



# NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10

20 September 2019

## SPRING FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

This week we mark the turning point of the seasons as Winter gives way to Spring. With the dry weather and lack of rain, big winds and fires, the rain this week brought welcome relief and settled the dust. Although there are not many spring flowers or green lawns and paddocks, the Spring Festival marks the equinox, a turning outwards to longer days, to the outbreath of approaching Summer after the inner feeling of Winter and the longest night of the year. The balance of Autumn and Spring and the inwardness of Winter and outer nature of Summer are all of great significance to the earth's natural rhythm.

As Carly previously mentioned, 'the celebration of the seasonal festivals is an enriching part of our school's cultural and community life. Each festival brings a sense of anticipation as we identify and recognise the changing rhythms of the earth. Honouring festivals together is also a way of keeping time. Throughout history, festivals have been interwoven with life and the cycles of nature. In Steiner/Waldorf schools, we too have found our own meaningful way to honour the seasons and their different qualities'.

We wish all families and staff a restful Spring break and we look forward to seeing fresh, eager faces in Term 4 on Tuesday 8th October.

*Tracey Taylor, Primary School Education Administrator*



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## YEAR 10 MELBOURNE ARTS CAMP 2019

Last week Year 10 students spent the last week of their Drama Main Lesson exploring the culture and art of Melbourne. From a visit to see the Terracotta Warriors exhibition at the National Gallery to a tour of the world of the street artist, the students enveloped themselves in the soul of this beautiful city.

We were fortunate enough to spend a lovely day visiting Sophia Mundi Steiner School in Collingwood where we were given a tour of the school and an art workshop as well as reconnecting with new friends made at the recent Youth Conference and some of the students were able to spend some time with their ex-class teacher Liz Morell. To finish the students explored the Fringe festival opening with a very eclectic theatre experience.

Thank you, Melbourne, we loved your food, culture, trams, markets and even the chilly weather.

*Delaney Crawley*  
High School Education Administrator

### Dates to Remember

**Friday 20 September**

End of Term

**Monday 7 October**

Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

**Tuesday 8 October**

Term 4 begins

**Friday 18 & Saturday 19  
October**

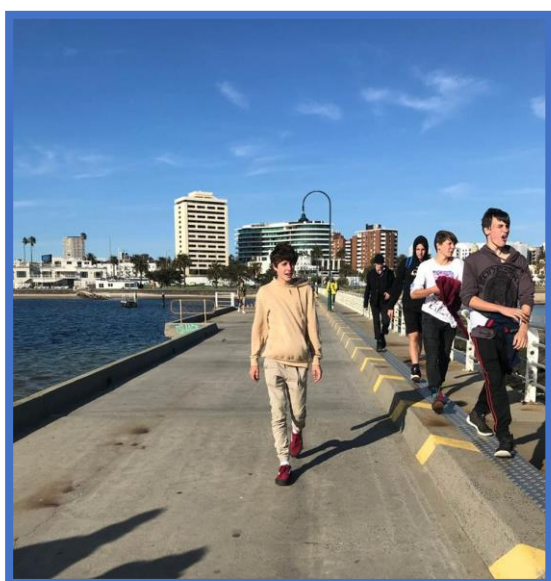
Senior Project Presentations

**Monday 21 October**

Student free day

**Friday 15 November**

High School Music Night











***FAREWELL PEP!***

***A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS,  
LARGE AND SMALL, TO SVSS!!***

***YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE TO MANY AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE  
VERY BEST FOR THE FUTURE.***

### ***MY EXPERIENCE OF THE YOUTH CONFERENCE – MADELEINE PARK***

As a grade 11 Steiner student I have heard many times over the years that we are not the only Steiner school - they are all over the world. However, I had never really felt this to be true, I had only ever met one other Steiner class and that was it. I never quite understood the size of our community until 240 other Steiner students were gathered on our basketball court. In that moment I knew we had created something special.

For weeks leading up to the conference we had helped teachers organise and set up. It was all worth it to see so many smiling, laughing students socialising, meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. That night Class 10 performed their play and kicked the conference off to a great start. Over the next few days we heard from many different keynote speakers, who were so passionate about their topics, the inspiration and motivation rippled throughout the audience. The speakers each brought us a different aspect of life and all showed us that one individual can really make a difference. Next, we went to our conversation groups. In these groups we were able to share our own experiences and opinions on a range of topics, as well as hear how others experience the same things. I was part of three different conversation groups over the week. I was able to explore the ideas of art and audience, and how they interact. My next conversation group was all about sustainable clothing and what we can do to make a difference as an individual. I enjoyed this conversation group as I was able to connect with the people in my group due to common trends we both followed and appreciated. My final conversation group was focused around social media and reality. This topic brought up a lot of interesting points based on whether face to face interaction was the same as a digital interaction.

Every afternoon we moved on to our workshops. I had the privilege of working in a group with John Salmond on our outdoor art installation. We built a room in the middle of the oval out of all old recycled materials. We built this room to represent our world. The outside was a representation of John's world and we built the inside to show what we didn't like about our world today and what we want our world to look like in our future. Building this was one of my favourite activities of the week. I was able to express my own ideas and work as a collective to create something that we all were really proud of.

the most exciting part of the whole conference was on the last day when we got to perform Dale Jones's composition, written to commemorate 100 years of Waldorf education. After many months of practicing the three pieces it was finally time to perform them for our audience. This was a great way to end our conference - as a collective. By far the hardest part of the whole conference was having to say good bye to all the amazing people I had just met.



## CLASS 4 GERMAN NEWS

This term the Class 4 students went from writing known material to working with a little Reader “Die Stadtmaus und die Landmaus”. They learnt different adjectives and the names of a variety of transports. The students created their own transport model and proudly presented these to the students of the Primary School on Tuesday and Wednesday.

*Sonja Rank  
German teacher*



## HAVE YOUR SAY FOR A 2020 SCHOOL FAIR

It's that time again when we start thinking about a school fair. PAFA is keen to determine the thoughts and sentiments of the school community and have put together a short (5 question) survey. Thank you very much to the 80 plus families who have already completed the survey – we appreciate your time and thoughtful considerations. And more so – we appreciate the overwhelming display of community spirit.

If you haven't already, please consider adding your voice – it would greatly help us represent the wishes of the parent body. Click on this link to have your say: <https://forms.gle/kJAbUkS33ukvRAGJ6>

*Team PAFA*

## ENROLMENTS

Reminder that the school requires one term's notice for all withdrawals. Please email Joan at [jweir@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au](mailto:jweir@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au)

Thank you  
*Joan Weir*



## SENIOR RESEARCH PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

The Class 12 students will be completing their Senior Research Projects with an oral presentation. These are scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – see flyer on the next page for individual information. We would like to invite all of you to attend.

The class have had 2 Guardians - Sonia Jago and Tim Dunn. They have walked the last 5 years with them watching them grow from 13-year olds into 18-year olds. The Guardians were asked the following question.

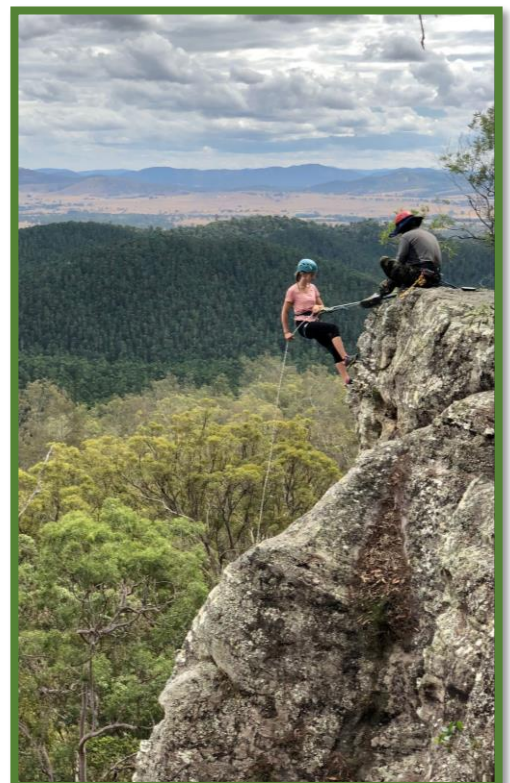
*All year, you have been witnessing the Class 12 students working on their Senior Projects, as well as their school workload – can you describe the SP process for us and its purpose?*

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*The Senior Research Project is an opportunity for senior students to choose a topic of study that they are passionate about which they are willing to explore deeply in both practice and theory. It involves their head, heart and hands. Students also go out into the community to find mentor/s who can guide them towards greater mastery of practical skills and knowledge of their specialisation. Although the project is largely student driven, parents, mentors and teachers help students by showing interest in what they are learning, encouraging them to stay on track, proof reading their written document and by coming to listen to students who are now experts about their topic speak to the wider school community. The speeches are the culmination of the project and are a special moment in time where the students stand in front of an audience to speak about their topic and what they have learnt about themselves. We see standing before us capable and confident young adults who are ready to take on the world.*



## VET VERTICAL CAMP





# Senior Project Presentations

## Friday 18 October

Time	Program & Student Presenter
6.15 – 6.30pm	Welcome & Introduction
6.30 – 7.00pm	Rohan Crookes - What are the effects of physical activity, and being in nature, on mental health?
7.05 – 7.35pm	Phoebe Higgins – Kelly - How does Feminism inform women's relationships with their bodies?
7.40 – 8.10pm	Romeo Santiago Bin Masoud-Huelsewede - What does it take to be an effective coach to help the team reach its potential?
8.15 – 8.30	Closing

## Saturday 19 October

Time	Program & Student Presenter
8.45 – 9.00	Welcome & Introduction
9.00 – 9.30am	Jemima Scott - How do we 'get it right' for the modern horse?
9.35 – 10.05am	Eastwood Groth- Understanding and utilising unmanned aviation through the study of multirotor concepts.
10.10– 10.40am	Breeah Spargo - Approaching language acquisition from the perspective of a signed language.
10.45 – 11.15am	Morning Tea
11.20 – 11.50	Indya Pearce – Expressing Emotion Through Art
11.55 – 12.25	Jahan Wallis - What makes a Rhapsody a Rhapsody?
12.30 – 1pm	Closing





## RSEGB BOARD NEWS

Over the past few months the Board has been busy working with SLT and College on the following items:

- School Director recruitment
- Double Streaming and the proposed new Primary School building
- Certificate of Steiner Education for Senior Students
- Principles of Steiner Education

Each year the Board and College meet for an evening and whole day session and this year we explored what the core values of Steiner education are at Samford Valley Steiner School. It is unique in Steiner schools for College and Board members to work so closely together and I think all present are very thankful that this relationship works – it means a better understanding and appreciation for all on how the school is run. The core values that were identified during these sessions will be explored further in separate Board and College meetings and shared with the community in the near future.



We were also fortunate to have Dave Rule attend our August meeting and give us some education on the principles of Biodynamics and how they are used in the school gardens. He explained the many layers of the Biodynamic preps including how the preps are formed - some of the information was a bit squeamish! If you have not had a chance to explore this area of Anthroposophy I encourage you to look into it.

Our current focus is to finalise the School Director appointment and to review the 2020 budget forecast.

*The Board*



### Samford Steiner School OSHC Vacation Care September/October 2019

Bookings now open – see link in email body

- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Imaginative indoor and outdoor play

School resumes on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019. We are closed Monday 7<sup>th</sup> for the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



## 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.**

### **Nick Ellson Holistic Health - Mobile PT and Online Coach**

Join our *new* 12-week online program, designed to boost your energy and transform your life, one step at a time!

- Starts on Monday 9th September
- For just \$5.50 a day you'll notice a difference!
- Online program
- Be part of a supportive group
- Daily interaction in VIP Facebook group
- Weekly email with challenges, tips and recipes
- Weekly feedback from Nick
- Weekly home exercise videos
- 3 free eBooks!
- Nutrition guide and recipes

To find out more and sign up, click here

<https://nickellson.com.au/programs/12-week-challenge/>

### **Homeopathic consults**

Cyena is a SVSS mum and Homeopath 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 practices classical homeopathy in conjunction with a naturopathic approach to health. She is able to help with short term health complaints as well as chronic and recurring ailments. Cyena offers consultations by phone and in person at her home clinic in Gaythorne or via home visit. 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 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. MA (CreativeArtTherapies), Grad DipArt Therapy & Couns. MIECAT. Member ACA  
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### **Wine events for your Celebration**

Looking for a novel concept for your next event or celebration? I host distinguished wine events at your home, business, social club or society to suit all manner of celebrations, staff or client entertaining and networking.

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  
[Robert.hewitt@bigpond.com](mailto:Robert.hewitt@bigpond.com) or call 07 3882 0328  
or 0447 762 321

#### **Ever asked yourself why tree work is so dear?**

Not anymore. I am offering tree services like crown lifting, thinning, dead-wooding, removing hangers and broken branches, cleaning palm trees, felling and removing small trees at very fair prices.

I used to work for large tree companies and would ask myself why you would pay for a three-man crew with truck and chipper (\$300+/h) if the job could be done by a single person for less than half that amount.

I am a qualified Cert.3 Arborist and a registered qualified Arborist with the Queensland Arboriculture Association. Tree work will be done in accordance of Australian Standards (AS4373-2007). For peace of mind I do have \$10M Public Liability insurance.

I can also do general gardening maintenance like hedging, edging, brush cutting and mowing as well as gutter cleaning and solar panel cleaning. For free quotes call Urs from All Care Property Services on 0408 725 075.

#### **Independent Architectural Consultant**

I am an Independent Architectural Consultant with experience of leading different scale architectural and interior design projects from concept to completion. I am passionate about creating spaces tailored for individual needs responding to every day habits, with strong connection to nature. Indoor and outdoor spaces are interwoven in my design approach, they are inseparable. I focus on passive design, a path I am concurrently exploring in my PhD research. For more details please visit my web page [www.tomatoarchitecture.com](http://www.tomatoarchitecture.com), find me on Instagram and LinkedIn. Agnieszka Nowak m. 0451 103 872.

#### **Tools for a Wise Kids Quest**

Ages 6-11  
Relaxation Centre of Queensland  
Monday 30th September 9am-3.30pm

Are your children prepared to go on a quest of discovery, on the outside world, with tools to navigate the inner world too? Andrew Holt is offering a fun life-skills workshop for Wise Kids. Here's an opportunity to gift your child with an

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experience that will sow them with tips and tools for the whole of their lives.

Andrew includes insights on the strength of kindness, courage and much more including emotions, mindfulness strategies, stress management and relaxation.

Participants will have an opportunity to express their wisdoms and insights with each other to develop connection and a sense of community.

Cost: \$70

Please book with a deposit of \$20 (numbers are limited). Bring a packed lunch.

Note: On Saturday 14th September, 1.30-4.30pm, you can meet Andrew Holt for whatever time you choose to ask questions about his course, see his creative colouring journal, to colour in, play with crystals or a singing bowl. No charge, just come.

#### **Grow your own organic/biodynamic food**

We provide face-to-face food garden design and management advice in your own garden space. With our 24 years' experience of growing organic/biodynamic food in Brisbane climate and designing food gardens for clients, you get the most efficient and cost-effective design and management tips for acreage and backyard food gardens, covering vegies, herbs, edible flowers and native edibles. Call Peter Kearney on 0401156532 or visit [www.myfoodgarden.com.au](http://www.myfoodgarden.com.au)

#### **Healthy Food can be simple, cost effective and tasty**

Join us for a Workshop on Thursday 29 August. Come along and learn how cooking with a Thermomix can make the experience quick and easy. Satisfy any dietary needs.

Be Inspired and take away new ideas.

Join us for some fun then enjoy eating what we have cooked together afterwards.

No cost: just a couple of hours of your time.

For more details, call David on 0402 123 918

#### **Maleny Black Angus Beef**

We're a farming family living in Maleny and are offering you delicious, affordable, locally-grown, 100% grass-fed beef. We promise you outstanding value, excellent service and free delivery to your door. We're all about healthier humans and happier cows. For more information and to order online

visit [www.malenyblackangusbeef.com.au](http://www.malenyblackangusbeef.com.au)

#### **Loving oils with Bree - doTERRA wellness**

**solutions** More than just nice smells, essential oils



are powerful plant extracts which support our bodies overall wellbeing and quickly balance emotions.

Discover how they can assist your family with many issues including; sleep, stress, gut health, mood support, tox-free cleaning and natural skincare.

I'm a holistic mum offering regular local classes and workshops on how to use these amazing gifts from the earth to enhance whole family wellness.

Come along and be inspired with ideas, recipes and lots of support on the ways you can integrate essential oils into your life.

Let's connect ph: 0409 615325 or go online [www.breetaylor-molyneux.com.au](http://www.breetaylor-molyneux.com.au)

**Goddess Sharing Circle (Mini) Retreat - Saturday 12 October 4.15pm - Sunday 13 October 1.00pm**  
Early bird price of \$240 available until Sunday 22 September, Only a total of 8 women

Dear women! It's time for you to be nurtured, to breathe out and retreat from your busy lives...it's our time! In just over 3 weeks we will gather together as an intimate group of women to experience:

- \* goddess sharing circle ceremony
- \* restful yoga (for all levels)
- \* sound healing
- \* nature
- \* meditation
- \* deep connection
- \* nurturing and care
- \* nourishing, fully catered meals
- \* and more!

This retreat is set in the picturesque Sunshine Coast and held by the magical womb-like circular building the Wonderdome. There are only 8 spaces available for women to encourage spaciousness and connection with each other. If you are feeling called to join us please listen...you deserve this! I'm so looking forward to sharing this with you! Danielle xx

For more information and to secure your space go to <https://events.humanitix.com.au/goddess-sharing-circle-retreat>  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/daniellewo-mandreaming/>  
Or call Danielle on 0466 84 3344

### **Wompoo Native Nursery's 2040 inspired initiative creates a meaningful and tangible impact to reverse climate change**

By simply increasing the number of trees on our land we can significantly reduce the carbon in our air and return it to our soil. Now is the time where we need to take action ourselves and take our children's future into our hands.

We have launched a simple membership model which encourages and rewards the regular purchasing of locally grown space appropriate native plants for regeneration of gardens and empty spaces for an affordable price.

For only \$6 Choose from 4x tube stock plants 50mmx50mmX100mm or 1 larger 104mm potted plant per month.

Our specialists hand-select the most appropriate natives for the size of your block and your garden aspirations. And we provide helpful hints to nurture your new additions.

Super easy monthly direct debit subscription and collection point at school on Friday Foodies once a month where you get your membership card stamped and pick up your plants.

Call Sam or email for your subscription form and start making a difference today!

Sam Bailye

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### **Looking for a house to rent**

A family of three is looking for a 2-bedroom place in Samford Valley area (smaller option to be considered) for a long-time rent. I am self-employed independent architectural contractor concurrently pursuing research PhD at the University of Queensland. As most of the time I work from home I would appreciate quiet surroundings to help me concentrate on my work. My husband Grzesiek, works as a joiner and is an independent contractor. We have one daughter Ligia, who attends class 1 at SVSS. We all love animals of any kind and it would be a great advantage if there was an option of keeping an adult dog in the future place. If interested, or you know someone in the community who would be, please contact Agnieszka Nowak m. 0451 103 872, e. [aga@tomatoarchitecture.com](mailto:aga@tomatoarchitecture.com)

### **School Holiday FUN!**

Mud World is coming to Baden Powell Scouts Park at Samford on the 5th & 6th October.

Mud World is a two-day children's festival with a range of unstructured MUD play activities for children with the supervision of a parent or guardian.

This will be a ticketed event per child, with supervising adults entering at a minimum price.

The tickets will be sold in sets of 2-hour day sessions and the aim is to give you the best experience possible by utilising play with minimal structure and maximum fun as a family.

You can find out more here:

[www.mudworld.com.au](http://www.mudworld.com.au)

### **Flametree Financial**

Flametree Financial are Samford based Mortgage Brokers, ready to assist you with your Personal or Business lending needs. Take the stress and hard work out of locating the best loan rate and lender - we have the knowledge, tools and proven existing relationships within the industry to find your perfect product/lender match. We have extensive experience with the self-employed, First Home Buyers and complex transactions so can offer you an advanced level of understanding and focus on education and service.

Founders, Leah and John Hudson, live in the Valley and are passionate about building a sustainable future both locally and globally. Both have years of experience as small business owners and understand the unique challenges involved in running and maintaining a successful venture.

If you care about the environment, are passionate about your community and would like to support lenders who share your values, then let us help guide you towards great value lenders that share your values and vision for the future.

Contact our principal Lending Adviser John Directly on 0413 741 456 or email [john@flametreefinancial.com.au](mailto:john@flametreefinancial.com.au)

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