



# Silver Leaves

News for the Silver Tree Steiner School  
Community

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**If a child is absent please ensure a note is delivered to the teacher or an email is sent to the school explaining the absence.**

### Term 3 Dates

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July – Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Sep

### Dental Van

Parkerville Primary School -  
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### Koorrdjenangins Parent Evening

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6.30pm

### Spring Festival ACACIA KINDY

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

### Spring Festival Early Childhood and Primary

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

### School Photos

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents,

Today marks the Spring Equinox and a time of renewed energy and change after the cold winter months. At Silver Tree we have been seeing signs of Spring for a few weeks after that lovely warmer weather we had, and we celebrate this changing season with our Spring Festivals (please read this edition of Silver Leaves for details about the festivals). I look forward to sharing this lovely Festival with you all as we make beautiful fresh flower garlands and enjoy the bush setting of our school.

Last Friday morning we were visited by Tracey Puckeridge, the CEO of Steiner Education Australia. Tracey shared her wisdom and experiences in how the Steiner Curriculum meets the needs of the developing child. Thank you to the parents who joined us in Gumnut kindy for Tracey's talk, and for the enthusiastically positive feedback after the talk. Tracey also spent time with the Silver Tree teachers and shared her knowledge about Steiner education in Australia and overseas. This Friday is a student free day at Silver Tree as the staff all join their colleagues from the four other WA Steiner Schools in a day of professional learning and collegial sharing at West Coast Steiner School. Having the opportunity to work with other Steiner teachers and leaders strengthens the work we do at Silver Tree and ensures that we are well-equipped to deliver a world-class education to each child in our school.

At the end of this week we commence the two week school holiday break. I wish each of you a restful and enjoyable holiday and a safe return to school for children on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Blessings,

Donna



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### Bank Details for Payment Bendigo

Bank BSB: 633 000

A/C #:137 169 512

### Donations to the Building Fund - Tax Deductible

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 000

A/C #: 140 071 069

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## CALENDAR OF THE SOUL

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From deep in my heart this world I love –  
The green, green hills and the mountains above,  
The sea so blue and the sunlight gold,  
And everything that I behold.

And I become stronger as I grow,  
For all of God's Angels are with me I know.  
Angels of water, fire, earth and air,  
Always stay by me. This is my prayer.



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## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

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### EARLY CHILDHOOD CHATTER

**LillyPilly and Gumnut Spring Festivals: Thursday 11.15am.** Please bring a morning tea for your family and any flowers or greenery you have for garlands. THANK YOU! Playgroup parents you are welcome to attend either Festival. We look forward to welcoming you all on what might be a showery day.

The very spring weather, hot one day and wet and windy the next, has played havoc with my garden and flowers. If it has done the same with yours then please just bring greenery for Thursday. The garlands will look just a beautiful.



The children are relishing the warmer weather. Shoes are replacing gumboots and occasionally short sleeves are warm enough again, for short periods in the middle of the day. They relish the opportunities they get to strip off a layer of two.

Jo's mulberry tree at home is also fruiting, and so the children are learning the ins and outs of eating mulberries politely without getting juice all over themselves and the beautiful place mats at morning tea. The first time mulberries were served there were lots of stains. The second, after a little chat and some advice on the 'polite' way to eat them, no stains on faces or place mats! Long may that last!

In Gumnut the teepee continues to be enjoyed and the lengths of material originally for the teepee have found a myriad other uses. Strips of material will forever more be on our list of baskets to have in kindy. They have become bird's wings, streamers, and markers and have been used to fix things that are broken both big and small.

Rainbow parents, Jo has not forgotten that you asked for another opportunity to see how the children are progressing with their sewing. Let's aim for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.45 p.m. The date will be confirmed first newsletter of next term. They really do look amazing.

In the meantime, enjoy the Spring Festivals and have a restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in term 4.

Paddy, Jo and Sheoaka



## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM cont...

### SPRING FESTIVALS - EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY

**We warmly invite all Primary School families to our Spring Festival.**

**The Gumnut and Lillypilly Early Childhood Festival will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am.**

**The festival has been planned so that parents who have children in Kindergarten can attend both events, with the Primary festival beginning just after the end of the Kindergarten festival. We ask that each child bring greenery and beautiful flowers to make garlands. We look forward to celebrating our festival with you and welcoming the spring!**

#### **Spring Festival Program of Events**

**12:35 –Story in Class 1 room**

**12:55 – Garland making**

**1:20 – Bushwalk**

**1:50 - Music performances by children outside on green area**

**2:15 - End of day verses by all classes - end of festival (end of term 3)**

**Please bring lots of flowers and a picnic morning tea for your family. Playgroup Families are welcome at any of the festivals.**



### LIGHT KEEPERS NEWS

Wow! What an experience for my first year at Book Week. It was so wonderful to share in the joyous spirit with all the children and 'big kids', embracing our colourful and quirky storybook characters.

The Lightkeepers let their lights shine even brighter, wearing beautiful and creative costumes including characters from 'The Faraway Tree', 'The Secret Garden', 'The Wizard of Oz' and many more wonderful stories. In fact, in our whole class, there was not one child with the same costume, which is a credit to all the hard work and creativity of our parent team that went into making the marvelous costumes this year.



The day's activities were highlighted by a weeding frenzy in gardening, discovering new adventures in the book exchange and a tricky magic carpet ride for our games session. The children worked around their costume limitations such as dragging dragon tails, high heel princess shoes, poky swords, hooks for hands and clanging saucepans, to triumphantly write, draw, weed and play with cheer; though some deciding that maybe it wouldn't be so fun to be a character 'all the time', eagerly shedding their more uncooperative adornments by the afternoon. Now we look forward to even more bruises, itchy skin, safety-pin pricks and sore, sweaty heads when we create many new wondrous costumes for our upcoming class play. Stay tuned!

Cassie Tanner, Friday Class Teacher



## KOORRDJENANGIN NEWS

### The Portable Seat

By Jensen Adams (Koorrdjenangin Class)

It all started when Jensen, Toby, Lennon, Tooi and Reign went on a bush walk with the class. We had all walked into a paddock, when Toby saw a very old bed head frame made from metal. Toby's friends came over to see what he had found and discovered it could be made into a 'portable seat'. On the way back to class, we were all talking about the idea of a portable seat and Jensen took it home and upgraded it. This photo shows how an old bed frame was transformed into a 'portable seat' with a wooden seat and umbrella. We love our invention!



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## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

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### PHOTO DAY

This year's School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** (first week back from school holidays) – make sure everyone's looking great!

Like last year, you **will not be required to pre-order your photos**. The photos will be made available to **order online in approximately 4-5 weeks after Photo Day**. At that time you will receive the information about the packages and pricing and also a special ordering code called a 'shoot key' for your child. This will allow you to go online, see your child's photo and place an order for the photos you want.

Lastly – **if you intend to order a 'Sibling Package'** (photos of your children together) **or a Kindy/Pre Primary Package** (a package containing two poses of your child plus a class group photo), **you will need to pre-register for this in the School Administration Office by simply adding your child to the lists available**. This does not mean you are committing to buy, it just ensures that the photographers will take the photo on the day.

### KINDY CARE - TERM 4

Our Kindy Care serves the families of the school community by offering a home-like environment for children after their day at Kindergarten. It is available to Kindy 4 and 5 children, if you are considering Kindy Care for term 4 please contact the registrar by emailing [welcome@silvertree.wa.edu.au](mailto:welcome@silvertree.wa.edu.au).

### LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Just a reminder to everyone to return any borrowed books before the end of school holidays.

### DARLINGTON DENTAL THERAPY MOBILE



As some families are aware the Australian Government has implemented the **Child Dental Benefit Scheme**. This entitles some families who receive a family tax benefit or hold Health Care cards to \$1000.00 for each child towards dental treatment. This money is valid for use over a two year period from its issue.

Our service is free of all cost, however we can claim portions of this money for the treatment we provide. The money we receive goes towards improving our service, facilities and our aging dental vans.

If you hold one of these letters please bring it along to your appointments and we can discuss the process further. Please note that there will be no exchange of money and all we require is a current Medicare card. Please also note that for all appointments at Parkerville Primary School please use the access road via **Windoo Road** for convenience. Thank you - The Dental Team

### KWOBIDAK MERENY BOODJA-K - a new name and more funding for our bush tucker garden.

Last year, parents designed and built a raised garden bed in the shape of the Wagyl. This project involved the selection of fallen branches and rocks and soil for construction, mulching, and planting bush tucker species as part of primary school gardening classes. Local endemic species of bush tucker plants that have nutritional, medicinal and/or cultural significance to aboriginal people were selected and interpretative signage describing the aboriginal name and use of each plant was commissioned.

Unfortunately due to extreme weather conditions over summer, many of our plants were lost. Luckily, GEM's was the successful recipient of another PALS grant of \$750 for 2014. This has meant we have been able to replant species we lost, and to plant 3 additional species and develop additional signage.

Significantly, we have also been able to design a new wooden sign for the garden. A local Noongar elder has named our bush tucker garden *Kwobidak Mereny Boodja-k*. This can be literally translated into "beautiful food from the earth". A beautiful name and exactly what we are aiming to achieve during our weekly gardening classes!

Special thanks go to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for funding this project once again, to Donna Bieundurry for facilitating the naming of the garden, to Ben Avery, Pete Ballard and Marijanna Smith for their help in building and carving the sign, to Charles Snelleksz-Mathelot for digging holes for the sign and planting the new plants with the students and to Steve Mossman for his donation of paint for the sign. If you missed the new sign at Open Day, take the opportunity this week to admire it!

Bronwyn Scallan (GEMC).

### EARTH GARDEN & ORGANIC GARDENING MAGAZINES

Thank you very much to Donna Bieundurry for her donation of Earth Garden and Organic Gardening magazines. These are available for loan or for browsing while you sup coffee at the shop. Please return them when you have finished reading them for others to enjoy.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

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Email Emma Ritchie your favourite recipes for publication in Silver Leaves at [emmymoore77@hotmail.com](mailto:emmymoore77@hotmail.com)

### KASIA'S 10 MINUTE ZUCCHINI FLAN DINNER

- 1 Zucchini (grated)
- 8 Eggs
- 1/2 Cup self-raising flour
- 1/2 Block of feta (more if you like feta)
- Corn off the cob
- Broccoli, in little florettes (optional)
- Splash of cream (optional)
- Grated cheese



Whisk eggs (add cream if you like), add flour and mix well. Add grated zucchini, crumbled feta, corn and broccoli. Pour into an oiled square baking dish (about 23cm), sprinkle with grated cheese, and bake at 180C for about 20-30 minutes, or until brown. Serve with rice and salad

## COURSES/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS

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### NOCTURNAL WOYLIE WALKS

Every Friday night from September to February

**Whiteman Park**

6pm start

[www.whitemanpark.com.au/events](http://www.whitemanpark.com.au/events)

### HOLIDAY WRITE-A-RAMA

Join us October 6, 7 and 9 for three days of writing fun at KSP Writers' Centre's School Holiday Write-a-Rama.

- **Being Yourself—and Writing the World** with author **Ken Spillman**. As well as being a prolific and talented writer, Ken is a popular speaker at schools and workshops and has spoken to an estimated 70,000 children around the world! We look forward to meeting Ken, learning from him, and challenging him with our writerly questions.
- We enjoyed **Brigid Lowry's** author talk so much in April, we have invited her back to lead a workshop which will combine **mindfulness** and **movement** with writing. **Groove Sense Write** will develop your creative side while you write from the senses and experiment with form. Exercise your body and your mind!
- On Tuesday we take the writing show on the road to **Whiteman Park**. At **Caversham Wildlife Park** experience life on a farm, stare into the eyes of an emu, cuddle a wombat, feed a kangaroo, write while being ignored by a koala. Ride a train around the 9900 acre park, then write about your real and imagined journey at the **Revolutions Transport Museum**. A visit to **The Lolly Stop** will end the day sweetly.
- Bring a plate of goodies to share at our closing **Afternoon Tea**, then share your writing at our **Literary Readings**, where you will listen to the work of your new literary friends.
- **Get published!** Help plan and put together a book featuring your own writing. We'll send you a copy to show your friends and family and to display proudly on your bookshelf.

**WHERE AND WHEN?** Katharine Susannah Prichard (KSP) Writers' Centre, 11 Old York Road, Greenmount, Monday October 6th and Thursday October 9th from 9:30 am to 4 pm, and Whiteman Park, Caversham on Tuesday 7th October from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm (drop off and pick up in front of Caversham Wildlife Park, carpool transport arranged if needed).

**HOW MUCH?** Only \$130 for KSP members and \$160 for non-members for the three days, plus \$25 excursion fee.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** You can download an enrolment and payment form from the website <http://kspf.iinet.net.au/youth.php> . For bookings contact KSP Writers' Centre on 9294 1872 or email [kspf@iinet.net.au](mailto:kspf@iinet.net.au)

Remember to join the Facebook page "Friends of the Silver Tree Steiner School"

## COURSES/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS cont...

### JUNIOR ART EXHIBITION - Darlington Arts Festival

Enter a maximum of two pieces per child in: mixed media, pottery, sculpture, textiles, photography, jewellery or artwork.

Entry forms and queries from [fun@buddingartists.com.au](mailto:fun@buddingartists.com.au).

Entries in by Friday 24th October

### CHILDRENS HOLIDAY POTTERY CLASSES



#### GUILDFORD VILLAGE POTTERS CLUB

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Project: Owls.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Project: Fairies and Wizards.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Project: Elephants.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Project: Ninja turtles.

The classes run from 9:30- 11:30 am, bring morning tea.

\$25 per child and includes clay and firing.

Phone Judy Nastov 92492362 or 0439 869 503 or email

[judess59@yahoo.com.au](mailto:judess59@yahoo.com.au)

### FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS WA

#### COURSE - How to Dramatise Your Story Through Narrative Structure

**Saturday 27th September 1.30-4.30pm - Mattie Furphy House**

Narrative structure is about choices, and about writing your novel, short story or script in scenes. These choices hinge not only upon the integration of the story and the plot (which are subtly different) and the voice and point of view of your characters, but also upon the sequence of the scenes; in other words, do you start your narrative at the beginning, the middle, or the end? Should you start even *after* the dénouement? The choices you make about your characters and your story's sequence, plus the way you conceive and develop your scenes, is the subject of this course. A well-organised and cohesive narrative structure need not be chronological nor follow any prescribed template. It is malleable, and so long as it is well integrated, can be unusual... even unique. Understanding narrative structure will give your work cohesion, logical progression and readability, while also conferring artistic form on the structure. Its effective use can also make the difference between your manuscripts being rejected or becoming a best seller.

Cost: \$45 (\$35 for members of a writing group) [www.fawwa.org.au](http://www.fawwa.org.au)

To Book: ring 9384 4771 or Email [fellowshipaustralianwriterswa@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipaustralianwriterswa@gmail.com)

### FROGFEST

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – 6.30pm to 8.00pm**

Hop on down and party with the frogs! Wind down at the end of the week with a sausage sizzle and let the kids indulge themselves in learning about the watery world of frogs in their own backyard.

Experience a light and sound show by frog experts followed by a spotlight adventurous NIGHT Stalk through the Herdsman Lake Swamp in search of our green friends and get up close and personal with some swampy critters at Creature Feature.



Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre – Cnr Selby & Flynn St, Wembley

Cost \$15/person (003yrs FREE) includes sausage sizzle.

BYO Torch, Warm Clothes/Shows jacket/gum boots

Bookings 9387 6079 or email [jenny@wagouldleague.com.au](mailto:jenny@wagouldleague.com.au)



## COURSES/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS cont...

PEACE DAY - 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

The biggest peace party on the planet!

# PEACE DAY

Perth

SEPT 21



Join the Celebration  
Special Peace Day video  
on the big screens

3-4pm at the Perth Cultural Centre  
(James Street Amphitheatre) and  
6-7pm at the Northbridge Piazza  
(cnr James and Lake Streets, Northbridge)

Sunday, Sept 21

Free event. All welcome.

WORDS OF PEACE  
wopg.org

tpri.org

PeaceCast.tv

Facebook:  
#peacewall

Join our Sept 21 all-day  
online event on  
wopg.org

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### SILKWORMS

Lots of lovely little Silkworms needing homes. Bring a container to Gumnut Kindy this week or contact Trudie 0400 361 351. We have plenty to share

### HOBBIT FURNITURE



## Hobbit

FURNITURE

- Experienced cabinet maker
- wooden decks & floors
- /joiner makes:
- timber staircases a speciality
- tables, beds, mirrors
- to discuss your project:

Call Pete on **9295 0231** or **0429 106026**

## Silver Tree Steiner School Calendar – Term 4, 2014

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Week 1	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
		Craft Group	School Photos	Faculty Meet	PAD Meeting 7.30pm			
Week 2	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
				Faculty Meet ECL Staff Meet	Class 5 Greek Olympics			
Week 3	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	
	Wayfarers Camp 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Craft Group		All Staff Meet.	School Tour	Darlington Arts Festival	Darlington Arts Festival	
Week 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
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Week 5	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
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Week 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
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Week 9	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	
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Week 10	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	
		Last Day of Term 4	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; color: red;"> <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>            Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Term 1 commences on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February         </div>					