

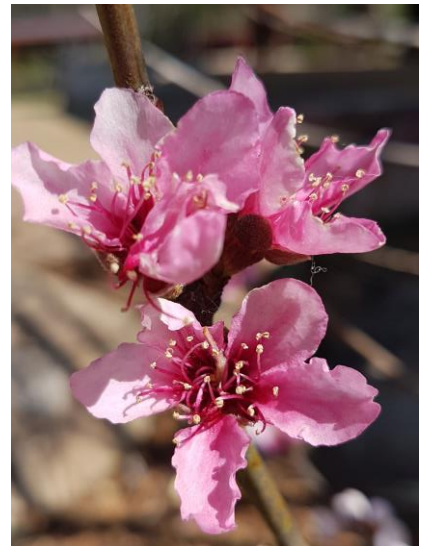
NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Another term is drawing to a close and there is much activity around the school as we prepare to welcome the school holidays with our Spring Festival. In a Steiner School the rhythms we create, either based on natural or social rhythms, create a familiar pathway through the year. In a world of constant change and movement, these anchor points in the year are of great value to our and the children's health and well-being. Even for the High School student, who may outwardly resist 'enjoying' the festival or express frustration that it is 'always the same', the rhythm and certainty of the festival none-the-less resounds inwardly and enlivens their soul forces.

Rhythms are also apparent in the administrative life of the school as we have times in which action is the predominant gesture and times for review, reflection and planning of future action. At the beginning of the year, we shared our **School Improvement Plan for 2017 and 2018**. There has been continuing activity derived from this planning doc and after a reflective period of review, I would like to update you all on the progression of our plans.

The plan, which can be viewed by following this link <http://www.samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/SVSS-Improvement-Plan-2017-and-2018.pdf> or in Parent Lounge, under School Links, articulated school improvement goals in the following areas: Students, Staff, Community and Environment. I am very pleased with the progress made to date on the identified areas and we will be working to ensure there is continued activity on the plan throughout 2018.



SPRING FESTIVAL – FRIDAY

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| 10am | Some Primary School classes to present a dance in or around their classroom. Parents to join in the dancing and singing |
| 10.30am | Dances at the Oval (High School and Primary School)
Relay race |
| | Followed by SHARED LUNCH
(Among the trees between the Hall and the High School) |

Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch.
(Food can be taken to the Hall in the morning, labelled by class)

Below are some of the most notable developments:

- ❖ Planning documents have been completed and funding applications lodged for **new purpose built Kindergarten/Prep buildings, which** will allow us to continue to extend the reach of our early childhood program.
- ❖ The Board and College have worked strenuously together throughout the year to make decisions and take actions that will allow us to fulfil our mission of offering the opportunity for as many South East Qld families as possible, who are seeking Steiner Education, to access the education. The focus of this work has been two-fold; the establishment of a **second inner city school/campus** and the researching of the possibility of **double streaming at SVSS**. A working group is occupied securing a site for the second school and a decision has been made to offer a second cohort of Preps again in 2018.
- ❖ The establishment of a **Distance Education program** has also been identified as an option to extend our reach and a working group has been established to research this option.
- ❖ Our vision to grow and embed the **gardening program** within the school is well underway. Dave has done an amazing job developing the Primary School gardens and developing and implementing a whole school gardening curriculum and program. This work will continue into the future and include redevelopment of the High School gardens.
- ❖ The **Social Well-Being and Behaviour policy** has been reviewed and updated by the faculties and communicated to the community. The handbooks and website have been updated to reflect these policy and procedural changes.
- ❖ A High School working group has been tasked with clearly developing and articulating the role and responsibilities of **High School Guardians** and developing a handbook to support those staff members who hold this important role.
- ❖ A great deal of work has occurred to begin to embed and implement the New Zealand **Certificate of Steiner Education** as our senior year's program and qualification. Level 1 of the certificate has been rolled out very successfully with positive response from staff and students. Planning has commenced for Level 2 in 2018. This includes planning for some elective streams in Classes 11 and 12 next year and into the future. Work with the accreditation and curriculum bodies has been continuous and ongoing to ensure we are meeting our accreditation requirements in relation to our senior offerings. Liaison with local universities and QTAC is well underway to determine solid graduate pathways for our students.
- ❖ We have submitted application for approval as a school based registered training organisation from 2018 and are currently awaiting advice on the date for an audit to finalise approvals. Dave and I have completed training in relation to the **delivery of VET programs** and Guy and Dave are currently working on the development of Certificate Courses in Music/Creative Industries and Outdoor Recreation. It is envisaged these courses will be offered to Class 11 and 12 students from 2018 onwards.
- ❖ As part of our vision to further develop the Arts program in the school, we employed Michelle Carey into the role of **Creative Arts Co-ordinator** at the beginning of the year. Michelle has developed an exciting vision for the arts and is working hard unfolding that vision. The introduction of the fabulous after school programs is perhaps one of the most visible outcomes of her labours to date.
- ❖ This year we increased our school directed onsite **professional development** offering to ensure that all staff have opportunity to broaden and strengthen their understanding of the pedagogy and underlying philosophical ethos of the school. We determined two focus areas for this years' PD: strengthening our collective picture of the depth and width of our educational approach, and challenging the 'culture of the desk'. Staff attended two whole school PD events, a total of 8 days, focussed on these two themes. Staff also had opportunity to attend many

other PD events throughout the year; including the primary, high school and early childhood national teacher intensives.

- ❖ SVSS hosted three major **conferences** in 2017; the Early Childhood Teacher Intensives, the Early Childhood Teacher Mentor Conference and the National Learning Support Conference. We also hosted a National SEA Delegates Meeting. These conferences are enriching for our staff and enlivening for the school.
- ❖ The **Intern Program**, an initiative designed to support the creation of an ongoing flow of trained Steiner teachers available for the school, has continued to be refined and strengthened in 2017. The program will continue into the future.
- ❖ Further work was done in 2017 on reviewing and updating our school processes relating to **teacher mentoring, collegial partnership work, appraisals and teacher development**.
- ❖ Developing and preparing for the roll out of a **new school website** has been a major project, spearheaded by Joan, in 2017. Stay tuned...the result of this work is imminent!
- ❖ John Salmond commenced in the role of **Sustainability Officer** in January this year. John has completed an audit of the school's current practices in relation to sustainability and has made staged recommendations for action in the areas of waste management, power management, water management, product control and community involvement. We will provide further detailed information on these important projects in the near future.
- ❖ In July, Chris Wood Willems directed the creation of a wonderful **performance and recreation space** adjacent to the Class 4 and 5 building. This is stage one of a larger project for creating sustainable outdoor play and pedagogical spaces that maintain and enhance the significance of the local bush environment in which the school belongs.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the school's dedicated staff, who work tirelessly and with such enthusiasm and love to imagine and bring to fruition new initiatives and possibilities in the service of our children.

One of those people is of course the irrefutably wonderful Jan Baker-Finch. You will have already received an announcement via G Cast this week; however if you missed it...

We have been very blessed at SVSS to have had for so many years a talented and dedicated Eurythmist who has successfully embedded the art and practice of eurythmy firmly into the fabric of the school. After 26 years, Jan is looking ahead to the next chapter in her work and life journey and as such will be finishing her role as our full time Eurythmist at the end of 2017. Jan's eurythmy work has been a great gift to all of the young people who have passed through our school over the years, and her influence, investment and contribution to the growth, nourishment and development of the school as a whole has been beyond measure. I would like to take this opportunity to, in a small way, acknowledge this enormous contribution. We will be holding a celebration at the end of the year to properly thank Jan for her work. The recruitment process for a new eurythmy teacher will begin shortly and Jan will remain available to teach blocks of eurythmy next year if we have not by then found the right person to take on the role. Our commitment to maintaining eurythmy as a core subject at SVSS is resolute and we will be searching Australia and the wider world for the person who can continue and grow what is here currently thriving as a result of Jan's work over the years. Below are some words from the lady herself:

"After 26 years as eurythmy teacher here at SVSS, I will be resigning from my role at the end of December. In recent months, I have become more and more involved with the impulse to found a city school. I would like to devote more time to realising that vision, to working more widely in the country to promote and develop eurythmy in schools where there is none, and to pursuing some goals as a performing artist. As a representative of the Anthroposophical Movement in Australia, I am also keen to work more to connect schools and other initiatives and organisations, which draw on the impulse of Rudolf Steiner- both nationally and

internationally. I believe our strength into the future will depend upon achieving new levels of cooperation around the globe, and I believe I have a small role to play in this regard.

The connection to this community will be life-long. You will never quite get rid of me! If no eurythmy teacher is found immediately I will happily come out to run short-term eurythmy projects and help with festivals; I intend to continue supporting my guardian class until 2020 in whatever ways can be negotiated; I'll be involved in the 2019 One Hundred years of Steiner/ Waldorf Education celebration, and – through the city school and whatever role I take up there- continue to work closely with Pep, and the board.

I am deeply grateful for all that has been realised here and look forward with enthusiasm and confidence to all that lies ahead."

We look forward to seeing you all at the spring festivities.

Warmly
Pep Wright

Dates to Remember

Friday 22 September
School Spring Festival
** Term 3 ends **

Monday 9 October
Term 4 begins

Tuesday 17 October
Class 6 Parent night

Wednesday 18 October
Class 4 Parent night

Thursday 19 October
Class 3 Parent night

Wednesday 25 October
Class 5 Parent meeting 3pm
Kindergarten parent night

Monday 30 October
Pupil Free day, except for Pre-
Prep



Year 12 students treated Class 4 and admin staff to a Eurythmy performance recently.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAM FOR TERM 4...

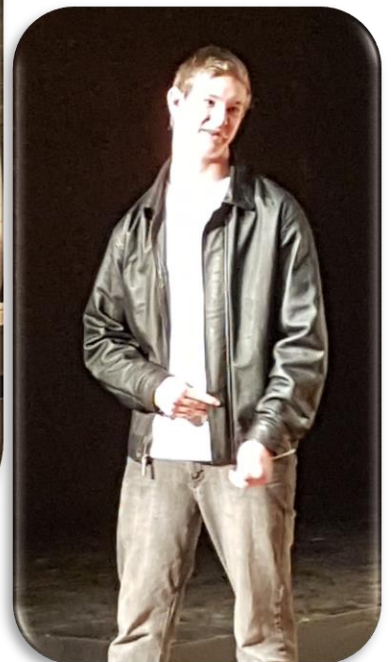
Do you enjoy the smell of burning charcoal? Exhilarated by the bright glow of white hot metal? Thrilled by loud banging noises? If so, you are merrily invited to join Dave in the High School Smithy to work on forging an Objet d'art or something more practical during Term 4. Workshops occur on Mondays from 3.00 - 4.30pm in weeks 2-7. We are also offering more graffiti, Theatresports and circus on the days/times listed below. Please contact Michelle Carey mcarey@samfordsteiner.qld.ed.au to book a place or for more information...

Workshop	Tutor	Available for	Day	Time	Cost
CIRCUS	Julian Roberts & Mikey Bailey	Classes 4-8	Mondays Weeks 3-8	3-4.30pm	\$110
FORGING	Dave Rule	High school	Mondays Weeks 2-7	3-4.30pm	\$65
GRAFFITI	Sam Wilkinson	High school	Wednesdays Weeks TBA	3-4.30pm	\$65
THEATRESPORTS	Michelle Carey	High school	Thursdays Weeks 3-6	3-4pm	\$40

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 10

This week, Class 10 performed the iconic Australian play AWAY, written by Michael Gow. They have done a brilliant job grappling with some sophisticated concepts and reproducing the wonderful era of the 1960s. Congratulations to all the cast and crew on a magnificent performance.

(Note: LAST PERFORMANCE TONIGHT, THURSDAY, AT 6.30PM)



KINDERGARTEN SPRING FESTIVAL



ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES

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

Brisbane Branch of the Anthroposophical Society

The Brisbane Branch of the Anthroposophical Society has issued the August edition of our Staying Connected Newsletter. I hope you enjoy the reading.

Here is a bit of an outline:

- A little summary of our last 3 Brisbane Branch meetings for 2017
- Summary of our last Brisbane Branch meeting with Nansi Finch - Collaborative painting. Thank you to Susan Margaret for supplying the summary, much appreciated
- An opportunity to join our vision group for the Brisbane Branch p3
- A beautiful Steiner quote and a couple of flyers
- Here is the link through the website <https://goo.gl/4iadxs>

Also please note that September 30th our next branch meeting we will be celebrating Micha-elmas, this is during the holidays. Feel free to email me for more information on this.

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VACATION CARE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Bookings are now open for Vacation care. Please see the booking form and program in the email body. All sorts of exciting activities are planned!

- ✓ High Tea and Picnics
- ✓ BYO Wheels Day and Fort Building
- ✓ Movie day, Crystal fossicking and much more.

Kylie Turner, OSHC Co ordinator Ph (07) 34309614, Email oshc@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au



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Granny Flat for Rent

Fully self-contained Flat (The downstairs of an upstairs downstairs home) A few minutes from the centre of Samford Village.

Partially furnished with Washing Machine

/Fridge /Lounge - sofa bed /Bar Stools.

One bedroom /private sit out /own entrance.

Suit single or couple.

Prefer healthy lifestyle. No smoking. \$280 per

week includes gas/electricity. Bond required.

Call/Text 0417 143 981

Catch Janet at school.

Custom Kitchens Designed for Your Lifestyle

As a family within the Steiner Community, the team at Easy Living Kitchens would love to design and deliver a stunning New Kitchen you'll be guaranteed to Love.

Locally manufactured from local suppliers where available, Easy Living Kitchens offer a great range of styles, finishes and functional solutions for any type of kitchen you can imagine or want.

Book your Free Kitchen Design Consultation at <http://www.EasyLivingKitchens.com.au> or Call Us on 1300 650 681. Don't forget to mention "Steiner" to claim your Special Bonus as our way of saying Thank You...

Homeopathic consults

Cyena is a new mum at SVSS this year (daughter, Sage, is in StarGold) and is a Homeopath with over 8 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

practices classical homeopathy in conjunction with a naturopathic approach to health. Cyena offers consultations by phone, at her home clinic in Gaythorne or at the SOMA room in the Lifestyle Centre on Mt Glorious Road by appointment. Call Cyena on 0418792827.

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 and arts practises, 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 most 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 Schools system and is a qualified Creative Arts Therapist.MA (CreativeArtTherapies), Grad DipArt Therapy & Couns. MIECAT. Member ACA

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Childcare 2018

Our facility in Camp Mountain offers care following Rudolf Steiner's indications for the development of the young child. For the past 6 years, most of the children attending our care flow onto the Samford Valley Steiner School into the pre-prep and prep rooms. We strive to offer an environment that builds health through rhythm and routines and a slow paced day so each child has the opportunity to take their time to master their bodies and the world.

We have a number of children booked in for 2018. If you are wanting a space for your child or know of others looking for this type of care, please give me a call (3289 3602) or go to our website Rose Blossom Children.com.au

A little plug for Danielle O'Brien, Mum of Oskar and Milo...if you are wanting some family photography, I recommend her service highly. All photography on our website has been done by her.

Vicki Kearney