

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2

18 October 2019

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely break. Term 4 has come around all too quickly and now it is only 7 weeks until the end of the year. There is much happening as usual, but I'd like to begin with the announcement of our new Economic Development Manager, Steve Klipin. Steve will commence at SVSS Monday 4th November and he comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Steve has been working in Steiner education as Business/Operations Manager for many years at Chrysalis Steiner School, runs his own business and is also a Councillor on the Bellingen Shire Council. Bellingen's loss will be Samford's gain! Read Steve's letter to the community in this newsletter.

On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team and the school community I would like to thank Rob Hewitt, our Board Treasurer, for stepping in as Economic Development Manager to support us after Donna had to resign due to her health. Rob has guided us well as we plan for next year and into the future, and will give an excellent handover to Steve when he arrives. I would also like to acknowledge the Administration team, who have had many challenges and changes this year and just keep working to their absolute best. We are a lucky school to have such dedicated teachers and all supporting staff are just as dedicated and are an integral part of the team.

Thankfully this week we have had rain which has put some water in our tanks and settled the dust. However, we are expecting further dry weather and have had to implement strategies to conserve our water. See John Salmond's sustainability notice. In addition, our Site Manager Paul Clarke and I met with Arana Fire Brigade in the term break to discuss our Bushfire Evacuation Plan. This is currently being reviewed by our Fire Safety Adviser.

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We have been busy with recruitment for key positions in the school and have almost finalised our Class 1 teachers for next year. I understand Prep parents are very keen to hear our announcements and we will do this soon. We have also recruited internally for our Certificate of Steiner Education Coordinator and Mel Allan was our successful candidate with very strong competition. We are fortunate to have such high calibre and passionate educators.

We are developing parent talks for new parents and strategies for ongoing opportunities for all parents to learn more about Steiner education and the College Parent Education Group is excited to be working on this. If you have ideas or requests for topics, please let me know.

During the break, three Class 11 students were interviewed by ABC radio to share their views of the Youth Conference and they spoke articulately, with thoughts about the future and their role in it, in regards to climate change, mental health, moral technologies and what they might do for their class 12 project. They were great ambassadors for our school and a credit to themselves. We were all very proud of them as live national radio is no mean feat to accomplish!

(The link to hear it is below - if you go to the last 15/20 mins you will hear them <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/brisbane/programs/focus/mornings/11534894>)

This Friday evening and Saturday, we have the opportunity to see the fruits of Steiner education, with Class 12 students presenting their Research projects. Come along and support them and hear about their interests, hard work and journey.

There are many events happening this term, so make sure your diaries are up to date and also your child's details on Parent Lounge, such as medical details, swimming ability etc. This helps us immensely when planning for camps, excursions and sporting activities and is essential for our risk assessments.

I would like to finish with an excerpt from the International Pedagogical Section Journal, *Navigating the Waves of Technology for a Healthy Childhood*:

How do we develop the full palette of human experience so that digital technology can enhance rather than supplant it?

1. *Children learn best from direct contact with people.*
2. *Children learn differently at different stages of development.*
3. *Children need to move if they are to learn. The younger the child, the greater the need to be active and practically engaged.*
4. *The development of gross motor skills precedes and enhances the development of fine motor skills.*
5. *Children should complete, in large measure, the physical development of their perceptual or sense organs before they are applied to digital devices.*
6. *Unscripted, child-initiated play is the most productive work of childhood, enabling children to develop their imaginations by exploring and experiencing the world around them.*
7. *As young learners begin to gain access to technologies, it is vital that adults ensure children and young people are safe in the online world and that children learn to use these technologies with care and responsibility. Human powers of objective perception, discernment, and thinking – which constitute the basis for freedom and responsibility – need time and space to mature.*
8. *Children need first to develop life skills since they form the basis for acquiring digital, screen-based skills.*
9. *Education must be guided by pedagogical values, rather than by economic or political interests.*

Dates to Remember

Friday 18 – Sat 19 October
Senior Project Presentations

Monday 21 October
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 23 October
Class 2L Parent Meeting
3pm-4pm

Thursday 24 October
Class 1C & 1M Parent
Meeting 3pm-4pm

Tuesday 29 October
Class 8 Parent Evening 6pm

Wednesday 30 October
EC Term 4 Parent Night

Monday 4 November
Primary School Assembly

Saturday 9 November
Working Bee 8am - 1pm

Friday 15 November
Music, Art and Drama (MAD)
Night

10. Learning is more about developing human capacities than about accumulating and retaining information.

These principles underlie the wisdom of our curriculum and teaching practice. Come and see this in action with the Senior Research Projects!

Tracey Taylor

Primary School Education Administrator



INTRODUCING OUR NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

My name is Steve Klipin. I am coming to Samford from Bellingen, NSW where I have lived for over 20 years and worked at Chrysalis Steiner School for 15 years as the School Business Manager in a co-principal role.

Most recently I am a café owner with my 'chef' son serving delicious local, organic food. I have a second son who is studying in Melbourne and a partner studying for a PhD in environmental education and teaching at Southern Cross University.

I have lived overseas in several countries and enjoy the diversity of language and culture and am a keen traveller.

My journey in Steiner Education, like many, started through my role as a parent in my child's school and graduated to a full-time role within the school. I continued after leaving Chrysalis with an ongoing interest and commitment to the Steiner movement as a whole through my governance and leadership work with the Annual Governance Leadership and Management conference and as a Steiner professional partner to a number of Steiner schools over the last 7 years.

I look forward to meeting you, the staff and parent community. I am excited about joining the Samford Valley Steiner School community and trust that I can make a meaningful contribution to the school and its vision for social renewal.

*Warm regards,
Steve*

POP UPDATE

Dear All,

We have made a slight change to the POP program that was previously advertised. Summary below;

- Dates and times: 1pm Saturday 26 October – 1pm Sunday 27 October (24 hours of adventure)
- Cost: \$60, includes transport, camping, dinner. You will need to provide your own lunch or bring money to purchase lunch for the Sunday. We will be stopping at a cafe after descending off Woolumbin.
- Accom: Staying in the school tents at Mt Warning Holiday Park
- Inclusions: diving platform at Hosanna, camping at Mt Warning Holiday Park, sunrise hike, dinner and transport.

For expressions of interest, please contact Simon Roberts (Outdoor Education Coordinator) at school sroberts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Senior Project Presentations – this Friday and Saturday

It is an exciting and nerve-wracking week this week as our Class 12 students get ready for the final stage of their Senior Projects - their oral presentations.

The Senior Project is a yearlong project where the students research a topic they are passionate and curious about. Through the process the students should have the experience of self-empowerment and growth. It is an opportunity in their life when they can choose a topic they are interested in and immerse themselves in it for a whole year.

Ideally the Project will be one which the student has thoroughly enjoyed and from which they aim to learn a great deal about their subject of research and themselves. It should have stretched and challenged them, and as a result developed new strengths and abilities in them. Students often feel a major sense of achievement on its completion, the oral presentations.

This year there have been some outstanding projects - to see what some of them been doing from a practical level:

Jemima Scott - How do we 'get it right' for the modern horse? As part of her project she has created a short film https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_29rgrTGnE&t=3s

Rohan Crookes - What are the effects of physical activity and being in nature, on mental health? As part of his project he aimed to raise \$5000 for SANE he succeeded thanks to the community support he received <https://sane-create-an-event.everydayhero.com/au/climbing-to-sanity>

There are many great practical components, these are just a few.

Please come along and hear from them regarding their process along the way.

- Friday 18 October 6.15pm - 8.30pm in the Hall
- Saturday 19 October 8.45am - 1pm in the Hall

Moreton Bay Region Youth Art Awards

This year there 15 high school students have submitted entries into the competition. Dates are:

- Opening event: 18 October 2019 - Official presentation of awards at 7.00pm. Doors open at 6.00pm. Families are invited to the free catered event to celebrate and acknowledge the talent and creativity of the children in the exhibition.
- Exhibition: 19-27 October 2019 - Open from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM weekdays and 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM weekends.
Strathpine Community Centre - 199 Gympie Road, Strathpine (entry and free parking via Mecklem Street).

Class 11 Community Service Program

As part of the Class 11 curriculum the students are required to undertake 50 hours of voluntary community service in areas such as charity organizations, child care, aged care, community-based organizations etc. These hours are to be done in their own time and on top of their schoolwork.

This year the students participated in a wide variety of community services including Samford Arts Show, Charity walks, Riding for the Disabled, Foodbank Queensland and the Samford Community Library to name a few. We often receive feedback on the students' participation in their chosen programs and how well they

provide a good service for the community. This year we received very warm feedback from the Samford Community Library regarding one of the students, Breagh Gregory. She has also been mentioned in the local newspaper, The Samford Village Pump.

Dear Sir or Madam,
I am writing to thank you for allowing our community library to be a host for one of your Year Eleven students, Breagh Gregory, when completing her volunteer work commitment. Your school's program is a great boon to the community, especially struggling service organizations like ours. If the quality and work ethic of all your students are as high as those of Breagh, then the future of our world is in good hands. Breagh met every challenge we set for her, including helping us move and re-establish our library at Richards Road, mounting displays and writing a Village Pump article for us. She worked hard and untiringly among a group of mostly senior citizens, mixing seamlessly and always smiling. She brought a life light with her every time she worked. She was punctual and conscientious, a joy to have in our team. We were very privileged to have her. We thank you and your teachers for facilitating such a wonderful program and hope that our Breagh and the rest of your students got as much out of it as we did.

Yours Sincerely,
Julie Martin

AROUND THE VALLEY

Philosophising

"Fiction is like a Trojan Horse", Fatima Bhutto explained at this year's Edinburgh Book Festival, as it can carry uncomfortable, difficult or dangerous ideas in a form more easily accessed. Literature in all its forms has the capacity to change us without us even noticing. It exposes us to new worlds, new ideas and new ways of thinking.

The Brisbane Writer's Festival is over for another year, but it presented to audiences works of both fiction and non-fiction on the theme "This Way Humanity". In this age where there is increasing distrust in political leaders, a fracturing of traditional media and uncertainty around the accuracy of our information, we often turn to science to provide us with the one 'truth', the answer, the solution to the problems we have created. Science has an importation contribution to make but who is asking how these problems were created? What were the behaviours, the systems, the ways of thinking that brought us to this point and how do we need to change? It is important therefore, that we also turn to the philosophers, the historians and the writers to ignite these discussions.

Writers' Book and Ideas Festivals are a great way to immerse yourself in these debates but reading alone or as part of a book club can open the mind to possibilities never before considered. French philosopher and neuroscientist, Catherine Malabou believes that 'we cannot be without being affected'. Everything we read, see, feel, experience, changes us. Consequently, the more diverse we read and experience, the greater will be our capacity for understanding and some would say humanity. Even what is considered light fiction can highlight many social issues. (Check out Anita Heiss' chick lit) So spend some time in the Community Library, chat to

a Librarian and find yourself a great story to experience.

Fiona Taylor

Fiona has a Bachelor of Economics from UQ and is currently completing a major in Philosophy



Giving Time

Volunteering is a gift people give to enhance their community. Community Library Samford could not exist without the extraordinary talent and persistence of a very small crew of library members who give their time unstintingly. Every hour they give makes our community stronger - whether it is library-sitting, creating a framework of how our library/community hub will run, moving our collection, organising interest groups and events, or fundraising.

One group of volunteers, whose contributions are often overlooked, are the students of local high schools who participate in volunteer programs. We have had the most wonderful gift of a student's time during our most challenging period of existence. Thanks to the Samford Valley Steiner School, Breagh Gregory completed her volunteer program with us. Breagh faced working with a team of mostly seniors with grace and good manners. She helped us in our two moves, built shelves, sorted and labeled books, created displays, wrote a column for the Pump, cleaned - always maintaining a beautiful smile.

Breagh is punctual, hard-working and committed to building a better world.

We have had other wonderful young folk work with us too: artist Frankie Catt, Joe Senior, Lucinda, Lucca and Finlay.

With young leaders such as these, our future is in good hands. These young folk are already making a difference in the best way possible, by helping build and believing in their community.

A few date-claimers for your diaries: On Thursday October 17 at 10am, join us for Social Gardening - a chance to get together over a cuppa, talk plants with our guest speaker and swap plants, seeds or cuttings.

On Saturday November 9 at 4 pm, join us for the launch of Dr. Richard Carroll's wonderful historical novel, *White Ghosts*, which traces the history of early Brisbane and the Petrie Family.

Facebook: Community Library Samford.
www.communitylibrarysamford.org 23 Richards Road, Wights Mountain.



Breagh Gregory

Letter to the Editor

We live in the Greenwood Crescent/Parkwood Drive estate in Samford Valley and have done so for many years. We love the area and generally the people in our neighbourhood are very good with their dogs by walking them on a leash and picking up their poo after them. However lately on our footpath we have had to clean up two rather big messy poos which the owner has left behind. Please would those people not leave these messes for someone else to clean up. Many resident walk on our footpaths and it is not pleasant to step in a big dog's mess.

Anon

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Needless to say, we are all very proud of Breagh and her contributions to the Community Library.
 Mercedes on behalf of High School Faculty



One of the many new 'bathtub' garden beds on site. Thanks Dave!!

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



Sustainability



I'm very happy to report that our school has launched our zero-footprint target for 2022.

Youth Conference

Last term as I am sure you are aware we hosted a youth conference. The environmental impact was nothing short of remarkable. The following is a comparison of 280 average Australians over the same period of time as our 280 conference participants.

280 average Australians	280 conference participants
380,000 litres of water	38,000 litres of water
420 kg general waste	40 kg general waste
244 kg food waste	90 kg composted food waste

We also generated an average of 65Kwh of electricity per day and the overall conference used an average of 63Kwh per day. This means we generated all the electricity we needed for the conference.

Recycling

We now give all of our clean paper and cardboard to a recycling distributor who supplies the very same company that we purchase our 100% recycled print paper from. This is commendable and closes a very small loop of recycling. (further reduction is, of course, still a priority and necessary for a zero footprint).

Electricity

This term we will be installing monitoring equipment to begin our energy audit. This will enable us to isolate the areas where our consumption is greatest. Equipped with this information we can begin sensibly reducing our energy use and therefore our carbon footprint.

Water for toilets

As the school has had less than 5 mm of rain in the past 3 months our focus is yet again on one of our most valuable resources - water.

To many of us it has always seemed wasteful to put triple filtered drinking water into our toilets and therefore the decision to connect ground water to our sewage system seemed a very positive step forward. This has been achieved in two of the Primary School toilet blocks and will hopefully progress to more toilets throughout the term.

Reduce then reuse and finally recycle

I would like to remind us all that the underpinning concept of our sustainability is “mindfulness not wastefulness”. As was pointed out in a recent film by our students all waste is wasteful and even though it is better to recycle than not, it is of course far greater not to generate the waste in the first place. Already it has been noted that the overall change in the attitude of our students is one of far greater awareness and therefore mindfulness. As parents, staff and especially students we should all take some pride in this and continue to mindfully problem solve our way ahead.

John Salmond, Sustainability Officer

CLASS 7 ON CAMP

Early morning beach runs and swimming in the ocean, close encounters with dolphins, dugongs and sea turtles. Lessons about the flora, fauna, history and formation of the island, as well as growth in courage and responsibility. Class 7 students have been having a wonderful time on Moreton Island and it has been a fantastic way to celebrate the nearing end of their primary school years. They will be returning with big smiles and lots of stories to share.



PAFA UPDATE

Friday Foodies

The next Friday Foodies is October 25th - come along to The Hub from 2.45pm onwards. Enjoy some good food, good company and good vibes. If you would like to sell home-made food, crafts, pre-loved items or home-grown produce, please contact Cherie cheriepasion@gmail.com to find out more about getting a table. Contact Zoe Akeroyd for Open Mic zakeroyd@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

PAFA Fundraising BBQ

We would like to thank Ivan and Kathryn Avery for looking after the PAFA Fundraising BBQ this year. We're now looking for someone to take over for Term 4. It would involve sourcing the ingredients and cooking (or organising volunteers to cook). It's a fun way to raise some funds and be amongst the community. If you're interested please get in touch svsspafa@gmail.com.

Advent Market organiser wanted

In the past couple of years PAFA has organised an end of year advent market. We are looking for someone is interested to take the lead in organising this year's market. At the moment it's earmarked to be a bigger Friday Foodies event on November 22. We have templates and guidelines from last year that you could follow, and the organiser will be working closely with the Friday Foodies team. If that sounds like something you want to do - please get in touch on svsspafa@gmail.com. It really would be a great help and it's a lot of fun!

Tuckshop

Today is the launch of our new tuckshop - a big thank you to Bronte Beck for this initiative!! The menu will change from week to week so please keep an eye out on the PAFA Facebook page for updates. <https://www.facebook.com/SVSSPAFA/>. Orders must always be in by 3pm Wednesdays. Please stay tuned for ordering instructions and info on the future vision and plans for the tuckshop.

Team PAFA

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Looking for place to board in 2020

To interested families,

My name is Tarquin Shay Long. I live near Noosa on the Sunshine Coast and currently go to Noosa Pengari Steiner School. I am in year 10 and am looking to enrol in the Samford Valley Steiner, but I would require a family to board me if I do so, since my family live and work on the Sunshine Coast. I have two brothers and one sister who goes to Pengari, where my mother works, but I would like to complete year 11 and 12 at Samford. Samford appeals to me because I have developed good relationships with the current (2019) year 10 at Samford over the course of this year.

At the Waldorf 100 Youth Conference my friendships deepened with the year 10 students and I met and talked to inspiring staff at Samford. I feel drawn there. Brisbane is also a place I enjoy visiting and would like to explore more.

I enjoy meeting new people, I have a desire to succeed in school and life, and I see Samford as an opportunity to be in a place rich with new things to learn and more social opportunities for year 11 and 12 and don't want to miss it. I enjoy reading biographies of successful and interesting people, I enjoy cooking and eating good food and I like people with a good sense of humour, and I can work hard.

If you know of a family or might be able to help me come to Samford by offering board, please contact Samford Valley Steiner School.

Kind Regards,

Tarquin Long

Shaylong2004@gmail.com

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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

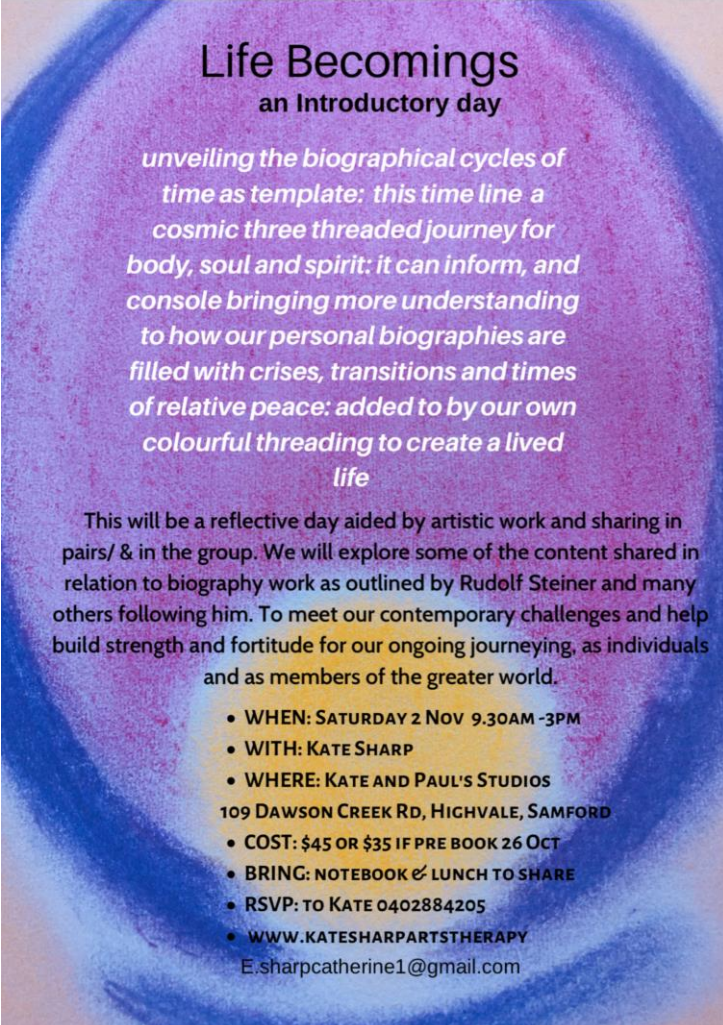
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Life Becomings

an Introductory day

unveiling the biographical cycles of time as template: this time line a cosmic three threaded journey for body, soul and spirit: it can inform, and console bringing more understanding to how our personal biographies are filled with crises, transitions and times of relative peace: added to by our own colourful threading to create a lived life

This will be a reflective day aided by artistic work and sharing in pairs/ & in the group. We will explore some of the content shared in relation to biography work as outlined by Rudolf Steiner and many others following him. To meet our contemporary challenges and help build strength and fortitude for our ongoing journeying, as individuals and as members of the greater world.

- WHEN: SATURDAY 2 NOV 9.30AM -3PM
- WITH: KATE SHARP
- WHERE: KATE AND PAUL'S STUDIOS
109 DAWSON CREEK RD, HIGHVALE, SAMFORD
- COST: \$45 OR \$35 IF PRE BOOK 26 OCT
- BRING: NOTEBOOK & LUNCH TO SHARE
- RSVP: TO KATE 0402884205
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