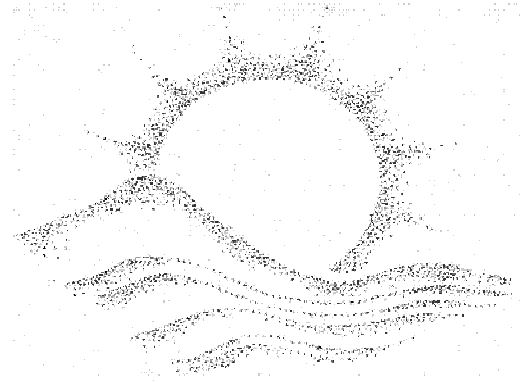




The Golden Quill

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Last night I dreamed of chickens,

Last night I dreamed of chickens,
there were chickens everywhere,
they were standing on my stomach,
they were nesting in my hair,
they were pecking at my pillow,
they were hopping on my head,
they were ruffling up their feathers
as they raced about my bed.

They were on the chairs and tables,
they were on the chandeliers,
they were roosting in the corners,
they were clucking in my ears,
there were chickens, chickens,
chickens
for as far as I could see...
when I woke today, I noticed
there were eggs on top of me.

Jack Prelutsky



Special events - October

21/22 - Visit from Rosemary Gentle, RSSA Executive
21- Communal Dinner 6pm to 7.30pm
24 - Class 1&1 Parent's Evening
25 - Children's Week Fair at the Recreation Centre
29 - 31 Camp Class 3&4 / 31- Class 1&2 Halloween Party Night

From Karri Kindergarten

Golden sun in sky so blue
Come and warm us through and
through
Come and give us of your gold
That the blossoms may unfold

A very warm Spring welcome back to all of the children in kindergarten and their families. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Patchy, Choco and Fiasty had a lovely time with Toby and Jasmine - thank you for taking good care of our little furry friends. Deahna and Letitia are back at Kindergarten after their travels east. Kai and Marshall have both rejoined kindergarten too after spending some time at home. Farewell to Willow and Malekai, we wish them well. Welcome to Mya and her family, too. Now that the Spring is here and the days are sunnier (well, some

days!), please ensure your child has a hat at school at all times as we do have a "wear a hat to play outside" policy. As our Spring in Denmark is so changeable, dressing in layers is often best, sometimes a chilly morning becomes a very warm day and if there is no T-shirt underneath, the child is roasting by midday!!

With Spring, our thoughts often turn to growth. There is chicken manure and pea straw for the vegie garden, so once that is applied, we will welcome seedlings (vegies and compatible flowers) to add to the rather prolific borage that is thriving there (and attracting bees). It will be lovely to harvest some goodies from our little patch during the term.

Warm wishes to all for a lovely fourth term.

Denise

Your Council Update

On Thursday last week Lindsay from the WA Education Department came down to Denmark to discuss the application to extend our school to Class 8. Lindsay was enormously helpful to us with information about the type of supporting evidence that would help with the application. However, as the State election stalled the process, we may have little time to update the application. Lindsay suggested that if unsuccessful initially, we could

consider applying for Class 8, 9 and 10 next time. This would give our school the equivalent of K-10 in the State system. Council's vision for growing our school into single stream classes over the next few years fits well with the requirements for extending the school into further classes as does the growth in Denmark's population.

Further brief updates:

- Employment protocols agreed on, permanent employment committee created, employment processes

well underway for 2009 Class 1 teacher and new 4/5 teacher;

- Albany show display planned;
- Upgrade to building for Class 1 in 2009;
- Nomination and appointment of kindergarten parent Andrew Callister, who has management knowledge and experience, to Council;
- From rotating roles, we have grown to fixed positions: Theresa Short (Chair), Grace Verity (Vice Chair), Stuart Evans (Treasurer) and Sabine Blankner (Secretary).

Children's Week Spring Fair

Once again we have been invited to participate in this special event to be held on Saturday 25th October from 10am-1pm at the Recreation Centre. This is a good opportunity to promote our school at a time when people may still be deciding upon schools for next year. We will have a little display, offer information about Golden Hill and do some face painting, too. If you would like to be involved by helping to set up the display, or painting a face or two, please leave your name with Sabine in the office. Any help you can offer is very much appreciated..last year there was an almost endless line of little faces waiting to be painted. This could be a perfect chance for some of you to build up your PPS hours before the end of the year. Thank you in anticipation, Denise.

Fridge for sale

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Peppermint Cottage Playgroup changes

Playgroup will be happening this term on Tuesdays (as before) with Clare and on Wednesdays (instead of Friday) with Theda. Both groups are open for new families to join. Please pass the word. Sessions are from 9.15 to 11.15am. Hope to see you there.

Clare and Theda

Come one, come all to the 2008



West Coast
Steiner School

Open Day & Spring Fair

10am to 3pm, Sunday 26th October

Join us for a fun day for all the family. Our classrooms will be open, meet our teachers and staff, see a beautiful puppet show, lots of food, craft and gift stalls, 2nd hand clothing, books and natural therapies. Children's activities, face painting and games.

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Pet available

Due to resettling issues in Canberra, Solita's beautiful fluffy, grey 2-year-old cat "Luna Greywacke Jones" is looking for a loving family home. Luna is playful and affectionate, and was raised as an indoor cat. She is sterilised and up to date with her vaccinations.

Please call Catherine on 9848 3845 or 0424 555 341 if you would like to adopt Luna.

The deadline for the next newsletter is 31 October'08

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