

Trish Sherwood Talk
Friday 5th August 6pm Class 3

School Tour
Friday 12th August

Class 3 Play "Samson & Delilah"
Saturday 13th August 1pm

Light Keepers Parent Night
Tuesday 16th August 6pm in Class 4

Book Week
Wednesday 17th August

School Tour
Thursday 18th August

Mid-Term Break
Friday 19th August to Monday 22nd
August

Wednesday 3rd August 2016
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Silver Leaves

News for the Silver Tree Steiner School
Community

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If a child is absent please ensure an email is sent to the school explaining the absence.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Over the last week of school I have been involved in a number of meetings and conferences involving leadership and all that it means in a Steiner school setting. The Administrators of all metropolitan Steiner Schools met with David Likhaitzky on Friday to discuss ways in which the schools can be more efficient and effective in providing a true and authentic Steiner Education in Western Australia. It was an extremely fruitful meeting and I look forward to future developments in this area.

On Saturday Board members and staff from Steiner Schools across WA attended a Governance, Leadership and Management conference at the Perth Waldorf School. We again listened to David Likhaitzky deliver a keynote address on leadership and what it means to Steiner schools. The talk was fascinating in that it highlighted the need for empathy, understanding and compassion to be a part of every interaction we have with others and that an important leadership skill is simply to listen authentically.

Tracey Sayn Wittgenstein Piraccini from Steiner Education Australia also delivered a thought provoking presentation on future trends in education comparing the directions the Australian Federal Government is headed and where the European Parliament is in their understanding.

- *According to the Productivity Commission, 'Australia's future depends on how well it develops the 'human capital' of its population, and that a well-performing schooling system will benefit all individuals and **drive economic growth and prosperity**'*
- *Students will need to be more innovative and creative and be able to work collaboratively with others to be successful in their future jobs*

Federal Government View

- *We should strive for a high quality school system that assists each and every Australian child to reach their full potential, so they can fully participate in the **economic and social** life of the community*

Educational Reform from the European Parliament in June of this year:

- *Standardised tests and quantitative approaches to educational accountability measure at best a narrow range of traditional competences, and may result in schools having to adapt teaching syllabi to test material, thus neglecting the intrinsic values of education*
- *Education has an important role in developing ethical and civil virtues and humanness, whereas teachers' work and students' achievements in this area are overlooked by test scores; highlights in this regard the need for flexibility, innovation and creativity in educational settings which can boost learning quality and educational attainment*

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- *Emphasises the crucial role of an individual-centred approach in education and training systems which benefits the development of creativity and critical thinking while focusing on students' personal interests, needs and abilities*

One clearly sees education as benefitting the economic needs of a particular community whilst the other has a deep concern for the individual development of the whole human being, an interesting dichotomy. It was a wonderful day and I thank Steiner Education Australia for organising the day and Perth Waldorf School for the use of their beautiful grounds and buildings.

"Our highest endeavour must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives."
Rudolf Steiner

Blessings on our school and peace upon the earth.
Mark Panaia
Administrator

CALENDAR OF THE SOUL

My firmness and strength gives me ground that is sure,
For the light of the Child is gentle and pure.
All things become bathed with his healing, gold light
When I look at the world with his love in my sight.

Watch the gnomes split and crumble the stuff of the earth,
While the light, airy sylphs bring a green world to birth.

With great joy I am learning to give what they need,
For I bring the light, and they're grateful indeed!



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

BOOK WEEK

Have you marked your calendar and started brainstorming costume ideas for our dress up day on 17th August? Children are also welcome to participate in a fundraising *book swap* which raises much needed funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. To partake, children need to *bring to class a book* that they love, but can bear to part with (i.e. donate). Please can they do this by Monday 15th August at the latest.

On Wednesday August 17th, as well as dressing up, children can bring along *a gold coin to purchase a book* from the subsequent book stall. Stalls will be held at lunch time; a junior primary stall on the Pathfinders verandah and an upper primary stall on the Light Keepers verandah. Funds raised will support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation in improving literacy levels in remote indigenous communities.

What kind of books do we donate? Please endeavour to donate a book with beautiful pictures and story, avoiding cartoons and commercially promoted characters. Could books intended for the younger children please be story based rather than non-fiction.

THANK YOU

Thank you once again this year to Lotus Kingston - designer extraordinaire, who is responsible for the Open Day signs and marketing material for Open Day.



STSS OPEN DAY

There's probably things in your wardrobes, in your toy cupboards and in your house in general that aren't worn, used, played with or needed any longer. With Spring Fair and Open Day fast approaching why not donate anything that is still in good condition to the School's second hand stalls. You can donate clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery, Steiner inspired childrens' books & toys, adult fiction and non-fiction books, working appliances, tools, equipment, ornaments, gardening items and the list goes on. Please just ensure that they are in still in good enough condition for someone to want to buy them.

Did you know that at the last Open Day, the second hand stalls raised in excess of \$600 with no expenses? So it's a great and quite simple way to support the fundraising efforts of the school and our children are the beneficiaries. Oh and remember that de-cluttering is balm for the soul and the busy mind!!

Have fun and we hope to see your pre-loved items soon.

You can place donations in the "bin" outside the office and the shop or you can hand them directly to Zoe Hemstead 0427 737 778 or Kim Holland 0457 189 429

SILVER BLOSSOMS

Please sign up with Crystal in the shop to help on open day! Previous shop experience would be beneficial.

Helpers still and always needed to run the shop, from front of house, putting stock away, rolling wool, cleaning fairy, collecting milk etc. Lots of jobs to go around! Please help if you can! Free coffee for those working behind the till.

New stock continues to come in – come and have a look. Some beautiful colours of wool recently arrived.



COURSES/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS

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BALI RETREAT



Early Birds
recieve \$100
OFF!

BALI RETREAT
For
**MOTHERS
&
DAUGHTERS**
RITE OF PASSAGE INTO WOMANHOOD

Ubud BALI
Friday 30th September to Tuesday 4th October 2016

“Dedicated to deepening mother daughter communication, connection and understanding.
Honouring & empowering girls journeying into womanhood.”

For Mothers & Daughters (~ 11-15 yrs old)
\$1350 per mother daughter couple.
Capacity 12 couples. Book Now to secure your spot.
Andrea : 043 202 4722 Adrienna : 040 083 5478
Facebook : Red Apple Sacred Ceremonies.

THE AVON DESCENT

The annual AVON DESCENT is on this weekend.

With water levels of the picturesque Avon and Swan rivers extremely high, speedy power dinghies and brave paddlers are ready to race over two exhausting days.

International and local paddlers will brave world class rapids while power craft drivers skim down the course at frightening speeds.

A spectacle not to be missed!

Head along to any of the rapids (see map on website) to see breathtaking white-water endurance paddling.
avondescent.com.au

Class 11/12 drama and music electives present

JOURNEY TO THE WEST

by Mary Zimmerman
directed by Donna Kerr

Cast 1
Wednesday 3rd August @ 6.30pm
Friday 5th August @ 7 pm

Cast 2
Thursday 4th August @ 6.30pm
Saturday 6th August @ 7pm

Adults - \$8 Students - \$4

BASKETBALL CLUB

Gidgegannup Basketball Club – 2016/17Season.

Season Starts mid October 2011. Teams are available for Men, Women, Girls and Boys. New and old players welcome. If you would like to register then you can attend our registration day on Wednesday 22/08/2016, 3.30pm - 6pm, at Percy Cullen Rec Centre (Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup) or you can download a registration form from our webpage and email or fax it back.

More details are available on our webpage <http://www.gidgegannup.info/sports/basketball.htm> or phone Simone Collins (Registrar) 0438 995 891

Courses/Workshops/Events cont...

GET STARTED WORKSHOP

Get Started Workshop: Transform your current menu into gut friendly meals & snacks

Do you want to eat more gut friendly foods, but you don't know where to start?

Would you like to have a clear plan of how to transform your current staples into meals & snacks that really benefit your immunity & gut health?

Do you want to increase your energy, and take steps to improve the areas in your life that seem to drain you rather than nourish you?

Would you like to know a super easy way to make sauerkraut yourself?

You are probably aware that your gut health is extremely important for your overall physical and mental health. Many diseases and health complaints find their origin in the gut. Improving your gut health improves your overall health and can relief many of these diseases and complaints, like allergies, intolerances, eczema, yeasts, autoimmune disease, autism, ADHD, arthritis, and much, much more.

Get Started workshop: Start eating gut friendly foods – made simple

This workshop is for you, if you have been wanting to change to more gut friendly foods, but you don't know where to start. You are planning to reduce sugars, grains, processed foods, and eliminate certain 'trouble foods'. And perhaps even move to(wards) a paleo, GAPS or similar gut healing protocol (in the future).

If you are suffering from lack of energy and health issues, and you want to address your (gut) health but you need inspiration and meal ideas, you will leave this workshop with a clear plan of how to make the basic steps.

In this Get Started workshop you will get:

- A concise explanation of why your gut health is so important for your overall health & wellbeing
- Ideas and recipes to change your current meals & snacks into gut friendly foods
- A meal planner
- Insight into which areas in your life you can improve to increase your energy
- A demonstration to make your own sauerkraut – super easy
- Morning tea of gut friendly snacks (plus the recipes!)

The workshop is on Sunday August 14th, from 9:00 – 12:30.

Cost are \$79. - For the workshop including morning tea, or \$99. - For workshop plus a beautiful gut friendly lunch by Kinfolk café & wholefoods, with the group of workshop attendees.

16 Craig Street, Mundaring

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: please contact Nina 0420 729 472, nina@ninacamfferman.com

Health Coach Nina Camfferman has a passion for guiding people to optimise their gut health. Nina empowers busy, driven people to improve their gut health, manage stress in a mindful way, and get focus and direction to live the life they desire.

**Get Started workshop:
transform your current meals & snacks
into gut a friendly diet**



Sunday August 14th, 9:00 - 12:30

Kinfolk Cafe & wholefoods

Booking Essential

0420 729 472

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RIVER BLOSSOM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
In transition to Helena River Steiner School
Invites Expressions of Interest for

**Kindergarten Teacher
Position**

Do you have a pioneering spirit and strong leadership qualities?

River Blossom Education Association in Midland, WA is seeking a Kindergarten teacher for 3-6 year olds to be part of our team. The position if taken up this year is part time 4 half days a week, and if taken up next year, full time.

Our ideal candidate is a qualified and experienced early childhood teacher, has undergone Steiner/Waldorf teacher training, shows initiative, is flexible and adaptable to change and will be a contributing member of our organisation. The candidate will be expected to plan, lead, record and assess the kindergarten program; hold strong daily, weekly and seasonal rhythms; have excellent communication skills with parents; attend staff/committee meetings; and help organise festivals, parent-education evenings, and other community events throughout the year. Marketing and promotion skills will also be highly valued at this stage of our growth.

A passion for Steiner education is essential, although some training will be provided by us if no formal Anthroposophical studies have been completed.

At this stage the wage is a casual rate dependant upon the number of students enrolled. When we acquire our school registration –which is expected either beginning or mid 2017– a set rate will apply.

The candidate is required to have a Police Clearance and a Working with Children Check. Applications will be considered as received.

About River Blossom

First established over 3 years ago in Guildford, River Blossom has been running Steiner playgroups, with the view to developing into a Steiner school in the Midland/Swan Valley area. Our first kindergarten class began this year. We aim to be a registered school in 2017 and build up classes each year. The exciting journey ahead requires tenacity, creativity and a spirit of service and enthusiasm from all involved.

**PLAYGROUP LEADER
POSITION**

- **Do you have experience of Steiner playgroups by either being a leader or having attended with your child?**
- **Do you have an interest in working with young children and also parents, helping form community and sewing the seeds of Steiner philosophy?**
- **Do you have a pioneering spirit and would like to join a small but growing Steiner education organisation which is working towards being a school?**
- **Do you have any Early Childhood education qualifications?**

River Blossom Education Association in Midland, WA is seeking a Playgroup Leader to be part of our early childhood team. The position is part time two mornings a week.

Training will be provided for anyone with enthusiasm and skills who still requires more experience and guidance.

You will be working in a team with two other playgroup leaders and kindergarten staff and will be expected to contribute to the organisation of seasonal festivals and also busy bees to maintain and improve the premises.

You would be required to have a Working with Children Check. Applications will be considered as they are received.

Please send a CV and letter of application to:

Tanami Magnus, Administrator

River Blossom Education Association

39 Spring Park Road Midland, WA, 6056

Or email to: tanami.riverblossom@gmail.com

for enquiries about the position please call Tanami on 0419 991 587

Silver Tree Steiner School Calendar – Term 3, 2016

Term 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July	29 th July	30 th July	31 st July
			Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	Faculty Mtg EC / Primary	PAD Meeting 7.00-8.00pm		
Week 2	1 st Aug	2 nd Aug	3 rd Aug	4 th Aug	5 th Aug	6 th Aug	7 th Aug
	P&F Meeting for new families 9am Playgroup building		Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	Faculty Mtg EC all Staff / Primary.	Trish Sherwood talk 6pm Alchemists Classroom		
Week 3	8 th Aug	9 th Aug	10 th Aug	11 th Aug	12 th Aug	13 th Aug	14 th Aug
			Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	All Staff Mtg	School Tour	Alchemists' Play "Samson & Delilah" 1pm	
Week 4	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug	18 th Aug	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21 st Aug
		Light Keepers Class Meeting 6pm Light Keepers Classroom	Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy Book Week	Faculty Mtg School Tour	Mid-term Break		
Week 5	22 nd Aug	23 rd Aug	24 th Aug	25 th Aug	26 th Aug	27 th Aug	28 th Aug
	Mid-term Break		Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	Faculty Mtg EC with Primary	PAD Meeting 7.00-8.00pm		
Week 6	29 th Aug	30 th Aug	31 st Aug	1 st Sept	2 nd Sept	3 rd Sept	4 th Sept
			Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	Faculty Mtg EC all staff / Primary		PWS Open Day 9.00am-3.00pm.	
Week 7	5 th Sept	6 th Sept	7 th Sept	8 th Sept	9 th Sept	10 th Sept	11 th Sept
	Seniors Group		Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	All Staff Mtg			Spring Open Day
Week 8	12 th Sept	13 th Sept	14 th Sept	15 th Sept	16 th Sept	17 th Sept	18 th Sept
	Pupil Free Day		Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	Faculty Mtg EC / Primary School Tour	Class 2 Camp		
Week 9	19 th Sept	20 th Sept	21 st Sept	22 nd Sept	23 rd Sept	24 th Sept	25 th Sept
			Anthroposophical Study Group 6:30 – 8pm Gumnut Kindy	EC with Primary Spring Fest. Last day of Term 3.	STAFF PD DAY		Trek the Trail

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 23rd September – Monday 10th October.

Term 4 commences on Tues 11th October