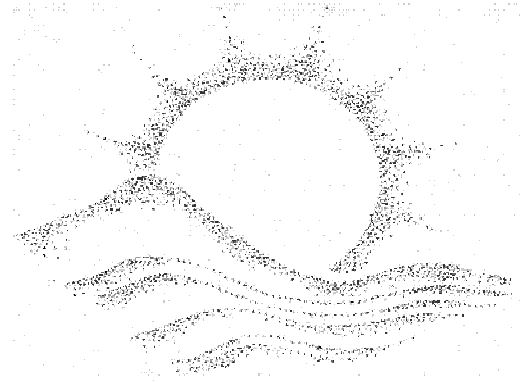




The Golden Quill

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Special events

December 5 - Public performance *Midsummer Night's Dream*

December 8 to 12 - *Camp Classes 5/6/7*

December 14—*Council Meeting*

December 17—*Stepping Stones Kindergarten*

December 18—*Graduation class 6/7 - last Day of Term IV*

"The need for imagination, a sense of truth and feeling of responsibility these are the three forces which are the very nerve of education"

Rudolf Steiner

Midsummer Night's Dream

By William Shakespeare produced by Class 5/6/7 next Thursday for the school (approximately 1pm.) and Friday evening at the School at 6:30pm. Bring a blanket and mosquito repellent, if the rain abates we'll be

Enrolments 2009

Golden Hill Steiner School invites Expressions of Interest for all classes for 2009. If you have any friends, acquaintances, family who are interested in enrolling their child(ren) for next year please ask them to request an enrolment package as soon as possible. As we are beginning our planning process for 2009, we ask parents to inform us by the end of this week if their children will not be attending Golden Hill Steiner School next year.

With thanks, The Teachers

From Karri Kindergarten

"When all the cows were sleeping
and the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow and this
is what he said;
'I'm a dingle ,dangle scarecrow
with a flippy floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that"

After we sang this song as part of our circle this week, one of the children said' "My Dad knows that song" and someone else said: "Yes, my Mum sings it too". In addition to the pentatonic songs which are most suitable for the young child, we sing some "classic" childhood tunes, such as "The



Scarecrow" and Nursery rhymes, traditional singing games etc which connect the child to a rich musical history. Our circle is all about summery farm activities like hay-making. We have made a scarecrow to watch over our flourishing vegetable garden and have noticed the grasses in the pad-

dock next door are tall and golden. Maybe we will be lucky enough to see the farmer cutting the hay with his red tractor once the sun has come out again. The signs of seasonal change are all around us, in spite of the continuing rains.

Inside the Kindergarten, our preparations for Christmas have begun now that Advent is upon us. The Advent table is ready to receive our gifts each week, from first the mineral kingdom, then the plant and animal kingdoms. Little gifts are being carefully made and a sense of anticipation is beginning to grow.

We will be placing an order for "Sunshadow Slippers" (which many of the Kindergarten children wear for inside shoes) this week as prices will rise in January. The slippers have a non-slip leather sole and a stretch cotton upper and come in very attractive colours and designs. They are suitable for inside wear all year round. If anyone in the wider school community is interested, please see the Kindergarten noticeboard for further information.

Warm wishes

Denise

Class 6/7 Graduation/Carol Singing

December 18

Please come and join this end of the year celebration.



School bus

As you would be aware, by law passengers in a vehicle with seatbelts fitted must wear them when the vehicle is moving. The new school bus has seatbelts and Paul, the driver, is concerned that some children are not buckling up for the trip. As we all want our children to arrive safely, please remind them of the necessity to put on the seatbelt once seated on the bus. This bus is much larger than the older buses and has a wide turning circle. Parents are therefore requested to observe the "No Parking" signs, and if there is no space in the top car-park, to please park near Peppermint Cottage. The No-Parking signs include the grassed verge adjacent to the gravel area.

Thankyou for your help to ensure we have a smooth bus service.

The Teachers



Soul Territory

Two colour workshops with Jennifer Kornberger. These workshops are designed to take you into the territory of colour- the creative, meditative place where colour first arises, free of the form element. We will explore the archetypal gestures of the lustre colours, mapping their movements in a series of "soul maps". The workshops are suitable for complete beginners and those who would like to experience the subtle transformative power of working with free flowing colour. Workshop One: The lustre of colour
Workshop Two: Mapping the soul

Venue: Golden Hill Steiner School, Scotsdale Road, Denmark

Dates: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January 2009

Times: 9.30am- 4pm each day

Cost: one workshop \$130, two workshops \$240 includes artists quality materials

Contact: Jennifer Kornberger on 9331 1880

Golden Hill Steiner School at Market Day Springdale Estate

Saturday 7 December

Opening Times 9.30am-1.30pm (We will need to set up from 8am). The finishing time may vary. We need to organise:

- * A marquee or open front tent, trestle tables;
- * Sample's of school work as we did for last market day, remembering to have only a couple of good art pieces from each class as we need to focus on our main lesson work to attract more enrolments;
- * Cakes & slices to sell,
- * Chai tea to sell,
- * Face painting and storytelling corner,
- * Fresh produce from our school gardens either as samples or to sell
- * Face painters and storytellers.

Who can help please?

Stuart and I can set up/take down with possibly one more person. We need a number of helpers for the stall/marquee throughout the day.

If everyone could please liaise directly with myself on 0414 526 852 or Donna Sowman on 9840 9852 so we can co-ordinate everything.

Look forward to hearing from you all!

Kind regards

Ondy

Thank you Kelly

Council and Teachers want to express their gratitude to our wonderfully creative webmaster Kelly Jones who did an awesome job creating our own website a couple of years ago as well as maintaining and updating it.

As part of promoting our school there will be more interesting stuff to be seen and read in the near future at www.goldenhill.wa.edu.au

Thank you Sue

I personally would like to say a big "Thank You" to Sue Mills who has been THE main person in putting the Newsletter together every fortnight. Fantastic work, Sue, thanks a million.

In 2009 we will need someone else to take over the job, Sue deserves a much needed rest from it. Sabine

Family Participation Scheme

As the school year draws to a close, there are families who may need to complete some time to meet their commitment for the year. There are always many tasks which need to be done around our lovely school, but here is a list of some to choose from:

- * Wall of boy's toilet to be rebuilt (mud bricks)
 - * Gutters cleaned out
 - * Library tidied/organised
 - * Class 3/4 building project assistance (see Donna)
 - * Window washing
 - * Cooking equipment re-organised
 - * Painting of Class One room
 - * Painting of Class 3/4 room
 - * Window sills/frames oiled
 - * Provide cakes/ person-power on Market Day (7th December)
 - * Assistance with moving classrooms
- Please see one of the teachers for more information or tasks. Thankyou for your contribution to our school.

For Sale

Women's Shoes. Footprints "Annapolis" (Mary-Jane style) Black leather with cork Birkenstock footbed. Size 42 (11) narrow fitting. Worn once. Cost \$160, sell \$70 ONO
Please phone Denise 98483380

VacSwim Forms 2009

You can pick up a Vacswim form for 2009 at the School Office.

Please Return

Anyone who has borrowed books from Theresa Short please return before the end of term. Thanks

The deadline for the next newsletter is December 12 '08

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