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The Golden Quill

The newsletter of the Golden Hill Steiner School
Community, Denmark, Western Australia



“May my soul bloom in
love for all existence.”

Rudolf Steiner (1917)

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Fruits of Anthroposophy - An Introduction to the Works of Dr. Rudolf Steiner

Eurythmy as a fine art is chiefly connected with recitation, poetry music and drama. Lyrical poems, satirical and humorous pieces, scenes from Goethe's Faust and other dramatic representations have been given, and with ever increasing success. No one can see Eurythmy, and still less learn it, without perceiving its wonderful possibilities for the popularisation and purification of artistic life. Beautiful representations of well-known musical works, and of pieces specially composed by the musicians working at the Goetheanum, have been given.

Eurythmy is of fundamental use in education. Children love it, almost without exception. It forms an essential part of the Waldorf School curriculum and of the children's classes at Dornach,* from the lowest classes upwards. It enters fundamentally into the teaching of writing, languages, music, geometry and kindred subjects.

Not only for children but for adults too, Eurythmy is a physical exercise which at the same time strengthens the will and purifies the feelings. Unlike a purely mechanical exercise or one externally devised, it grasps the soul of the human being, and harmonises body, soul and spirit.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Rudolf Steiner Study Group every
Monday 3pm-4pm in Rebecca's Room**

**Community Relations Meeting
Tuesday 9th June 3pm All Welcome!**

**Lantern Walk and Bonfire on June
19th** (Parents who would like a copy of most of the Lantern Walk Songs may pick one up in the office. The more people who know the songs and sing along, the more sacred the event.)

Spiral Walk on June 24th

Important Note:

New finish date for end of term -

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

Commence Term 3

TUESDAY 21st JULY





From Karri Kindergarten

Trip, trap, trip trap, go
the gnomes along the
track
Heaving up upon their
backs gold and silver in
their sacks
We hammer, we hammer
from morning til night
We hammer to gather
the treasures so bright
Sparkling silver and
glittering gold
Crystals so pure and so
clean to behold
Then up we fill our little
sacks and raise them
high upon our backs
Down we must go to the
throne of our king
To him our treasures we
will bring

This verse from our
winter circle inspired a
little spontaneous story-

telling one rainy
afternoon in
kindergarten. The
children's raincoats and
boots were still dripping
wet from their
morning splashing in the
rain and puddles so I
decided we would have
some play-time indoors
following afternoon
rest. Some of the
children
were quickly absorbed in
play, but a few were
feeling restless and
boisterous and needed
some direction. Hoping
to draw them into some
play, I sat near our
nature corner, newly
adorned in blues and
purples with crystal
caves, glittering
rocks, fungi and a
plethora of colourful
felt gnomes, and began
re-arranging the little
tableau.
Immediately, one of the
children said "She's
doing a puppet play" and
they all gathered
around, eager to hear
the "story". I couldn't
disappoint them so made
up a little story on the
spot about two of the
gnomes and their

adventures
underground. What a
joy to see little faces so
immersed in the
imaginative story world
created with a simple
idea and a few props. I
hope parents are
inspired to tell some
"made-up" stories, often
children's favourite
kind! If you are unsure,
a great way to begin is
by telling a funny or
interesting story
from your own
childhood. I will end
with a quote from
Groucho Marx; "I find
television very
educational. Every time
someone turns it on, I
go in the other room and
read a book!" If you
substitute the last part
with "tell a story to my
children" what
a wonderful gift you are
giving them.
Warm Wishes
Denise



BBQ FUNDRAISER - No Response...Come on Guys!!!

Calling all Steiner Dads... Its BBQ time!

We need our Golden Hill Fathers for an All Bloke event outside the IGA on **Saturday June 13th from 8am until 2pm**. The IGA are allowing us to hold a Sausage Sizzle/Pancake Party out front of the supermarket. So if you and your sons can twirl a pair of tongs and flip a pancake with the best of them, then we need you!

Please contact Mike Tharratt or Kardi in the office to get on board. This is a great opportunity for all you men to mingle and to help raise some much needed community funds.



House Sitting....Is there a Steiner Family that can Help?

Two very dear dogs have their Mum leaving them and are looking for someone to stay and play!



WHAT: 2 Bedroom solar house with huge gas stove, reverse air-con and Broadband for laptops(BYO)!

WHEN: Monday July 6th to Saturday July 25th 2009

WHERE: 4 km from Green Pools at Moon Bay turn-off, in a quiet bushland setting

WHY: to keep two little dogs company and to tend a veggie patch with all the perks

HOW: Contact Susan McCaughtrie at the school 9848 1811

ADS n INFO...

Still needing Coffee Rocks to finish our front circle in our roundabout garden, calling for family donations to complete the circle of stones. Please bring them to school and place around where they are needed. Thankyou from the Golden Hill Garden Gnomes.



LIBRARY UPDATE

Two beautiful librarians have come forth and will be working along side Rebecca who has offered her assistance in the new library for our Golden Hill families to utilise. Sarah Pozzi and Simone Coleman have come on board. We are still looking for more helpers with organizing the lending system. We also need a name for our new school library, **Calling all families for a creative new name?**

We welcome applications for a
Community Building Coordinator
to work with our vibrant and growing school community.
Call Kardi on 9848 1811 for a job description and more information.
Open for applications until position is filled.

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Dental News:

Dental Van will be at Golden Hill Steiner School on Tuesday June 9th from 11:00am until 11:40am in the Old Shop. Dr. Silvia Jeffery will be coming to us to screen students enrolled in the Dental Program. Make sure you give all your pearly whites an extra scrub!! Kardi will be collecting all children and returning them to class. Any questions, please contact Kardi in the office

A Comforting Cup of Tea



Two hundred and thirty one beautiful teacups and tea mugs have already been placed in the hands of survivors of our state's recent and most savage bushfires. To date they have gone to Flowerdale, Yea (Strath Creek) and Alexandra (Marysville), Buxton, Narbethong, and Taggerty, to Broadford (Clonbinane, Reedy Creek), Steele's Creek, St Andrews and Strathewen. Over the next few weeks the aim is to take at least another two hundred out to the stricken areas of Kinglake, Humevale, Wandong, and Toolangi, and to Callignee and Koornalla in Gippsland.

The note enclosed in each teacup box, also in pale blue, reads:

Thank you for choosing this teacup.

Many have been involved in bringing it to you today, so making it brimful with good wishes. The teacups are all different, and may be vintage, antique, or newly-made. But in all cases they have been purchased, or gifted from home, with the express wish of offering you some small but daily comfort.

We wish you well.

As a country we can be proud of how quickly and generously we have responded to the relief efforts. Can I urge in closing though, that this is a fantastic opportunity for individuals to put a heartwarming, heartfelt gift right into the hands of a bereft person.

If you would like to participate in this worthy cause please contact Denise for further details.



Family Lantern Making Workshop

Three(3) Sessions to be held on Wednesdays after school 3pm in our school shop, Wednesday June 3rd, Wednesday June 10th and Wednesday June 17th.

Each session will be one hour and Tea&Coffee provided. These workshops are on offer to invite parents to create innovative, recycled lanterns for our Winter Solstice Festival held on Friday June 19th 2009.

Materials Supplied: wire, tape, woodglue, wool, sequins, and other luscious bits.

Materials To Bring: sticks, jars, plastic soft drink bottles, coffee or Milo tins, old cups, glasses, old blinds, cellophane, tissue paper, fabric and of course some innovative ideas!

The Tip Shop would be a treasure trove of precious bits to bring and we are sure that Lyndsey or any of the Green Skills crew would do you a good deal! Or even check your neighbours shed (with permission of course)

If you aren't inspired before the workshop you soon will be!

PS: If you have anything lying around at home that someone else could use, please bring it along.

Thanks from all of us at the CR Group.



Lyre Making Workshop:

BE QUICK PLACES FILLING FAST!

When: 4 Saturday mornings
June 13th, June 20th June 27th and July 4th
8:45 am until 11:45 am

Cost: \$170 Reservation
Deposit of \$50 by Friday June 5th
Ready Made Lyre is \$270

Enquires and workshop registration at Golden Hill Steiner school
9848 1811 or Theresa Beecroft on 9848 2629

NEWSLETTER

Please note the following dates for distribution of GHSS Newsletter - 5th May, 19th May, 9th June & 23rd June.
Deadline Dates - 15th May, 5th June , 19th June.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 29th May 2009. Please leave all contributions either in the office or email directly to ondy@t4.com.au. Please note all contributions will only be added at the discretion of the College of Teachers