

That Well Rounded Mind, Now

The Importance of Creative Arts in Education

"The key learning area of the Arts is able to provide children with unique and multiple ways of exploring, forming, expressing, communicating and understanding their own and others' ideas and feelings. It provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to understand how the arts reflect and depict the diversity of our world, its cultures, traditions and belief systems. The procedures within the arts can contribute to the development of the potential of the whole child by providing children with the opportunity to:

- Develop the full variety of human intelligence
- Develop aesthetic awareness and perception
- Develop the ability for creative thought and action
- Develop an understanding of cultural change and differences
- Develop feeling and sensibility
- Develop physical and perceptual skills
- Explore values, and
- Achieve positive self-esteem

Did this statement come from an artist, or a Steiner educator intent on widening the field of education? No, it is a direct quote from a Senate report of the Australian Parliament on Arts Education, written in 1995.

("Arts Education Report by the Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts References Committee")

How thinking is changing! More recently the education debate has focused on the narrow measurement of "outcomes" and comparing school performance. As we quoted Sir Ken Robinson last term, the issues facing the world require some new thinking, some creative solutions that may not be the replications of old ideas. By focusing on the measurement of skill performance in narrow subject areas, and comparing schools, the debate is moved away from the broad education of creative human beings and the needs of the future.

In his music advocacy speech at the 1996 Grammy Awards, the actor Richard Dreyfuss said, "It is from creativity and imagination that the solutions to our political and social problems will come. We need that Well Rounded Mind, now. Without it, we will simply make more difficult the problems we face"

Parent Education at Castlecrag Campus:

August 18th: Elizabeth Chan: An Introduction to Eurythmy. Ever wondered what Eurythmy is? Come and learn about this unique movement form developed by Dr Rudolf Steiner for both educational settings and performance and be prepared to move!

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Liz Chan is a former student of Glenaeon who trained at the Eurythmeum in Stuttgart and now teaches Eurythmy through the high school.

Andrew Hill
Collegiate Chair

School Calendar

Important dates to remember

3-7 th August	Class 10 Camp
5 th August	P&F Class Parent Reps Meeting, Castlecrag, 7.30pm
6 th August	Major Projects – Oral Presentations
6 th August	'Meet the Music' Opera House, 6.30pm
10-24 th August	Class 12 Trials
10 th August	Castlecrag Forum
13 th August	Year 10 Excursion – Art Gallery NSW
14 th August	Class 5 Play – "The light of Isis and Osiris" 7pm Sylvia Brose Hall
17 th August	P&F General Meeting
17-18 th August	Year 10 Senior College Entry Interviews
19 th August	ISD Athletics Championships
20 th August	Kindergarten (C.Pearson) Parent Teacher Meeting, 7.30pm
21 st August	Carrousel Theatre German Puppet Show
24-25 th August	Year 10 Senior College Entry Interviews

Campus News



Farewell Fred, Hans & Nora!

With the first assembly of this term, we said a fond goodbye to Fred and Hans our German Social Year volunteers. Both Fred and Hans

assisted in many ways throughout their year at Glenaeon, but perhaps their most visible legacy is the various projects they undertook.

Fred was particularly skilful in woodwork and with some assistance from Hans has left us with 2 beautiful, sea-worthy canoes.



Fred was also involved in many other projects including building play-stands for the preschool, assisting Class X Design & Technology students to build the storage shed & kayaks and general woodwork and maintenance assistance.

Hans brought Circus skills back to Glenaeon. Over his volunteer year, Hans ran a variety of Circus programs including an afterschool

workshop, lunchtime workshops as well as in-class during Morning Circle in Class V & VI and during Highschool Eurythmy lessons. Hans also supported Kindergarten and Class Teachers in a variety of capacities.

Nora has been an invaluable member of the preschool community. Her support to both staff and children has made her a loved member of the preschool "family". Nora brought a positive and warm manner to her work and will be missed by all.

We would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the families who hosted the volunteers over the year. Nora has been with the Schmidt family (Suzanne is our Preschool Administrator). Fred stayed with the MacGregor family, Miller-Hill family and the Weldon family. Hans stayed with Tsie Ming (our Relief Kindergarten Teacher), the Chapman family and the Wells family. The generosity and willingness of these families to provide a welcoming and caring environment for both Fred and Hans has been a wonderful experience for all involved and enables our school to continue participating in this endeavour.

Welcome Florian & Ninja!

Florian Breuning is one of our new volunteers who arrived last Friday (31st July) and has been welcomed into the Chapman family.

Florian is a member of the Calibastra Circus from the Michael Bauer Waldorf School in Stuttgart. Florian has just participated in their annual performance which runs for two weeks under the Big Top. We are hoping that Florian will continue our Circus program with the assistance of Julian who arrives in early September.

Meanwhile we welcome Ninja Meyer to the preschool later this week and she will be living with the Dinesen family from the preschool.

Annette Brian

CLASS 5 PLAY



The Class 5 Play “*The Light of Isis and Osiris*” will be held:

WHEN: 14th August

TIME: 7.00pm

WHERE: Sylvia Brose Hall



Parent Education Program Term 3

Term 3: Tuesdays 9.15 am

August 18th Elizabeth Chan:

An Introduction to Eurythmy

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September 1 Annette Brian:

The First Seven Years: *Foundations for Living and Learning*

Annette is Learning Support Coordinator, an Extra Lesson practitioner and is completing a Masters degree in Educational Psychology

September 15th Neil Anderson:

The Power of Language and the Oral Tradition *Speech and Story Telling through the school*

Neil is a high school English teacher and trained in Speech and Drama

KAMAROI CULTURAL EVENING

Saturday, 15th August – 7.30pm

For bookings please contact Sherryl on 9450 1651.

For enquiries please email Joy joycday@hotmail.com

Fire, fire burning bright

Fire, fire warm tonight

*Stories rising from the flames with storytellers
Ebba Bodame and Jonathan Drew and musician
Christian Lillicrap.*

*Come to the table of imagination and indulge
wholeheartedly in a feast of stories from far away and
long ago, close to home and not yet born and let your
soul be nourished.*

*Where: Kamaroi Rudolf
Steiner School
220 Forest Way, Belrose*

*When: Saturday, August 15th
7:30 pm*

*Tickets: \$25 full,
\$20 Concession and
\$12 Students*

*Bookings: Sherryl at Kamaroi
02 9450-1651
Joyday via email -
joycday@hotmail.com*

This program adults only



DO YOU SPEAK PORTUGUESE?

Is there anyone in our community who speaks Portuguese and has the time and willingness to help a little boy to integrate into his preschool group?

This little boy loves going to preschool Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays but a little extra help would make all the difference.

If you feel you can volunteer some time please contact Jessica Horne-Kennedy, Glenaeon Preschool Director on 9412 4457.



PARENT EDUCATION

Term 3, 2009

Glenaeon and Kamaroi Rudolf Steiner Schools offer free (unless indicated) educational talks for parents, carers, and friends of children attending Glenaeon and Kamaroi Schools. The wider community is also welcome to attend, however persons attending from other schools are invited to make a donation at each session.

We are grateful to the Kamaroi Parents' and Friends' Association for generously funding this program for your benefit. For enquiries or suggestions for inclusions in our program, please email Joy Day joycday@hotmail.com. The program is also on our website www.kamaroi.nsw.edu.au

Saturday 8th August, 2:00 pm-4:30 pm at CASTLECRAIG GLENAEON Campus **Ebba Bodame workshop: Joys and Challenges of Being a Parent (for children age 3-7)**

Ebba will be looking at:

- * the child's place in the family
- * boundary setting
- * all about routine and rhythm in a busy household
- * the question of choices
- * my child does not listen
- * praise, consequences versus bribes and threats
- * my place as a sibling, rivalry, sharing, individual needs

There will be role play, discussion and work in groups

Cost \$30 Bookings essential Ring Ebba 9958-2571

Thursday 13th August, 7:30 pm at Kamaroi

Christo Miliotis: Health and Nutrition

- The Importance of going organic for our own health and the health of the planet
- Super foods – what they are – how we make them or source them
- Up to 80% of illnesses are related to diet
- The longevity diets around the world
- Which diet – vegan, vegetarian, low fat, low carb?
- The importance of knowing good fats from bad fats
- Why are fermented foods are so good for your health
- Followed by Q & A

Dr Miliotis lectures runs a short course on food and nutrition at Parsifal College and is involved with biodynamic farming.

Wednesday 19th August, 7:30 pm at Kamaroi

Bernadette English: Focus on Natural Approach to Whooping Cough in this next conscious parenting session.

Following last year's whooping cough epidemic Bernadette will discuss the care and treatment of whooping for the whole family and the use of homeopathic prophylaxis in the prevention and treatment of the disease and also the importance of our responsibility to the wider community when a disease like whooping cough becomes epidemic.

Bernadette will also explore the difference between using consequences and results in relation to teaching our children responsibility and empowering them and ourselves. She will also discuss the impact judgments can have on children's self-esteem and ways we can avoid this in our interactions with children.

Bernadette is a practicing homeopath for the past 13 years and works from home and the Harbord Homeopathic Children's Clinic. She is the mother of two boys aged 14 and 16 (happy ex-Kamaroi family.) She runs 'Inspired Parenting' courses with colleague Ann Manning.