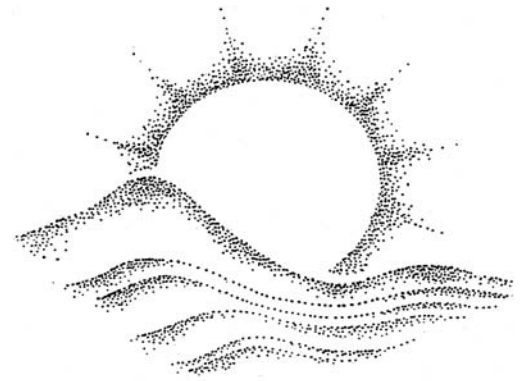




# The Golden Quill

The bi-weekly newsletter of the Golden Hill Steiner School  
community, Denmark, Western Australia



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## Special events

Tuesday 5 August 3.00pm —Community Relations committee meeting

Sunday 10 August 12.30 to 3.00pm Workshop :Visioning the future of our school".

Within this winter gloom  
It is the soul's strong urge  
Its own strength to manifest,  
To lead it into realms of dark-  
ness,  
And thus anticipating feel  
Through warmth of heart the  
senses' revelation.  
*from "The Calendar of the Soul "*



## Heartfelt gratitude

Deep, sincere, heartfelt gratitude is an emotion almost lost in today's busy, busy world, but something I must most sincerely extend to all of the wonderful beings who helped create our beautiful Spiral;-  
Corrisande Chester - Artistic Director, Creator & Supplier of Candles

Anita Barnard - Foliage Arrangement & Apple Assistant

Kristie Radcliffe - Foliage Arrange-  
ment, Apple Assistant, Bonsai Sharer

Catherine Hesse-Swain - Apple &  
General Assistant

Gadi Barak - Window Darkener  
Extraordinaire

Sophia Sharpe - Window Darkener  
Extraordinaire

Heather Williams - Supreme Child  
Director

Gwydion Chester - Assistant Artistic  
Director

Rebecca Pampling - Expert  
Delegator & Supreme Cleanup  
Assistant

Ilan Trom - Foliage Removal Expert

Sinai Wright, Danica Evans & Haydn  
Evans - Expert General Hands

Theresa Short - Marathon Lyre  
Artiste - Big Thank you!

I trust I have not forgotten anyone,  
if so please forgive me!

Once again Thank you one and all.

Love & Light Ondy

## Council notes

Council members continue to meet monthly, on Thursday afternoons after school. We consider a wide variety of issues to do with managing the school. Detailed minutes are available from the office, but a summary of some recent issues includes:

- the opportunity to develop a vision for our school with parents, teachers, council members and school founders (Cultura). We have also considered some possible strategies to bring the vision into reality. Could we employ a project manager to oversee building plans? Someone to support our teachers and free them to focus more wholly on teaching? A business manager to plan the practicalities of how to achieve the vision that is developed?
- How to spend the grant that is available for renewable energy

purchases, such as solar panels, rainwater tanks and shadecloth.

- Will we add a second kindergarten class in 2009?
- Working with the Shire of Denmark to bring forward their plan to build a footpath to the school.
- Establishing employment processes, and other compliance issues.
- Budget estimates, auditing requirements and other financial aspects.
- Updates from the school committees on their activities, such as running the recent market stall, projects in the school grounds, the College of Teachers, and Playgroup.

We invite you to speak to Sabine if you are interested in joining Council; there are a couple of vacancies still.

## From Karri Kindergarten

Awake, the sun is shining bright  
He drives away the long, dark night  
The moon and stars have gone to rest

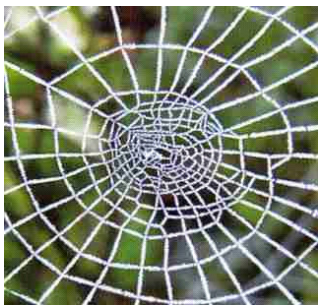
And earth in softest green is dressed

Now we will open wide our heart  
Of this great world we all are part  
And if we work, or sleep, or play  
Be with us, golden sun, this day

We welcome each day with this verse, which reflects the young child's connectedness with all that surrounds them. On the first morning after the holidays, upon running into the garden one of the children saw that the wattle tree had burst into bloom and said joyfully "Look, it's wattleing!!".

The little child is "wholly sense organ" and totally open to all the sense impressions from the surrounding environment. Therefore in our Kindergarten, as in all Steiner kindergartens, we take care to create an environment which will nourish the child's senses. The natural world provides the sensory input that every child needs for their development and wellbeing. Rain or shine we spend time in our garden every day experiencing the joys of nature, and seasonal changes, lizards and worms, a spider's web

glis-



tening with dew, warm cuddles from our pets, sand and water play, climbing trees, building cubbies. Could parents please ensure their child has a raincoat, gumboots, a warm hat and a complete change of clothes (including socks) at Kindergarten, o enable us to enjoy the outdoors no matter what the wether is like

Warm wishes to everyone for a happy term

## Denmark Community Markets

A huge thank you to all my little angels who contributed to making our debut at the Denmark Markets such a great success-  
Face Painting Angel Denise  
Chai Tea Angels Sara & Sonia  
Rainbow Angels Kirstie, Elesa and especially Jacqui  
Golden Hill Angels Anita, Sabine and Paula

All my fabulous Angel Chefs who supplied the wonderful Cakes & muffins and especially my little angels Danica, & Stuart.  
We were able to fundraise a total of \$207!

Well done everyone, the power of Community!!

Love Ondy

## Fees

Please be reminded to pay your school fees by the end of week 2 unless you are on a periodical payment plan or have made arrangement to pay otherwise.

Thank you

## From Class 5/6/7

We finished last term with a try at reading Julius Caesar. On Thursday the 5/6'ers were great at Marc Antony's speech.

Class 7 really pressed to understand the geometric proofs. They're working really well together.

We started fractions (again) this week. Third time through and a much better understanding. Maybe there's something to the "third time's a charm" axiom.

Examples:

- List factors of, make a factor tree, and tell prime factorization of: 36, 68, 100
- Change to a mixed numeral:  $78/3$ ,  $16/5$ ,  $4/3$
- Use  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  to denote the relationship between these pairs of fractions:  $2/3$   $3/5$ ,  $7/9$   $4/6$ ,  $1/3$   $3/7$ ,  $8/12$   $2/3$

Thanks to all who made it such a beautiful lantern walk!!

Blessings, Rebecca

## Congratulations Rosemary!

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June Rosemary Gentle, Executive Officer of the Rudolph Steiner Schools of Australia Association, was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in recognition of her outstanding services to Steiner education. On behalf of all the Delegates and Schools, we congratulate Rosemary on this outstanding award and take the opportunity to thank her for all her efforts and dedication to Steiner education over the years.

So spread the good news and I'm sure Rosemary would love to hear from you!

Tracey Puckeridge  
Chairperson



## Bored? Do something Kids at play

Boredom, says Helle Nebelong, is not the root of all evil, in fact, is good news because it's the start of the creative process. And far from feeling guilty when their children complain of boredom, parents should welcome it as the chance for their kids to learn.

But in our society, many parents feel they have to pack their school holidays and weekends with a full time schedule of structured entertainment.

It's all an adult misconception, she insists, that things children need to occupy themselves with must be openly amusing and brightly painted.

"When my own children said they felt bored, I just waited," Nebelong recalls. "I didn't find things for them to do, they had to find things for themselves, and they did. I think it's very important to leave children in this state of boredom because it won't last long and then they will find something to do - and they'll be very pleased when they recognise they can find things themselves".

Mark Irving

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## Happiness is a dry bed !

### BEDWETTING (ENURESIS) PROGRAM

Do you have a child who wets the bed and would like to be dry ? Bedwetting is a common childhood problem and it can be resolved. Children will not necessarily 'grow out of it' and left untreated bedwetting can continue into adulthood.

In the past 30 years 1000's of WA children have become dry through the Princess Margaret Hospital's (PMH) enuresis program and this is now available through the Albany community health service. Provided by local community health nurses the enuresis program is available for your child if they are:

\* aged 6 years to 13 years but not older than 13 and 9mths, (over 14 is an adult service)

\* have 2 or more night occurrences of a wet bed in a week

\* child is motivated to become dry

Please note there are only a limited number of staff to provide the service and mats available, - so it is expected that there will be a wait list of at least 3 months (priority given to those aged 11years and over).

Please contact community health on 9842 7500 for more information. If your child fits the program criteria an enuresis package will be mailed out to you. Importantly a GP referral form will be in the package and must be completed by the GP and returned to community health where your child will then be waitlisted.

Alternatively, contact me for more information.

Sally Hutchinson (School Nurse )  
0427-922663

## Greetings

Do you remember Sasha and Remi and their lovely parents Sarah and Michael who were in Denmark during term one? Well today we received a postcard from them:

Dear Sabine and GHSS.

Greetings from Ningaloo Reef. We have been having a wonderful time on

## Denmark Recreation Centre Children's Sports Term 3

### Children's Tennis

Fully qualified coach teaching tennis from beginners to advanced, the advanced class will start dependant on numbers and interest. To register or for info contact the Denmark Recreation Centre on 98482044

When Monday after school

Intermediate 3.15pm

Beginners 4.00pm

Advanced 4.00pm

Cost \$5.00 per entry (no rego fee's required)

### Children's Birthday Parties

New to the Recreation Centre are children's Birthday Party's. We provide a party leader and a party room for you to decorate, parties can be themed with access to any of the sports facility available to us. Availability of times and dates will vary dependant upon existing activities at the Recreation Centre.

For more information and costing please contact staff at the Recreation Centre.

### Roller Disco and Dance Parties

Write these dates in your diary or on your calendar, our very popular and fun roller disco's are on again for the term. Dates will be Friday August the 8th 6.00pm - 8.30pm, and Friday the 19th of September 6.00pm - 8.30pm. They will be jam packed of music, fun games and prizes so don't forget to bring all your friends along.

Thanks for you continued support

Stuart Olton

Assistant Manager of Recreation Services

Shire of Denmark

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our travels. We spent 3 glorious weeks in Ningaloo. It was superb. We snorkelled every day and saw dolphins, dugongs, turtles, sharks and many fish. The kids are well and happy. We miss the wonderful GHSS community and hope all are well and happy.

Lots of love Sarah, Michael, Remi and Sasha XX

## Education tax refund

Parents across Australia should keep their receipts for education expenses from tomorrow to make the most of the benefits available under the Rudd Government's \$4.4 billion Education Tax Refund.

The Education Tax Refund will provide parents with much-needed help for education expenses, with refunds of up to:

- \$375 per primary school student; and
- \$750 per secondary school student.

### What items are covered?

Eligible expenses for the Education Tax Refund include:

- laptops;
- home computers and associated costs;
- home internet connections;
- printers;
- education software;
- trade tools for use at school;
- school text books; and
- stationery.

### Who is eligible?

Parents entitled to Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for children in primary or secondary school for the relevant financial year are eligible for the Education Tax Refund.

Parents are also eligible if they have children in primary or secondary school who would be eligible children for FTB Part A purposes, but for the fact that the child receives certain payments or allowances, for example:

- Youth Allowance;
- Disability Support Pension; and
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

### How do you claim the Education Tax Refund?

Parents will then be able to claim 50 per cent of these expenses through their tax return at the end of the financial year. For those who are not required to complete an income tax return, a separate form will be available from the Australian Taxation Office.

Contact: Matthew Martyn-Jones 0419 418394

## An Even Start - National Tuition Program

The Australian government has introduced 'An Even Start- National Tuition Program' for those students who find difficulties with reading, writing and mathematics in Years 3,5 and 7.

The Government will provide parents or caregivers of eligible students with \$700 of tuition in literacy, reading and Numeracy. Who is eligible? Students who have not met benchmarks in literacy, numeracy and reading from 2007 WALNA tests or 2008 when they become available.

What to do? You will need to come to the office and obtain further information and a simple form to be filled out.

Sarah Pozzi

Hyper Theatre in conjunction with Denmark Arts presents:

### The Librarian of Basra

A play adapted from the children's book by Jeannette Winter.

See this production, which has already performed at the Albany Library and Fairbridge Festival, before it heads off to Darwin for the Darwin Festival! The cast includes 'The Lonely Brothers' band, as well as Nari Lees and Paul Doquile. The play is based on the moving and true story of Alia Muhammad Baker's heroic efforts to save Basra library's priceless collection of books during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. The performance features spoken word, dance, physical theatre and live music, and is aimed at children aged 6 to 14 years. A fantastic show to see as a whole family!

**Matinee performance, 11am Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 at the Civic Centre.** Tickets are \$10 adult, \$5 children 6 years +, Children under 6 free. Tickets available by pre-purchase or at the door. Enquiries to Silvia Lehmann: 9848 3057; or Nari Lees: 0447 870 974



## Job Vacancy

The part time lawn mower/maintenance position (7 hours per week) has become vacant and we invite applications. Please send your Resume to the school office by 4.8.2008.

## Accommodation wanted

A trainee Steiner kindergarten teacher in Kassel, Germany is looking for a place to complete her practical training from September 8 to December this year. She would like to come to Australia as an assistant in the school or kindergarten and is willing to volunteer, but needs a room and board. The school would love to have her, and would help with costs. Please contact Sabine in the office if you can help.



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**Teenagers are evolving,** beautiful and mysterious (and you were one too).

Would you like to catch up with other parents of teenagers for company, coffee, cake, conversation, brainstorming, support, celebration, sharing and learning?

The first meeting was on at the Denmark Family Place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 1-2.30, and discussed setting up a regular group. Hopefully the discussion will be ongoing so please ring if you are interested, have questions, need to know where the venue is or prefer an alternative day or time.

Sally Hutchinson. 0427-922663 (School Nurse)

Felicity Williamson. 98428008 (Drug and Alcohol Educator/ Counsellor at Palmerston Association.)

Linda Anthony. 98409131 (Wonderwoman)

## Dental van re-opening

The dental mobile will re-open on Monday 21st July. It will commence at Walpole Primary School. The new itinerary will be advised as soon as it is known.



## The deadline for the next newsletter is 8 August '08

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