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## The Golden Quill

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

"The sun gives light to the plants, for the sun does love the plants. So one man gives soul-light to others when he loves them."

Rudolf Steiner

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TO ALL STUDENTS PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF OUR GOLDEN HILL  
STEINER COMMUNITY WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY. MAY  
THE EASTER HARE FIND YOUR GARDEN!!

### The Easter Hare

"May we here make a plea for the reinstatement of the Easter Hare? He is fast becoming an endangered species, owing to the increasing popularity of the "Easter Bunny". The rabbit, with its established communal life and reputation for timidity, presents a very different picture from that of the hare. The hare is a loner, creating the most transient of abodes. He is said to be a bold and courageous creature, and his upright stance is characteristic. His long ears suggest a wide and intelligent interest in the world, and in legend and folklore he is invested with the virtue of self-sacrifice. Because of all these attributes, it is he, and not the bunny that makes a more suitable messenger of Christ, who roams the earth to bring to those who actively seek it, the sign of new life in the Easter Egg. "

-from "All Year Round" by Ann Druitt,  
Christine Fynes-Clinton and Marije Rowling

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**SCHOOL PLAY - April 9th**

**Note New Time: 5.30pm sharp**

**END OF TERM 1 - April 9th**

**START TERM 2 - WEDNESDAY  
April 29th**



## MICHAELMAS FESTIVAL

Michaelmas at Golden Hill  
Steiner School

Justin was definitely connected to the ancestors as he called us to our autumn ceremony as he played the didge and clap sticks, drawing in the wisdom and beauty of things past. Things of past present and Future!! Class 6/7 called in the Archangels and our souls could feel their angelic presence. Our Class 4/5 offered us a short play full of steadfastness and truth. Then Class 2/3 brought in a fiery and fierce dragon with two maidens to be rescued. In came Michael to their rescue, who not only tamed the dragon but made him docile enough for all children to pat and cuddle. Class 1 and Christine then shared a story of Christina and her special red hat, a story of standing in goodness even in the face of wickedness while her class performed a small play of movement and verse. The Golden sun shone down with all its might warming our hearts and soul. Blessings to all our families and especially to our wonderful creative children.

**Blessings to all of you**  
The Golden sun has been shining with all his glory on all our students of the Golden Hill and the swirl of the Autumn winds abound. The wood faeries are busy painting their leaves, and King Winter has been knocking on all our doors reminding us to rug up and dress appropriately. Please make sure that your children have extra clothes for warm weather and for when Jack Frost wants to give a pinch! The times are a changing and the shift inwards can be the time when sickness shows its self. We appreciate your help with the additional clothes for your child. New Class homeopathic kits are being sourced for all classrooms to keep the nasties at bay.,  
Love from the  
Administrative Team  
Sabine and Kardi



## *KARRI KINDY*

Hot cross buns,

Hot cross buns

One a penny

Two a penny

Hot cross buns

The joys of the Easter season are present in our Kindergarten, with an easter garden which will spring to life with a lovely carpet of green and decorated "blown" eggs hanging on our tree. Please send along an egg with your child if you have not already done so. On these lovely, sunny Autumn days I have enjoyed sitting under the peppermint trees making little baskets as I watch the children play. The children love to help by bringing me leaves and making a stitch or two. As Easter comes nearer, perhaps the Easter hare will make an early visit and leave some eggs in the baskets?? On the last day of term, as is traditional we will bake enough hot cross buns to share with all the children (and staff) of our school. It's a lovely tradition and allows the kindergarten children to experience the joy of sharing and giving to others. It's one of our favourite things to do, to make a lovely gift by hand to share with friends. May you enjoy sharing the Easter season with your friends and family

Warm wishes

Denise

# HAPPY EASTER

## Easter

Easter is a moveable feast, the rule being that Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full moon after the Autumn Equinox. Of course, in the northern hemisphere, Easter comes after the Spring Equinox when the first signs of new life are budding after a long, cold winter. Here in Denmark, where the seasons are less pronounced, Autumn is not so much a time of withering and contraction into winter, although this aspect can be seen in the deciduous trees in Berridge Park. There are new red leaves on the citrus trees in the kindergarten and the first Autumn rains combined with warm temperatures result in a carpet of green all around. In the wetlands the fiery orange flowers of the swamp bottlebrush blaze.

Easter takes its name from "Eostre" the pre-Christian festival of Spring and rebirth. It celebrated the instinctive forces, those involving reproduction, physical love. The early Christians re-worked this festival to incorporate the resurrection of Christ, and it is the most important of the Christian festivals.

Christ is both healer and awakener and by his death and resurrection, he has brought life forces into our waking consciousness. Christ brought into our world a new form of love, the pure love of human beings for one another, regardless of gender, race or any other differences.

In today's world there seems so little of the Christian spirit in the world, yet Christ is not a dictator, imposing his will, the gifts he offers can only be accepted or rejected in freedom. But the true Easter spirit can be present when we seek Christ's gifts as healer and awakener.

When celebrating Easter with children, we can bring to them aspects of the resurrection without telling the story overtly. This year, at Golden Hill, all of the children are performing a play, on the eve of Good Friday, which gives a picture of the resurrection. As The Great Being says, "You have flown beyond the edge of time so you know there is no death, only one eternal life. Tell all the children of the earth what you have seen so they will not fear death."

We wish all the families of our school a truly blessed Easter and a relaxing holidays.

The Teachers



## CALL FOR SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES...

Sign up, sign up for the most successful Easter Markets ever!

Call into the office and sign the roster with your contribution to the day. We need you to assist with cakes n bakes, stall attendance, face painting, story telling, setting up & taking down.

Many hands make light work!

## AUTUMN FUN DAYS

.. are happening again at Regi's House!

Monday 20/04/09 from 9-3pm

Thursday 23/04/09 from 9-3pm

All enquiries/enrolments call Regi on 9840 9084

## LOVE PHOTO'S?

If so, we have just the job for you! Over the years our delightful school has accumulated quite a history in photographic form. However, currently these priceless artefacts are nestled deep in a box waiting in hope for some kind soul to rescue them. If you would like to take on the challenging task of sorting, collating and presenting these photo's in albums, please register with Kardi at the office. You will be pleased to know this task equates to 1-2 peoples total FPS hours for the year!!

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## HARMONY DAY

### Harmony Day 2009

Harmony Day was a celebration of diversity of culture and individual expression. Spirit of Play, Golden Hill Steiner School and Woodbury Boston Primary School all joined together for a morning of festivities of songs, mural paintings and games led by local Nungar Elder, Joe Williams.

This Harmony Day was one of our first experiences where children could unify and celebrate their differences, others diversities and to honour them. We all look forward to future gatherings to learn more about this land and each other. Love Regi

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*The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 8th May 2009. Please leave all contributions either in the office or email directly to [ondy@t4.com.au](mailto:ondy@t4.com.au). Please note all contributions will only be added at the discretion of the College of Teacher*

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