard, Valkyries and brutal giants is a living reality for these children every day; this is what we are aiming for.

As an old class teacher being launched back into the rhythmical repetition in these classes, I recall Steiner's words regarding the crucial need for extended rhythms and repetitions:

*.... You must lead a child to do something which you think will awaken their feeling for what is right, and get them to do it repeatedly. An action of this sort must be made into a habit. The more it becomes an unconscious habit, the better it is for the development of **feeling**; the more conscious a child is of doing the action repeatedly, out of inner devotion, because it ought to be done, because it must be done, the more you are raising the deed **to a real impulse**.*

*Alan Drysdale, Primary School Education Administrator*

### **BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUNDRAISER**

Class 4 is continuing their ice block fundraiser all of Term 1. All monies will go to the families of the firefighters who lost their lives in the recent fires.

So far, we have raised over \$300; a fantastic result for just three weeks.

A huge thank you goes to the parents of Class Four who are supplying lemons, stevia and our reusable ice block containers.

The children of Class Four are enthusiastically selling and making for our community each week. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who are supporting their classes and children to buy ice blocks. There are lots of happy faces out there as they enjoy their ice blocks.

**Monday** Class 1N, 1B, 2N

**Tuesday** Class 2C, 3L, 3M

**Wednesday** Classes 4,5,6,7

50c an ice block! All natural. Made with love. What a bargain!

### **CLASS 4 - PLANTS WANTED**

Last year, the Class 3 building was relocated and the children dug up the gardens that they had lovingly planted and tended for the year. The parents then babysat these plants over the holidays so that we could begin our replant this year.

We are asking for donations of plants from your garden please!! The more, the merrier!

If you have any of the following plants or any plants that you would like to donate please just drop them at the Eurythmy room at any time this term or for the remainder of the year at the refurbished Class Four room.

Plants asked for...

- ✓ Coleus
- ✓ Agapanthus
- ✓ Clivia
- ✓ Cordylines
- ✓ Bromeliads
- ✓ Spider Lilly
- ✓ Hippeastrums



These plants are easily separated from a cluster or just snipped off and we can put them in water so that they grow roots (coleus).

With thanks for helping us beautify our school,  
*Jane and Class 4*

### ***WANT TO CYCLE THE BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL?***

It's on again!! Last year we trialed 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 [info@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au). More info on the trail: <http://www.brisbanevalleyrailtrail.com.au>.





Samford Valley Steiner School

**are excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 13 March 2020.**

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF THE RUDOLF STEINER EDUCATION GROUP BRISBANE (RSEGB)**

##### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

The Board of the RSEGB is preparing for the AGM that will start in the school hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the AGM.

RSEGB members will vote on Association matters at the AGM and may nominate for a position on the Board. Please note that you must be an RSEGB member and hold a current Blue Card in order to nominate for a Board position at the AGM. Nominations must be received by Thursday 27 Feb 4pm.

If you are interested in nominating for a Board position, please contact Michael Ryan on 0418 626 739 or email [board\\_president@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au](mailto:board_president@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au).

Further information about the AGM will be sent out in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Michael Ryan,

President (*on behalf of the Board of the RSEGB*)



#### **Call to be on the festiValley Organising Committee!**

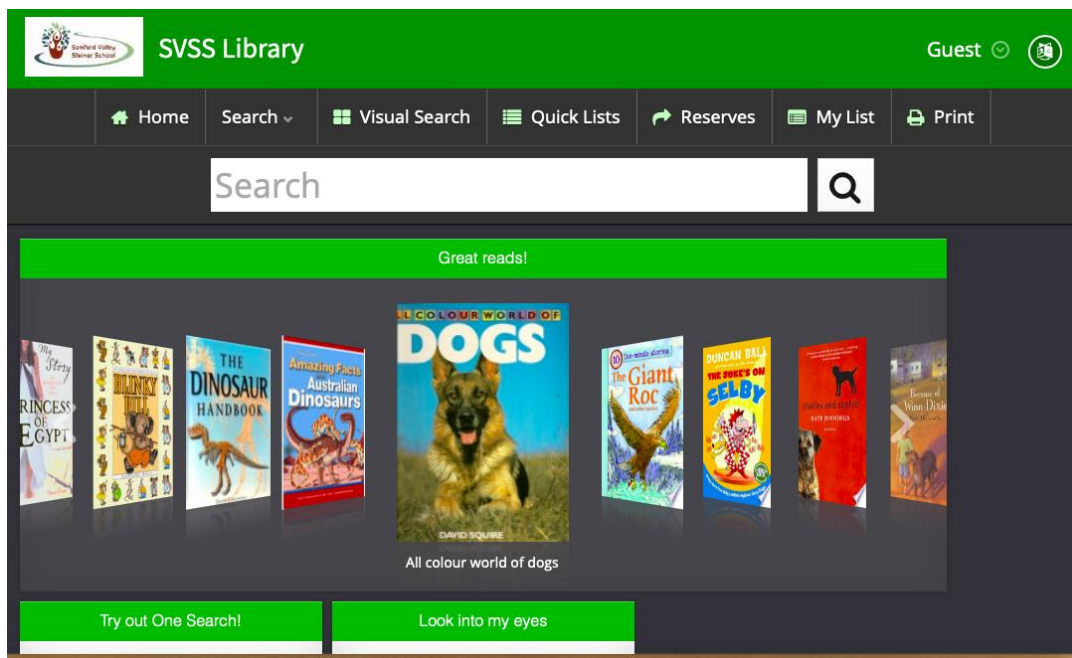
Do you have a passion for organisation and coordinating events? We're putting together the festiValley Committee and we'd love anyone who is interested to jump on board.

Please email [svsspafa@gmail.com](mailto:svsspafa@gmail.com) if you'd love to get involved. We plan to keep it a lot simpler this time and make sure we have lots of fun in the process.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Greetings from the Library. As you are all aware, the library is in use as a classroom temporarily, however children are still able to borrow books and the library is staffed during break times if your child would like to browse and borrow. It may appear a quiet time for the library but behind the scenes much is happening with many new purchases of books, preparing to update our shelving to a more contemporary and flexible style and putting into use the capability of our new library management system.

The first step allows you and your children to browse the library collection from home. This through a web interface. On your device type in the following web address <https://au.accessit.online/SMF00>. You will see a screen like this



At this stage you and your children may browse the collection and search books by title, author and subject. In the near future your child will be able to reserve a book from home but I ask for your patience until borrower ID's are set up. You will notice you are a guest user. Please have a browse and see what the library has to offer!

*Brendan*

## NEWS FROM ADMIN

This is a reminder to all Pre-Prep parents that they are eligible for the **QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy** if the family meets one of the following conditions:

- Holds a current Health Care Card (HCC), Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements. To claim the subsidy, you must provide SVSS with a copy of your Health Care Card with the start and end date of the card. If a card is valid anytime within a Term, the subsidy can be claimed for that term.
- Identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or both (or have a child who does). SVSS must record identification as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on the enrolment form.
- Has three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year. SVSS are required to take a copy of proof of date of birth for these children.

The subsidy will be paid to the School and will be credited to the families' School Fee account once funds are received. Any further questions with regard to the subsidy please call Ruth in the Admin office on 3430 9600 for further details.

Thanks

*Ruth Caynes, Administration Officer*

## 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 prior to inclusion.**

### **Car pool wanted**

We've recently started at SVSS and have two girls, who are in Class 1 and Class 4.

If anyone is interested in carpooling to and from school from The Gap, please get in touch with Rose on 0421 315 938.

### **Biodynamic Compost Making at Working Bee**

We are planning to build a biodynamic compost heap at the working bee on Saturday 29th February. The compost making will be led by Peter Kearney, experienced organic/biodynamic gardener.

We are seeking additional green matter. We need banana plants, the full banana plant with trunk and leaves that has already fruited, freshly cut green grass, cut the day before the event. If you have cows, manure is also welcome.

Please contact Peter 0401 156 532 before the event to confirm your contribution.

The compost heap will be made in the compost bay behind the gardening shed in the primary school. We are also seeking helpers to make the heap on the day.

Vicki Kearney

### **Textile workshop: 'Upcycle a business shirt into a dress'**

Two spaces available on Saturday 7 March, from 10-4pm. Expect a lot of experimenting, cutting, pinning, changing, adding, hand sewing, maybe some machine sewing, and most of all new inspiration.

For more information: Lucie Verhelst 04 2737 4712 or [lucie@thetextilecircle.com.au](mailto:lucie@thetextilecircle.com.au)

Website: <https://thetextilecircle.com.au/>

### **Fully Furnished Home for Rent**

A beautiful, recently renovated family home available to rent for 6 months, fully furnished from April to October in Mitchelton.

5 bedroom, 3.5 bathrooms, pool, large backyard with sandpit, swing, trampoline.

Price negotiable, please contact Melissa Croker 0408 400 668

### **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](mailto: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 [www.myfoodgarden.com.au](http://www.myfoodgarden.com.au) 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.

### **Dr Hauschka Classic Treatment**

My name is Karen, and I am a SVSS mum. I have recently become qualified in Dr Hauschka Skincare and Treatments. I need lots of practice, so this would be a great opportunity for anyone interested in experiencing the Dr Hauschka Classic Treatment. I am not as yet practising from a salon; however, I do have a very comfortable space at



home in Samford Village. I would ask for small fee to cover the cost of product and washing.  
I can be contacted on 0466404655

#### **Nick Elson 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 [21 Day 'Small Steps, Big Difference' Challenge](#) – 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 [clicking here](#). 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.

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

Danielle (mum of Soraya Class 8 & Aidan Class 11)  
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