

## For Whom the Bell Tolls

By John Donne

No man is an island,  
Entire of itself.  
Each is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.....  
Each man's death diminishes me,  
For I am involved in mankind.  
Therefore, send not to know  
For whom the bell tolls,  
It tolls for thee.

The Victorian bushfires have scarred us all, for as John Donne put it so long ago, "each (person's) death diminishes me". We are all the lesser for this cataclysm, and can only marvel at the resilience and fortitude of the survivors and rescue workers. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims, and we pray that the healing and rebuilding will be swift, effective and long-lasting. To rephrase the famous headline, "We are all Victorians".

Glenaeon will be holding a number of fund-raising activities for the bushfire victims relief appeal. Class 8's biscuit stall last Thursday raised \$455, and there will be car washing in the near future to add to the total. If you would like to contribute to our school's appeal please contact the office: cash, cheques and credit cards will be accepted at the front desk.



Over the next weeks there will be some big happenings on the Middle Cove campus. The bobcats have been busy down by the hall and under the direction of Yvette Sunset, environmental artist and garden builder from South Australia, our BioDynamic garden will be taking shape. You too can be a part of the construction. Evette would like some helpers to contribute to the big job ahead, and this weekend is the moment.

Starting around 10 am both Saturday and Sunday, we need as many workers as possible to shift soil, build terraces, lay paths etc, all the things that need to happen before the planting. You do not need to be a "gardener" of course, and what a great way to earn your CIP points for the term as well as being present at the creation. We hope the garden will become in time a real focal point for the school, reflecting our core value of living in harmony with Nature in a creative manner. It will be both an outdoor classroom as well as the "still point in a turning world" that every school needs. You can book in at < [sarahs@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarahs@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au) > or phone 9417 3193.

Dr David Ritchie will be speaking tonight about the emotional and medical impact of social networking sites on adolescents. Glenaeon is fortunate to have Dr Ritchie as our school doctor, visiting for a few days each term to work with students, parents and teachers. David is co-founder of Helios Integrative Medical Centre (formerly known as Novalis House) in Christchurch, NZ. David will be giving a evening talk on **Adolescence: Computers, Facebook, Myspace & other Pastimes! Tonight February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Hall foyer.**

Andrew Hill  
Collegiate Chair

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**Sarah Sandberg** joins us as Daily Operations Manager. Sarah has been a very active parent in the school community for 7 years and has sons in Classes 4 and 7. Her contributions to the school have been both via the P and F, and more recently as a member of the School Council. She has worked tirelessly for the school in many areas including playground refurbishments, building maintenance and construction. Her activities through the school over these years won her an Excellence Award from the NSW Parents Council in 2008. She is an architect by profession and in the past, successfully ran a practice with her husband Michael.

**Prue Ritchie** joins us as Class 1 teacher. Prue graduated from Parzival College and our own teacher training program, then completed her teaching qualification through the University of New England. She worked last year as Class 1 Assistant so she steps now into a very familiar role with her own Class 1.



**Nicholette Stewart** will also be assisting in Class 1 and with Craft at Castlecrag.

**Stephen Hill** joins us from Masada College where he was Head of Design and Technology for 18 years. Steven has also taught D and T at University level and is very able with a range of materials. One of his projects in the high school will be to oversee Year 10 building our first fleet of kayaks!



**Trish Donnelly** will be working with Sophie Forman in Class 7, as well as in Learning Support. Trish has a degree from UWS in Theatre and has been in Melbourne for the past two years completing the Rudolf Steiner Education Seminar course and a Dip Ed from La Trobe University.

**Jennifer Stone** will be assisting in Kindergarten. Jennifer is completing her teaching qualifications and is a parent in Class 2.



**Helen Bagworth** returns to the Preschool to take our two day group.

**Mary Heard** is Reception at Castlecrag, Mon-Wed and Friday.



## School Calendar

Important dates to remember

February/March 2009	EVENT
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 Parent Teacher Evening, 7.30pm - Castlecrag
10am on Sat-Sun, 21-22 February	Bio Dynamic Garden Working Bee
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 11 Guardian Meeting, 7.30pm – Middle Cove
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 12 Parent Teacher Meeting, 4pm-8pm – Middle Cove
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	ISD Basketball Championships
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Classes 3 & 8 Parent Teacher Meetings, 7.30pm – Middle Cove classrooms
<b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Student Photo Day, Middle Cove</b>
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 4 Parent Teacher Meeting, 7.30pm - Middle Cove
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 6 Camp
8 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 9 Camp
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 12 Mid-Course Exams

## Campus News

### ATTENTION ALL CLASS XII STUDENTS

Please note the date for your **MID-COURSE EXAMS** HAS CHANGED.

New dates are as follows:

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

*Emilie Pizzementi  
Malcolm Wilson*

### WANTED: LAWN CLIPPINGS and other free COMPOST MATERIALS

Large compost heaps will need to be constructed for the new educational gardens. We are having trouble sourcing a regular supply of lawn clippings. Can you help? Do you have a gardener, or do you see gardeners/lawn mowing men in your street? Perhaps you could ask them nicely about a regular drop off of lawn clippings at the school?

Do you ride horses/have access to stables? Regular loads of horse manure would be greatly appreciated also. There will be a drive-in area for drop-offs at the top of the gardens, near the demountable that is currently being used for eurythmy. If you can help please pop in to Class IV and see me, or leave a message at the office for either Sarah Sandberg or myself.

*Ruth Purves*

### HOST FAMILY NEEDED

Linn Malmgren in class XI would like to extend her stay at our school for another term. At present Linn is staying with her mother in North Sydney, but her mother returns to Sweden shortly. Linn is looking for a host family for Term 2. Are you willing to be her host family? If so please contact me on 9417 3193.

*Brigitte Tietge-Rollans  
Class XI guardian*

### STUDENT EXAMS - READERS/WRITERS NEEDED

Glenaeon is looking to build a list of parents who would be willing to act as writers and/or readers for students eligible for special exam provisions. Parents would need to be available during school hours and be prepared to work with students from other classes within the school. Exams take place throughout the school year and writers/scribes would be contacted on a on-call basis. Those parents willing to make themselves available will be given an introductory overview and are required to complete the "Working with Children" forms (available at the introductory session).

This is a great way to support others within our school community.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email [annetteb@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au](mailto:annetteb@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au) or leave a message with the Middle Cove office.

### Parent and Family Craft Group

Meet at the Uniting Church Hall, Charles St, 9 -12 Wednesday mornings. We have many projects planned. Idea's for creating toys, teen and adult items welcome.

Next Wednesday we start making Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and The Huntsman standing dolls.

Please come along to help with new parents for mentoring craft skills. Drop in anytime, children welcome.

If you wish to start you own group within your class or location please let us know. Inner West group commencing, contact Sarah at Gladesville Tel: 9802 2744.

Donations of any material welcome especially cotton, wool and wool jumpers. Tel 0419 225211

[hevtay54@hotmail.com](mailto:hevtay54@hotmail.com)

### SAVE THIS DATE.....

**Friday evening, March 20**

Term 1 Parents Dinner Dance with a difference....

Proudly brought to you by Year 9.

More details will follow next week.

Enquiries:[jacqui.landis@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jacqui.landis@optusnet.com.au)

### MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

As reported in last week's newsletter, if your child is interested in taking part in this please note that registration closing on **MONDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> February**.

Further details visit: [www.amt.edu.au](http://www.amt.edu.au)

### THE EDUCATION TAX REFUND – GET 50% BACK

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

### Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme

- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

### What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

- ⓘ Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

- ⓘ **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

➤ For more information:

- visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)
- phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

### LOST

Lost Red & Black Back Pack with Red Spots was left on Tuesday 17 February at the Middle Cove bus stop in Greenfield Avenue. If found please call Dannealle Hannam 9401 7775 or 0423 064 768.

## Noticeboard

The following section is a service to the School Community and does not necessarily represent the views of the school

Michael & Wendy Daere  
**RAVENTALES**

**VOYAGES OF WONDER**

...that carry you to other worlds...  
...that transport you to lands of endless dreaming...

vivid words and haunting song

Blue room [www.raventales.co.uk](http://www.raventales.co.uk)

**Kamaroi Steiner School**  
220, Forest Way, Belrose  
**Sat March 14th 7.30**

Tickets \$25, \$20 concession, \$12 students  
from Sherryl at Kamaroi 9450 1651, or email [joyeday@hotmail.com](mailto:joyeday@hotmail.com)  
suitable for adults and children 9+

Kamaroi is delighted to be hosting **RavenTales**, renowned storyteller duo from UK, for a **VOYAGES OF WONDER** adventure for families and friends of Kamaroi and Glenaeon school communities and beyond, to be held at Kamaroi on Saturday March 14th , 7.30pm.

The program is an opportunity for families with children of 9yrs and over, to spend an evening of entertainment together. Please see poster for further details elsewhere in newsletter.

This evening is a series of timeless Irish tales of travel which tell of the power of words to overcome great odds and the necessity of right action in a tight spot. Singing throughout is drawn from traditional melodies and is as integral to the telling as the sea is to a voyage or to the round world itself.

Joy Day

### RENTAL ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

My husband and I are looking for a new home somewhere close to any of the school campuses.

If you can help please call Jessica at the Children's Cottage Tel: 9412 4457

We would take great care of any property and can provide references if necessary

### SEEKING HOUSE TO RENT

Home to rent needed for family returning to finish high school at Glenaeon after 2 years at a Steiner school in England.

All offers very welcome! Please phone Aileen on 0731025861 or 447767672926.Or you can contact me at [aileenhennell@gmail.com](mailto:aileenhennell@gmail.com)