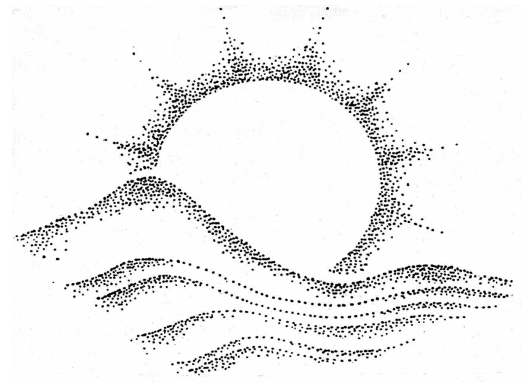




# The Golden Quill

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## Special events

March 15 — Busy Bee

March 20 — Equinox and Easter Festival

## Dandelion

Dandelion yellow and gold  
What do you do all day?  
I wait and I wait in the tall green  
grass  
Til the children come to play

Dandelion yellow and gold What do  
you do all night?  
I wait and I wait in the long green  
grass  
Till my hair grows long and white

And what do you do when your hair  
grows white  
And the children come to play?  
They take me up in their dimpled  
hands  
And blow my hair away.



## Term fees

We would like to remind parents that Term fees are due for payment. If you would like to pay your fees off over the term, you need to indicate that on your fee payment contract for 2008.

Fees that remain unpaid will be subject to a \$25 late payment charge. If you have concern about your ability to meet the payment of term fees, please come and see Sabine in the Office.

## From playgroup

In Peppermint cottage the playgroups are in full swing. 'Old' and 'new' children and parents are getting to know each other and enjoying the morning. Clare is leading the Tuesday group and Theda the Friday morning.

If you and your little ones would like to come along on one of the days feel free to drop by. We start at 9.15 and run for two hours. You can see Sabine at the office for any information. We look forward to seeing you.

Clare and Theda

## Easter Festival Thursday 20th March



The date for Easter Sunday changes each year. It is celebrated on the first full moon following the Autumn Equinox and this year, falls only three days after the day and night are of equal length.

We warmly invite parents, family and friends to join with us in celebrating Easter on Thursday, 20th March, the day of the Equinox. In the morning the children will be decorating eggs for hunting. Please arrive by 11.30am to enjoy an Easter puppet play, followed by the egg hunt. We will then all enjoy a picnic lunch after which you may take your children home for an early start to the Easter holiday. More details to follow.

The Teachers

## Thank you..

To Margaret Whittle (one of our older friends of the school community) for generously donating her time and expertise to design and sew a beautiful new banner for 'Golden Hill Steiner School'. Some of you may have already seen it used at the Market Stall. It's stunning!



From the CR group

## Rudolf Steiner College Inc. Bothmer Gymnastics Weekend Workshop with Niccola Willis

Saturday 19 April & Sunday 20  
April 2008

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Niccola Willis, Bothmer Gymnastics teacher from the International Training at Michael Hall, the oldest Steiner School in the UK, is coming to Perth for a few weeks.

Over the two days we will be guided through the underlying principles of Bothmer Gymnastics, experientially looking at the curriculum from class 3 to 12. These will be active practical days so please wear comfortable clothes and soft-soled shoes. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Places are limited so please register your interest by completing the form available from Sabine in the office and returning it with your \$50 deposit or the full payment by Friday 4 April 2008.

## From Karri Kindergarten

Down is the earth, up is the sky  
There are my friends and here am I  
The golden sun is shining, up in the  
sky so blue

Good morning, happy morning  
Good morning sun to you

So begins our welcome circle each morning, and there are many friends to greet! Our Kindergarten now has twenty six children in all, though not everyone attends each day, so we have twenty or less in a group. With so many children we are now looking at a waiting list and expanding to a second Kindergarten. We are accepting donations of items with a view to setting up a separate 3/4 year-old Kindergarten next year. If you have any of the following items which you no longer need, please drop them into Karri Kindergarten.

- Woollen/cotton blankets, bedspreads, sheets in plain (or minimal pattern) pastel colours
- Teasets, small teacups, teapots etc
- Dolls blankets, clothes
- Baskets, wooden bowls and dishes
- Old cooking utensils (wooden or metal) for sand play
- Gumnuts, shells, feathers
- Wooden beads
- Offcuts of branches for building blocks, stumps for stepping stones
- Vases
- Child-size chairs (eg wicker) and small tables



Thankyou so much to Theresa who has donated a number of items to the Kindergarten, including a lovely dollhouse and a wooden wagon and to Andrea, who also donated a dollhouse. Many thanks to all our wonderful, supportive Kindergarten parents for a smooth start to the year.

Warm wishes  
Denise

## Please return books

The Complete Book of Fruit Growing in Australia by Louis Glowinski  
Mrs Pepperpot Omnibus by Alf Prøysen

Whoever has these books please return to Theresa Short 9848 2629

## Wanted

- Full body wetsuit for 8 year old; and
  - Chicken tractor, not huge
- Contact Sue on 9848 1931 or [s.mills@westnet.com.au](mailto:s.mills@westnet.com.au)

## Fundraising for a good cause

I have registered for the Worlds Greatest Shave being held on 13-14 March. My aim is to raise at least \$5,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. If I can I will be sporting a gorgeous No 2 shave, if I cant raise this much I will colour my hair pink! Either way it should be a good laugh and all for a great cause.

If you are able to sponsor me you may do so by going to <http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com.au>. All donations will be gratefully accepted and you may have a receipt for tax purposes.

Hope you can help.

Lots of love Ondy tel: 0414 526 852



## Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome into Kindergarten:

Nammu &parents Sarah and Tim  
Jai &parents Anita and Paul

## Found

At the school carpark a tool was found, similar to a multifunctional "leatherman" tool in a small black fitted pouch. It is waiting for its owner at the office.

## Steiner Playgroup Leader

**required** for Bulala Playgroup. Bulala Playgroup is a Steiner playgroup currently running 2 sessions in Lower King (Albany). The sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A paid position is vacant for a playgroup leader. Anyone who is interested, please contact Kristy on 9841 5070.

## Guineapigs available,

Please call 9848 1758

## Student exchange program

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is URGENTLY seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2008 from Germany, Austria, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Holland, Ireland, Brazil, the USA and Canada. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, schools, transportation, insurances and support systems. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) or email [scceaustr@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustr@scce.com.au)

## The deadline for the next newsletter is 21 November '07

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