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Orana School Bulletin

Reminder!

Twilight Tea
Friday 27th February, Class 1 Playground, 5:30pm
All welcome

Forthcoming Events

February

- Thur 12th 1MA and 1PC Parent/Teacher Night
- Tue 17th 6LW and 6GA Parent/Teacher Night
- Thur 19th 7YH and 7MT Parent/Teacher Night
- Sat 21st School Board Meeting, 10am-4pm, SRC
- Mon 23rd KG JL Parent/Teacher Meeting
- Mon 23rd C19 Camp, Kosciusko National Park, return Fri 27th
- Wed 25th C18 Parent/Teacher Night, 7pm, SRC
- Wed 25th 5EM Camp, Jervis Bay, return Fri 27th
- Thur 26th Information Evening for new parents, 7:30pm, SRC

College News

It was with great pleasure that we welcome all families to Orana for the 2009 school year. For those of you who have come back I'm sure it was wonderful to see old friends and dear teachers. Those of you new to our school we hope you soon feel at home and enjoy the journey ahead of you.

It was fantastic to see all the children at our first assembly. I could sense the excitement and anticipation as all the classes stood with their teachers ready to take on new challenges, all a little older, wiser and taller!

The teachers enjoyed the beginning of year Staff Conference held at Orana this year. It is always a very beneficial time to share with colleagues and build on our knowledge of working with children in a Steiner School. The topic of respect filled many of our workshops and gave strength to the work we do with the children, parents and colleagues.

After a very difficult heat filled first week, it was good to have a little relief this week. Our thoughts, of course, go to the victims of the Victorian fires. Our memories are stirred as we remember what it was like for many of our families in 2003. As a school community we are looking at ways we can offer support.

On behalf of all the staff at Orana I wish you a safe, adventurous and wonder filled year.

Olga Blasch
for The College of Teachers.

School News

Welcome back to our School. A special welcome to new students and their families. We know it can be a little bit difficult for new families and staff to find their way around Orana or to understand the way the School works.

For that purpose the Sophia Group is organising an "Introduction to Orana" evening on 26th February at 7.30pm in the Senior Resource Centre. This is an opportunity to meet members of the Board, staff and community groups at Orana.

If you have any pressing questions you can email me at marie-anne.gigon@oranaschool.com or make an appointment to see me at the School Office.

To get us off to a good start I would like to inform or remind you of the following :

The **Amphitheatre project** is well underway and will be finished before the end of Term 1. During that time we have put signs up for parents to park their cars in the Amphitheatre car park for classes 4 and 6 and on the side of the road next to the old Kindergarten site for classes 5 and 7. This will help your children as they will not have to walk as far to access their classrooms.

Please do not park on the **buses** "turn around space" on the Hill Campus. Cars parked in that space will prevent buses from making their turn which could result in collisions or other accidents.

For many years now the School has been a "**peanut free School**". Parents are asked to not include peanut products in their children's lunch boxes. This year we have to extend this practice to becoming an "**all nuts free School**". Products containing nuts are dangerous to some of our students who suffer from the risk of anaphylactic shock. We understand that it may be difficult for families to review the content of their children's lunch boxes however the School has a duty of care to all students and we ask parents to help us keep our students safe.

A collection box (blue box) is now in place in the School Office. If you wish to make a contribution towards the victims of the Victorian bushfires, you are most welcome to donate money via the School.

A big thank you to the families who contributed money towards the building of the Amphitheatre seating, your contributions are bringing us closer to our goal of a completed refurbishment.

I will keep you informed of the progress of all our building projects in the course of the term. Enjoy the cooler weather!

Marie-Anne Gigon

Resources Administrator

Cameras urgently needed!

Class 10 photography students need your old SLR cameras.

If you have an SLR camera in good working order please consider donating it. We need 6-8 cameras by week 5 of this term.

Please call Nadia on 6257 1949 or 0401 085 348.

Nadia McLeish
Photography Teacher

Lost, full size violin, it has a pink label on it with music books inside and if anybody has seen it could they please contact Chris on 0428363350 or bring it to the music room as soon as possible. Thank you.

***Parsifal College Sydney comes to Orana School Canberra
Foundation Course in Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education
This Foundation Early Childhood Teaching Training Course
will be held at Orana School in 2009***

This is the first co-venture in Rudolf Steiner Teaching Training that has been organised with Orana School by Parsifal College in Sydney.

It is an introductory program of lectures, artistic activities and craft in relation to working with children in early childhood. It is suitable for those wishing to work or working with young children in kindergartens, pre schools, centre based child care and playgroups.

The course is spread over 8 weekends during the year (2 weekends per Term) and the cost is \$395 per term to be paid by the start of each term.

The Parsifal Teaching Faculty is: Dr Renate Breipohl-Long, Chrisanthi McManus and Riitta Korpinen who is also the Program Coordinator. Other specialist teachers will be brought in as the course progresses.

The students will need to allow two hours a week for assignment tasks.

The course starts this Saturday 14th February at 9am in Rosewood Kindergarten.

There are still vacancies.

For further information, enrolment forms or flyers please see:

Riitta Korpinen (Kindergarten Teacher), Phone 6297 1976 (ah) or
email: riittakorpinen@gmail.com

Admin. Meeting Time - Please note Admin. Meetings take place on Wednesdays, from 12 noon to 1pm. The office is closed during this time.

Parents and Friends Association (P&F)

Welcome to the new school year for old and new families. It is sure to be an exciting one for all the community building and fundraising events that the P&F conducts. Term one is busy with the Twilight Tea and a Community Market.

For those of you who are new to the school, the P&F is responsible for the community events and fundraising run in the school, the Orana P&F Shop, Class Coordinators, Craft `n Cafe and the store of equipment kept in the P&F shed on the Hill Campus. The P&F Committee, comprising a President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members, manages the finances and oversees the events conducted. The President has a seat on the School Board and represents the P&F in that capacity. Meetings are held in the Gumnut Room (Hill Campus) on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. All staff and parents at the school are welcome to attend. Meetings are advertised in the Bulletin. New committee members are needed and applications can be sent to me via the details below.

The **Twilight Tea** will be run by the Class One parents outside their classrooms at 5:30pm on Friday 27th February. It is an ideal opportunity to either bring along your own picnic or purchase food from the stalls. New and old families are welcome and the relaxed nature of the Twilight Tea enables the children to play and the adults to chat over their meal. If you have not been for a few years I recommend the get-together to make contact with friends you haven't seen for a while. Musical performances are being organised for the event.

There will be one **Community Market** in the first term. It is on 27th March and will be run by the Anthroposophical Society. It is normally run in the Amphitheatre on the lower campus. The new location will be on the veranda outside the Class 9 and 10 rooms in the area below the Resource Centre on the lower campus. I encourage new stall holders to apply to Penny Cilento penny.cilento@gmail.com for approval to operate. The Committee would like increased diversity in the stalls provided.

P&F Meeting and AGM

The P&F Committee has already held one meeting and a planning day. We discussed the Orana P&F Shop, Craft `n Cafe, budget for 2009, financial statements for 2008 and the need for an Equipment Manager. The next meeting is Wednesday 4th March 7:30pm in the Gumnut Room. Everyone is welcome. If you have any issues you wish to discuss please let me know on the contacts below.

The **P&F Annual General Meeting** will be held at 7pm in the Resource Centre on the lower campus on Wednesday 25th March. None of the current members intend to resign but there are extra positions available. Should you wish to nominate for a position please fill in a form available at the Front Office or by contacting me on the details below.

Craft `n' Cafe

Craft `n' Cafe runs on Fridays from 9am to 11.45am in the Gumnut Room (near the Front Office). Craft `n' Cafe hosts Orana's long standing Craft Group, but it is also a place that parents can come together and just chat over a cuppa. Every year lots of new people come to Craft `n' Cafe, and it's a relaxed friendly place to meet other Orana parents and to become part of the Orana community. Children are most welcome, and there is a large

play area outside, but they need to be supervised by parents. The Sophia Group also runs informative chats twice a term at the same location. No need to book, just show up and bring a plate of food to share (no peanut and other nut ingredients please).

The Orana Craft Group produces Steiner inspired toys and crafts to sell at the Spring Fair each November and all profits are returned to the school. All are welcome to come along and no previous craft experience is necessary. We start the year with easy activities and this Friday (13 February) we will be making felt animals, and on the following Friday (20 February) we will start the wondrous art of wet felting. You don't need to attend every session, and if you have small children it is often possible to take whatever you are making home to finish off. Craft Group is a wonderful way to earn your Community Hours as you also learn great new craft skills from one another. If you would like to be on the Craft Group email list to find out more details of each session, please contact Julie Krassay at jants@iinet.net.au or 6287 7527.

Equipment Manager Position Available

A position is available for a person to manage the P&F equipment in the shed. They need to coordinate the loans and returns of equipment, ensure equipment is maintained ready for use, conduct an annual inventory and establish procedures. They need to be fairly flexible with the times they can attend school to make equipment available for loan. Community Hours are available for this very important position. A dedicated P&F Committee member will support the role.

Dennis Rose has carried out this function over the past few years and has done a terrific job. The school is indebted to him for the commitment and dedication he has shown.

Coordinator for Craft 'n' Cafe

We have a person who does a meet and greet, set up and clean up for the Cafe part of this event. She is only able to attend on alternate Friday mornings. If you have time to commit to Cafe on alternate Fridays please contact me. Community Hours are available.

Applications for both positions to me on the contact details below.

Gina Howlett

President

Home 6287 5149 or callett@home.com.au

Old Bamboo Blinds

If anyone has any old bamboo matchstick blinds (the ones with thin strips of bamboo) to donate to the school, could you please contact Julie Krassay on 6287 7527 or jants@iinet.net.au. These blinds are used by both Craft Group and the Handwork Teachers for wet felting, and they don't have to be in working order for us to use them.

Community Hours Update 2009

Hello everyone and welcome back to a fabulous year at Orana.

Billing

The 2008 accounts for Community Hours are about to be sent out. There was some difficulty in deciphering some of the green forms that were given to me. If you completed hours and have been billed anyway - please let me know directly - I have approx 20 forms and written documents that I am not able to process because there is not enough information on them to let me know who completed the task.

Please fill out the forms thoroughly this year as it took many hours trying to cross reference and ring the teachers involved and if I was very lucky the phone number on the form. So I apologise if you were billed but completed items. If I can't read the item I can't process it correctly.

Pledge Forms 2009

We will use the same method for lodging pledge forms as last year. That seemed to work really well. If you have come up from Sessional Kindergarten and Kindergarten into Class 1 you need to fill out a new pledge form and give it to your class coordinator. If you have changed your pledge from previous years you need to fill out a new form. If nothing has changed you do not have to fill out a pledge form. You still need to fill in a green form to let me know what you have done throughout the year. If you have any questions please ask your Class Coordinator for assistance.

Working Bee

Thank you to all those families who attended the first Working Bee of the year. Thanks also to the caterers, first aid workers and organisers. The Working Bee was attended by approx 46 families - that is a great start to the year.

Well done everyone

Class Coordinator Meeting

There will be a Class Coordinators handover meeting on Friday the 13th February in the Bluebell Kindergarten from 3:30 to 4pm. Children are welcome as long as we put back what we play with and look after Carol's area.

Thank you all for your support last year; it has been a real pleasure to work with you all.

Penny Cilento

Class Coordinator Administrator

Next School Bulletin deadline is strictly 3pm Monday 23rd February 2009 E-mail contributions to bulletin@oranaschool.com
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Notices

(Please note Orana provides space for the following notices but does not endorse or guarantee these goods and services Orana School reserves the right to reject or edit any material without notice)

THE ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE EVOLUTION OF HUMANITY AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

with Karl Kaltenbach

Karl Kaltenbach immigrated to Australia in 1962 and founded an organisation called Warrah (near Sydney) which, using the indications by Rudolf Steiner, provided schooling, residential care and work opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In 1982 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal [OAM] for these services. In 1982 he was also instrumental in formalizing the Anthroposophical Society in Australia of which he became General Secretary for 20 years. He was Chair Person of the Faculty for the School of Spiritual Science, which is an integral part of the above Society. He has lectured on spiritual philosophy, research, meditation and education, both in Australia, Europe, Africa and Asia. Since 1996 he has been working as a consultant in organisational management and since 2006 has been a member of the Orana School Board.

DATE: Wednesday 4th March, 7:30 pm. **VENUE:** To be confirmed in the next Bulletin.

EURYTHMY PERFORMANCE with Birgith Lugosi and the AURORA AUSTRALIS 'SOUTHERN LIGHT' MELBOURNE EURYTHMY STAGE GROUP.

'Zeitgeist' movement through 'Inspiration'

Work by: L. Van Beethoven, D. H. Lawrence, Rudolf Steiner, Lao Tzu, Vera Javlinsky, H.G. Burkhardt, J.S. Bach, E. Grieg and some humorous short stories.

DATE: Saturday 7th March, 7:30 pm. **VENUE:** to be confirmed in the next Bulletin.

COST: \$30, Concessions \$20

HEALING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. A presentation of two therapies based on an Anthroposophical understanding of the human being. **RHYTHMICAL MASSAGE** and the **EXTRA LESSON** with Ewa Seksekalski-Talent and Mariane Judd.

Following an introduction to a holistic understanding of the 3-fold and 4-fold human being, both the presenters will elucidate their respective therapies. Ewa completed a diploma in Therapeutic Massage in 2003 while working as a nurse in chiropractic and occupational clinics and now treats adults and children with developmental, behavioural and medical issues.

Mariane Judd MEd, BSc(Psych), Grad dip Ed, Extra Lesson Cert. MAPS. is a psychologist with 18 years experience in assessment and development of individual programs for children with challenges in learning and behaviour from a holistic developmental perspective.

DATE: to be advised. **VENUE:** Curative Eurythmy Room