Steiner News

MORNINGTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ STEINER NEWSLETTER
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Comes happy Spring, like a maiden fair,
Quickly breathing the odorous air,
With grass-green robes, and round her hair
Apple and almond blooms, with care
Twisted and twined in a circlet rare...
And wherever she passes, morn or night,
All the broad earth smiles a smile of delight.

"J.J. Britton (1832-1913), "Epithalamium"

(Artwork by WWW.LANAKARTEN.CH)
King Winter’s crown becomes Lady Spring’s primrose garland. Life is budding and blooming from the earth. Father Sun, Sister Rain, Brother Wind all do their part. Each seed child, sleeping in its being, is called softly to stretch and grow and glow in the light and warmth of this season.

In the Prep room there is great anticipation for Spring Festival. Our Maypole and folk dances we practice each week. We wriggle like worms, stomp like giants and stand on our toes reaching up to our starlight.

As we move towards the end of the year I begin to reflect on each child’s year and their readiness for Class One. This checklist helps to develop a whole picture of the child.

After the Steiner PD in Mansfield I now bring an element of Extra Lesson movement into our morning circle and I see the benefits of this. Spring is the time to look at what is growing or needing to be tended in the child. What are their needs social and individual?

Prep Early Spring Morning Circle.

Deep in the earth there is a stirring
Deep in the earth a yawn.
Deep in the earth there is a stretching,
a wriggle to see if its warm,
Deep in the earth there is a shoot,
deep in the earth a root
Deep in the earth a seed is bursting,
growing to reach the sun.

Wake up wake up all you little children
Sunlight sky bright spring is with us now
Gusty winds are blowing daffodils are growing,
Birds sing, bells ring, blossoms on the bough.
Piper piper, play your happy music.
Singing, dancing we will follow on.
Dancing through the daytime, lead us to the maypole,
Ding done, spring song, winters past and gone.

But........

Its supposed to be spring but spring has gone all shy,
That’s because King Winter doesn’t want to say goodbye,
Just as the daffodils begin to make a show,
Back comes King Winter with some icy winds that blow.

Blessings
Johanna and Polly

Our little garden strives so valiantly and our children love it so dearly but they do tug a tug at this and tug a tug at that and even after all of this love every Spring it bursts with flowers bright and happy long forgotten.

I looked out of the window and what do I see, popcorn popping on the apricot tree, Spring has brought me such a nice surprise popcorn popping right before my eyes.

I am determined this year to harvest fruit and going by the blossom on the trees it should be a bumper crop. I will net the trees and try and keep those pesky lorrikets away.

A load of soil has been delivered and spread by the Preps and ¾’s and now lies in wait for our Spring planting.

The ¾’s have been working hard and the garden beds are being tended.
Awesome Mum

Even if you think it’s dumb,
I’m telling you man, I love my Mum.

She’s kind and crazy and funny too,
If she tells you something that’s what she’ll do.

She gives me sweet hugs and kisses,
There isn’t much my Mum misses.

She’s a beautiful pink butterfly,
She makes me so happy I just want to sigh.

LOVE.

By Alex D (6)

The ABC of Racism

Anger needs to hide (‘cause)
Beauty is inside (and the)
Colour of our skin
Doesn’t mean anything.
Even violent behaviours
From different kinds of flavours,
God or colour of your skin
Hatred goes to the bin.

Imposing on people’s beliefs,
Judge me for who I am!
Keep my background out of the dam.

RESPECT!

By Kia D, Marnie H and India C (6)

Branching Out
(5/6S Class Rap)

We are skilful ninja’s with the word
We’re a group of tweens who wanna be heard
We’re considered, sensitive and purposefully loud
We’re passionate risk takers owning it proud.

We’re a mighty eucalypt growing strong
We’ve developed our values knowing right from wrong
Our branches are kindness, honesty and love
Hear our words rustling like the canopy above.

We’re secret agents of social change
Our hopes and ambitions are to rearrange
The environment, politics, arts and sport
To make the world better with conscious thought.

Words!
We warded off the winter winds with lots of creative writing, painting and busy craft this term. We began with our separate Main Lessons of Ancient Greece (Class 5) and Ancient Rome (Class 6). We met on the shores of Troy where the Greeks sought to take back Helen... the face that launched a thousand ships. After exploring the story of the Iliad together, the 5s journeyed with Odysseus as he attempted to return home, while the 6s journeyed with Aeneas as he escaped the besieged city of Troy and made his way to a new land. Here we met King Latium, Romulus and Remus, and discovered that unlike Athens, born from beauty and knowledge, Rome was born from might and bloodshed. Our paintings reflected this contrast with the exploration of the colour wheel and the use of complimentary and contrasting colours.

Joined by the inspirational Andrea we played with many forms of poetry, culminating in our fantastic ‘Poetry for Social Consciousness’ Presentation at the end of term. The quality of the individual pieces was stunning, calling for hope, tolerance and kindness (reflecting our school values).

In an attempt to call back Spring, we immersed ourselves in the study of Man and Plant. We explored the plant realm, linking it to the growth of the human being. We began with the birth of the shy, dependant mushrooms and ended with the vibrant, vivacious flowering teenagers! It is a fabulous main lesson to teach, allowing abundant artistic expressions with wet on wet painting, drawing and the use of aquarelle water colour pencils. We also enjoyed eating our way through the plant realm, tasting all kinds of different mushrooms, seaweed, seeds, flowers and grains!

Our chilly morning circles were kept active with yoga, skipping and dancing. Our Girls Soccer team performed brilliantly this term, as did the participants of the Kids Teaching Kids conference, the I Sea I Care ambassadors and the athletes at the Interschool Athletics Comp. This modern interpretation of the events will prepare us nicely for the Ancient Greek Olympics coming up in Term 4. Dressed as Ancient Greeks and joined by Zeus to officially open the Games, the Class 5s from Steiner Streams across Victoria will compete in the 100m dash, javelin, discus, standing jump and wrestling.

Term 4 promises to be a busy one. We will return to Ancient Greece and Rome, exploring the lifestyles and inventions that still shape us today. We will discover the Greek philosophers, mathematicians, astronomers and sculptors as well as the Roman Emperors and Gladiators... such opposing notions of beauty and brutality. We will study democracy and government, culminating in our class election. And we will prepare ourselves for the next phase. The 6s will write their speeches and prepare their staffs for the graduation ceremonies. The 5s will prepare themselves as leaders of our stream and school for 2016. It is a joyous merging of Main Lesson and everyday life as the 6s march on to conquer new lands while the 5s bring their knowledge and courage to lead their peers on to new possibilities of the future.

Lee and Jo
MPPS 2015 Twilight Fair.

Our Twilight Fair organisation is well on its way and it looks like its going to be another wonderful evening. Music, food, stalls, activities all to be shared with family and friends. Each class has their own stall and teachers will be soon calling on parents for help. Please give generously as it’s such a wonderful event. Our dedicated team of Twilight organisers are working away diligently and if you would like to come along to help in the run home we welcome everyone.

Mornington Park Primary School

Twilight Fair

20th November, 2015
3.30 - 6.30pm

Market Stalls ~ Children’s Activities ~ Music Performances
Art Gallery ~ Cake, Coffee, Chai ~ Lemon Sorbet ~ Arts & Craft
Plants & Produce ~ Wood Fired Pizza ~ Biodynamic Sausage Sizzle

Tours of Steiner and Mainstream Classrooms

Robertson Drive, Mornington (03) 5975 4011
http://morningtonpark.ps.vic.edu.au
Spring Craft - Candle Flowers


Do you know there is a Mornington Park Steiner Stream Parents Facebook page? Join us there for all sorts of community minded exchange and support.

Calendar of Events

October
16th ~ Working Bee 2 - 6pm
21st ~ ECOSS Excursion

November
3rd ~ Cup Day Holiday
12th ~ Amanaska Performance
18th ~ Collingwood Farm Excursion
20th ~ Twilight Fair

December
10th ~ Class 6 Graduation
15th ~ School Concert
16th ~ Steiner Celebration of Education
**Cinquains of 5/6S**

**Chloe.**
Awesome, cool.
Dancing, rolling, jumping.
Kills people with humour.
AFL.
Alfie O.

**Chlodog.**
Amelie W.
Funny, Quoi.
Talking, stalking, laughing.
Loves young Leonardo DiCaprio.
Weirdo.
Chloe C.

**Chloe C.**
Animals.
Mistreated, murdered.
Frolicking, living, loving.
Living their own lives.
“Savages.”
Matthew D.

**Footy.**
Rough, easy.
Kicking, hand-passing, celebrating.
Go the mighty blues!
AFL.

**Skating.**
Fun, exhilarating.
Jumping, spinning, flipping.
Makes me feel free.
McTwist.
Jack M.

**Amelie.**
Funny, Quoi.
Talking, stalking, laughing.
Loves young Leonardo DiCaprio.
Weirdo.
Chloe C.

**Poor.**
Sad, homeless.
Walking, asking, crying.
Nowhere to go.
Poverty.
Alex D.

**Racism**
Pathetic, wrong.
Bullying, demeaning, controlling.
This needs to end.
Hatred.
Indi C.

**War.**
Suffering, heart-broken.
Killing, slaughtering, dying.
Why do we kill?
Conflict.
Jemiah D-S.

**Skill.**
Soccer Player.
Running, kicking, winning.
As slick as Nick.
Swift.
Nick W.

**Animals.**
Mistreated, murdered.
Frolicking, living, loving.
Living their own lives.
“Savages.”
Matthew D.

**Grandma.**
Nice, kind.
Walking, talking, generous.
Makes me feel special.
Forgetful.
Connor O.

**Hunters.**
Immoral, sanctimonious.
Killing, mistreating, torturing.
“For everyone’s own good”
Savages.
Matthew D.
We warmly invite the community to join us for a stimulating and nourishing evening at any of our part-time short courses commencing next Wednesday 22nd April from 7.30-9.30 pm. You can read more about these short courses on our website: www.steinerseminar.com

Enjoy a social and artistic experience.
Deepen your knowledge.
For your own inner development.

The role of imagination in healthy child development.

Body, Soul and Spirit. Theosophy: Rudolf Steiner’s psychology of the human being.

Extended Painting and Drawing 2: Veil painting, plant observation, seasons.

Parent and Child playgroup vacancies available.

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Wurru-Wurru notices
* Craft group – 1st Tues each month, 7-9pm at Tash’s in Red Hill. BYO craft or purchase a small kit. Ph Tash on 0400 599112

* Playgroup leader – We are seeking an enthusiastic parent (or grandparent?) to lead our playgroup in 2016 at Red Hill, on Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30. Mentoring available during this year.
Please ph Nives on 0459 642 117 to discuss further.

NEWSLETTER SUPPORT
All assistance is greatly appreciated. It would be especially helpful if a parent would be able to collect and collate the upcoming dates for the next newsletter. Please contact Jules if you are able or would like more info.

Many thanks, julie@georgiepie.com.au
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