



School for Rudolf Steiner Education  
Newsletter • Term 2 2017 • Week 06

## **BUILDING A BETTER PLAYGROUND**

When the Primary School buildings were designed, the two opposing curved forms of the buildings created a quiet and peaceful space where children could sit and have their lunch, chat with each other or just sit quietly in the landscape.

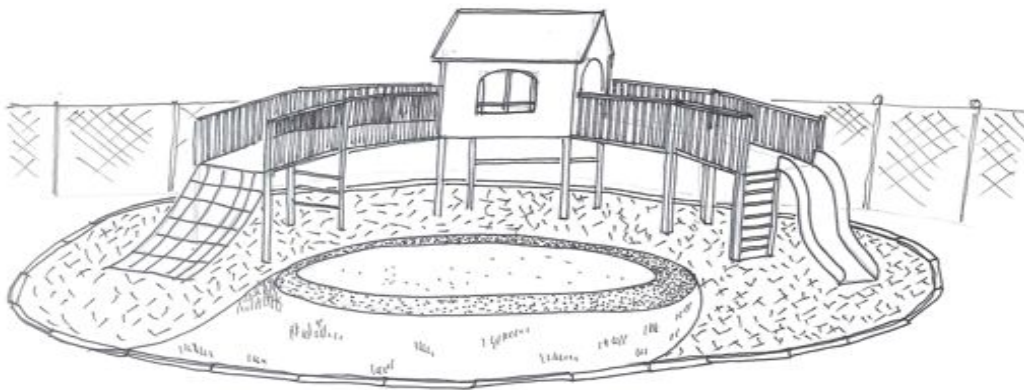
Over the years teachers and classes have landscaped, planted and contributed to this inner space, however games of chasing, cubby building, ball games and the like have paid a toll on the gardens, and the peacefulness.

We have discussed ways to bring a settled atmosphere back into the central Primary area, and obviously the climbing frame has been a great success in drawing the children's over abundant energy out of this area.

Further work is now continuing on another playground behind the Class 3-4 rooms which will incorporate a sand pit, elevated walkway and cubby, chain bridges, rope ladder and a slippery slide. This area is really focused for the children in Classes 2, 3 and 4.

The sandpit in the central Primary area, which is a large part of the problem, will be paved for lunch-area seating, to bring the tables away from in front of the classrooms. This will help open up access to the classrooms and will allow the whole area to flow much better.

The area at the end of the basketball court next to the trampoline will have several new vegetable and edible gardens installed, allowing the children to forage fresh organic food. These gardens will incorporate new vertical gardens, which are sustainable and productive. The gardens will also soften the space, and add to the general veneration and respect for the area.



*Artist impression of the play area. The whole area will be covered by a sun shade.*

## BUSH CLASSROOM

Another great idea that the College is discussing is the Bush Classroom. The concept of bush classrooms has been around for some time now.

The rationale for this classroom is to give the children an experience completely different than what they are used to.

### How will it work?

We will build a classroom down the back of our property, in the bush. The classroom will be very basic, somewhat like an early Australian home.

As much as possible we will construct the Cob flooring and walls, tin roof and so on.

Teachers can then take their classes down to the Bush Classroom for the whole day. All of their regular lessons would be conducted down in the classroom and their play would be in the bush.

Sleepovers and other events could happen in the Bush Classroom.

For the students, they would gain an historic perspective. They would experience first hand what it is like to be without electricity, gas and phone. They would develop resilience and care for the bush, come in direct contact with their environment in a real context, and have a lot of fun doing it.

We are very excited about this project, and will develop plans, start collecting ideas and begin work as soon as practicable. Leander (our resident builder) has already had a host of great ideas.

## RUBBISH AT SCHOOL

At school we have had a gradual campaign to reduce and deal with the rubbish that the children bring to school every day.

We all know that our lifestyle of consumerism and the throw away mentality that is so prevalent in our

society is toxic and unsustainable, and we would like to work more diligently in our education efforts for the children, students and the parents in instigating a 'no rubbish' plan.

This plan will come into full effect in 2018 with the removal of rubbish bins and the placement of vertical gardens (containing composting and worm facilities), extra composting stations for organic materials, and very specialised re-cycling containers. (More info about this will later).

If students bring food wrapped in plastic or other materials then they will be required to take it home with them. This will help develop a sense of responsibility and will try to change the throw away mentality.

Please support this initiative in the interests of our school, our environment, and our planet.

Kindest Regards  
Norman  
Head of School



*Kindergarten adventures 2015*

### Kindergarten verse

*Golden Sun shine your light  
Stream your golden glowing might  
Come and reach me with your warmth  
Fill my heart and make me strong  
Golden streamer take my hand  
Come and guide me through this land  
Show me how to care for all  
Earth, plants, animals and man.*

## SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

### EMAIL SECURITY WARNING

Dear Parents,

As email inboxes are increasingly subject to spams, scams and hacking, please note: Should the school bank account details ever change, you would be advised via 1) the newsletter and 2) direct post mail, that is, never by email.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

All parents should have received an invitation email from Stine for access to your child's photo gallery. If you have any queries, please email [stine@stinebaska.com](mailto:stine@stinebaska.com)

Please also note, as Stine is currently overseas, any orders placed now will not be delivered until the end of term.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD 2018 ~ NEW ENROLMENTS

Parents are requested to please submit Expression of Interest forms as soon as possible for younger siblings you would be looking to enrol into Early Childhood classes in 2018:

- PreSchool – Birth year 2014
- Little Kindy – Birth year 2013
- Kindergarten – Birth year 2012

Forms are available on the website under 'Enrolments', or at the office. Thank you.

### PARENT LIBRARY

Membership is \$20 (one-off payment). Visit on Fridays from 2.45-3.30pm in the Library or send enquiries to [melissahm@lorien.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melissahm@lorien.nsw.edu.au)

### MUSIC TEACHERS

For individual lessons to Classes 4 and up\*\*

*If your child would like to commence private tuition, please contact Barbara Webb to discuss options and costs.*

♪ <b>Barbara Webb</b>	violin	<b>0416 058 752</b>	<b>bwebbmusic@gmail.com</b>
♪ Kevin Adams	guitar, ukulele, drums	0405 482 310	bwebbmusic@gmail.com
♪ Timothy Teylan	saxophone & clarinet	0423 619 053	
♪ Harry Day	trumpet		
♪ Su Choung	piano	0430 130 451	su.choung@gmail.com
♪ Adrienne Alexander	flute	0423 514 412	adrienne@magicmirror.com.au
♪ Sabella Osborne	singing	0435 910 807	sabellavalerie@gmail.com

**'We have much to learn by studying nature  
and taking the time to tease out its secrets.'**

David Suzuki, Scientist & Environmentalist

## HIGH SCHOOL ~ VET Entertainment

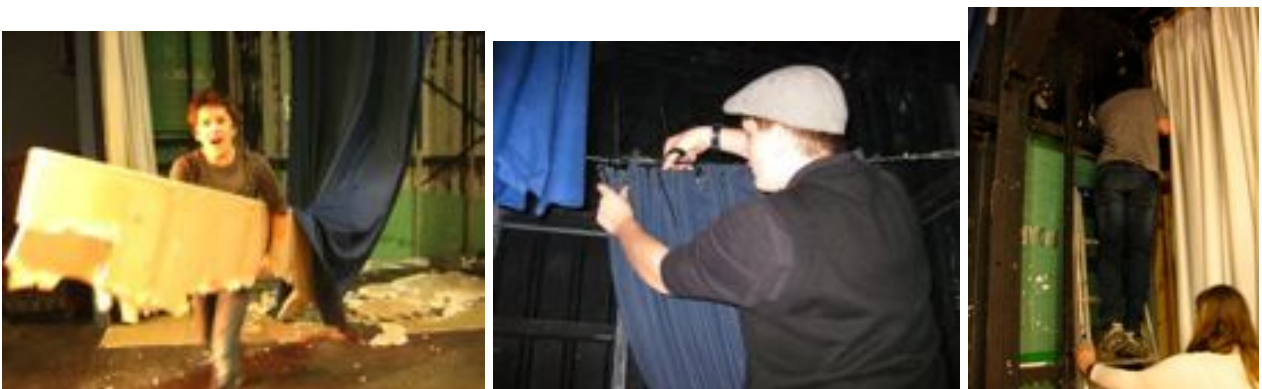
Under the guidance of Margaret, their coordinator, and Leander, our builder extraordinaire, VET Entertainment students have been re-installing the lower levels of the backstage walls in the school Performance Hall.



One of the competencies in the VET Entertainment course is 'Maintenance of Physical Element', which can apply to stage, sound, lighting etc, and requires both documentation and physical repair. The first task for students was to strip the old/damaged gyprock off the walls, which necessitated a lot of cleaning up!



All of the internal cables were checked, and humidity barrier sheeting was installed, before the new plywood covering was affixed. The last task was painting of the walls.



VET students have been working hard to complete this substantial task prior to the Class 9 play performance scheduled for the last week of term. There are plans to continue the refurbishment to the upper level backstage walls at a later date.

Thank you to the VET Entertainment team for their efforts!

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

On behalf of Sandra Tucker, school parent:

### Needing Donations – BLANKETS AND JACKETS by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

With chilli nights and winter fast approaching, some Blankets and Jackets are much needed for Sydney's homeless. Any blankets and jackets in good condition that you can spare would be great.

During the long weekend in June, a group of people are going down to Woolloomooloo, where many groups gather to support the homeless. Our aim is to hand out these donated items to help keep the homeless warm.



Please drop your donations in the box supplied out the front of the office by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!**

Many thanks ~ Sandra Tucker

(For further enquires I can be contacted on 0417 090 599)

### HANDMADE BEANIES FOR SALE

\$10 each



PreSchool have their annual fundraising venture in progress.

Look for their sale table each morning at the top of the hill...

### WANTED:

Donations of **100% PURE WOOL** would be appreciated by the Craft Group, and can be left at the office. Thank you!

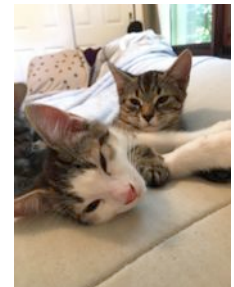
### Please help us find a home for Fudge...

Fudge (on the right in the photo) was born on school grounds and has been kindly cared for by Catherine and her family, but is ready now to find to find his fur-ever home.

Fudge is a gentle boy who has been around children.

He is wormed, micro-chipped and vaccinated, so \$100 to cover those costs would be appreciated if you can give him a home.

If you are interested in adopting Fudge, or you know someone who would like a feline friend, please contact Catherine on 0405 248 139.



# Parents & Friends Association

COMMUNITY • SUPPORT • FUNDRAISING

You can contact the P&F at any time  
by email: [pandf@lorien.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pandf@lorien.nsw.edu.au)

## P&F MEETINGS

7.30pm Novalis College Room

Mondays evenings:

Term 3 ~ 24<sup>th</sup> July

Term 4 ~ 16<sup>th</sup> October

**ALL WELCOME !**

## FACEBOOK GROUPS:

- Lorien Community: [www.facebook.com/groups/LNSCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LNSCommunity)
- Buy/Swap/Sell/Promote your Business:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/LNSSellSwapGiveAway/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LNSSellSwapGiveAway/)
- Lorien Novalis Alumni page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LNSAlumni/>

## MALLORN TREE P & F SHOP

Tuesday to Friday:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
Thursday & Friday:

## OPENING HOURS!

9.00 -10.00 am  
2.00 – 3.00 pm  
2.30 – 3.30 pm



## LORIEN FAIR 2017



**NEXT PLANNING MEETING:**  
**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 7.30pm**

If you can assist in ANY way please contact the P&F: [pandf@lorien.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pandf@lorien.nsw.edu.au)



OUR CRAFT GROUP ARE BUSY PREPARING WONDERFUL ITEMS TO SELL AT THE SCHOOL FAIR.

If you can help, **craft packs are available from the office** for you to complete at home.

Or feel free to **join the craft group** on any Friday 12.30-3pm in the Novalis College room.

All enquiries to [donna.sherman@bigpond.com](mailto:donna.sherman@bigpond.com)

## **2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

2017 School calendar/planners are available at the office

### **Term 2: Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Apr to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun (9wk term)**

1-2 Jun Class 4 overnight trip to Rainbows End  
21 Jun Class 9 Play (Shakespeare) 7pm (Performance Hall)  
22-23 Jun Winter Festival  
29-30 Jun Staff PD Days

### **Term 3: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jul to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep (10wk term)**

23-28 July Class 5 Snow Trip  
24 Jul P&F Meeting 7.30pm (Novalis College)  
26 Jul-6 Aug Senshu HS (Japan) cultural visit  
2 Sep Fair Day  
4-22 Sep Class 9 Trip (Central Australia) Dates TBC

### **Term 4: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec (9wk term)**

16 Oct P&F Meeting 7.30pm (Novalis College)  
30 Oct – 14 Nov Class 6 Trip (NW Island)  
11 Nov Market & Information Day  
19-24 Nov Class 10 Tall Ship Sailing trip  
25 Nov Major Works Presentations  
1 Dec PUPIL FREE DAY (for Open Day setup)  
2 Dec Open Day

## **2018 TERM DATES**

Term 1: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan to Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Apr (10wk term)  
Term 2: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Apr to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jun ( 9wk term)  
Term 3: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sep ( 9wk term)  
Term 4: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec (10wk term)

## **CLASS 7 ~ FRIDAY FUNDRAISER LUNCHES**

For Classes 2 & up..

**This week:**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$3**

**HOT CHOCOLATE \$2**

