



Steiner Education – Core attributes

Goodness Beauty Truth Joy ...

... and Laughter

Pure laughter that bubbles up from the soul – triggered by something ridiculous. Never at the expense of another.

It may begin in the belly and flow mysteriously into the whole body. And for a little while it may reign there – as “uncontrollable laughter” until its work is done.

Harmonising work. A good massage on the inside. Somehow too, it draws people together, puts them at ease and oils conversation. It nourishes the sense of belonging.

Children need laughter in their lives. I’d dare to say that children need a little laughter each day.

For your March calendar...

Friday 24th March

Whole School Picnic 6 - 8pm

Saturday 25th March

School Tour 9.30am (spread the word!)

Sunday 26th March

The Basin Music Festival 11am

All students are invited to join Class 3/4 on stage!

More information soon

Monday 27th March - 7pm

Class 5/6 Teacher/Parent Meeting

+ CyberSafety follow up session
for Parents only (t.b.c.)

Friday 31st March

Class 2 Aquarium visit

Thursday 6th April

Easter Sharing from 9am

Last day of Term One

(normal finish times)

Mon 24th April

Inservice Day – no classes

Tues 25th April

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 26th April

First day of Term Two

Whilgai School

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Marcel Marceau, the French mime, devoted his life to laughter. Wherever he went he caused a golden shower of laughter to light up the hearts of people.

Children who are receiving a soul nourishing education will be good laugh-ers! They'll find – and they'll make – opportunities to laugh and to share laughter.

My class taught me much about laughter, and just about every week they demanded our very simple “laughter game” (try it as a family!)

One person is the laughter – maker. Someone gives the laughter-maker a theme, eg. “You are a blue woolly sheep with six legs, you are chasing rabbits!”

Everyone sits quietly and po-faced, and chants “we are the family serious, we do not laugh, we do not cry.” Hands are flat on the desk, they cannot be used to hide the face, eyes cannot be closed.

Then the blue sheep performs outrageously and strives to make the class laugh.

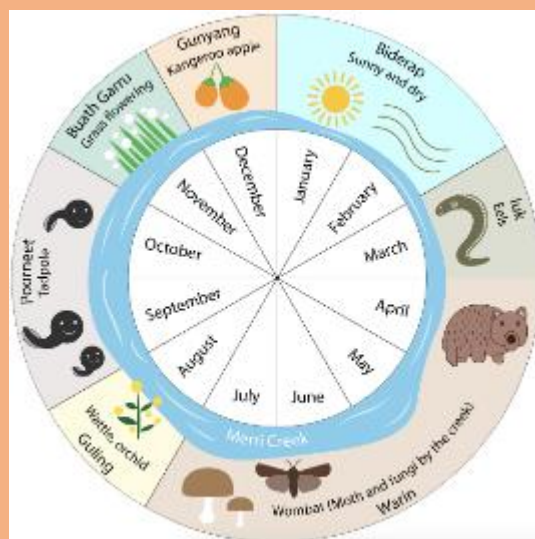
Just a smile – and you're out. Stand up!

To get the whole class engulfed in a wave of laughter is like a hole-in-one... was fabulous!

Happy laughing!

Warm wishes,

Ruth



March is Luk (Eel) – one of 7 Wurundjeri seasons

When the hot winds stop blowing and the temperatures cool, the manna gums flower and the days and nights become equal in length – it is Luk season.

In March, the Yarra River becomes muddier and the short-finned eels migrate downstream towards the sea. The eel is a vital part of society as a sacred, spiritual protector, and an important food source.

The importance of the eel to local communities is evident by the extensive fish-trapping systems in Budj Bim created by the Gunditjmara people. Hundreds of metres of excavated channels and hundreds of tonnes worth of basalt dam walls have covered the site for thousands of years to manage water flow from Lake Condah. Eel and fish traps (ie. small holding ponds) increased food availability (and trading currency) all year round for the Gunditjmara people.

As the eels migrate, Canopus, *Lo-an-tukka*, the second brightest star in the sky is seen at its highest position at due South.

Classroom news...

Playgroup:

We are blessed to be in the presence of little children exploring and discovering the world.

The Playroom comes alive with excited children as they greet each other and start to explore the play materials. Lots of pasting, drawing, and salt dough creations. Creative farm yards are built with blocks, silks, pine cones and shells. The animals are all very safe here.

The families have enjoyed a small wander together to "the castle" (oval) where they ride horses and gallop, fly hand kites and play throw and catch. We are also exploring our little garden space, finding the little treasures hidden in the garden beds. A lovely opportunity to be in the beautiful Ghilgai gardens. With Loving Kindness,
Suzi

Sessional/Founders:

The cooler mornings have inspired thoughts of the harvest...plump crisp apples collected in baskets, tall golden wheat blowing in the field - ground by the miller, mixed by the baker, kneaded and shaped into small loaves by our strong hands. The smell of warm bread is a delight!

Our stitches are becoming more refined and we have made beautiful bags, with twisty handles, to carry our treasures in. Treasured friendships are also blossoming as we play.

Brenna and Catherine

Class One:

In our stories, animals have frightened off robbers, a frog retrieved a golden ball from the deep pond, the sweet millet porridge flowed out into the street, and the little red hen ate the bread herself. Our bank of letters is growing and growing as we travel through these wonderful tales!

Louise



Warm Birthday
wishes (in March)
we send to...

Founders: Jaxan

Class Two: Ivan & Bella

Class Three: Lake

Class Four: Lachlan

Also... David & Lisa

Class Two:

Class 2 have been deep in our Maths Main Lesson Block, traveling to our 'chook shed' everyday after school to check how many eggs have been left by our chooks in their nests. Today there were 10 nests that had two eggs in each nest. How many eggs are there to collect? We have been doing lots of skip counting and groups of questions with our counters.

Susan

Class Three & Four:

Class 3 and 4 continue to hear of the adventures of Vainamoinen and the other Finnish heroes in the Kalevala, even though we have completed our Language Main Lesson. In this Main Lesson, the class explored their vocabulary, showing their ability to write with imagination and wonderful expression as they described what it must have been like to see the forging of the magic *Sampo*.

This week we have begun a new Maths Main Lesson. Class 3 are being introduced to vertical addition and subtraction, while Class 4 are learning to add and subtract with "renaming" (aka "carrying") numbers.

Finally, it is with great pleasure and delight that we welcome Solejai into our class this week. Welcome to Solejai and her family to our School Community!

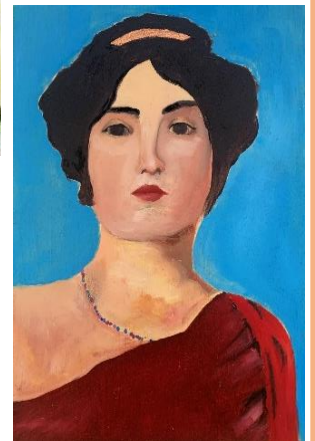
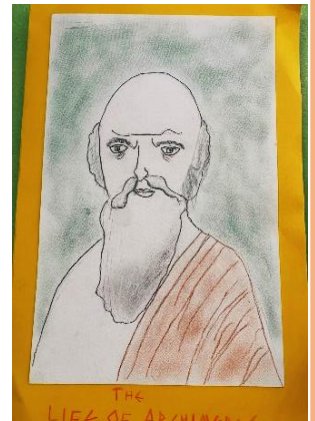
Paul

Class Five & Six:

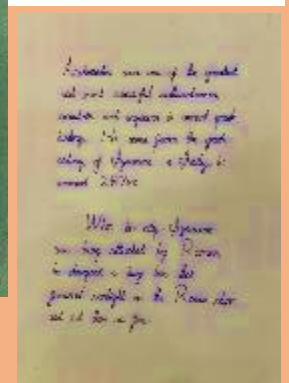
Class 5&6 students have left the ancient world behind... for now. we have turned our attention, as the ancient Greeks did, to the scientific study of our earth and its materials – geology. Over the next several weeks we will discover how the rocks we see all around us tell us a fascinating story about the history of our world and the slow, steady and relentless forces that have shaped it.

We are also enjoying practising for our next Play, and carefully learning new songs on the recorder – we are eagerly looking forward to discovering the alto and bass recorder too!

Jaime



Class 5/6 students have been writing biographies about famous Ancient Greeks. Here are some of the beautiful portraits that accompany their work!



Craft with Julie:

Class 3 & 4 We have had a lot of fun tie-dyeing our very useful class set of chairbags for Craft. We looked at the tie-dyeing techniques and loved the wondrous surprise when unveiling the work. It was a joy to see the richness and complexity of the patterns created.

Class 5 Our elephant herd continues to come into being. Careful work is being undertaken, sewing up the body, stuffing legs, and solving problems along the way.

Class 6 The children are using their crochet skills well to painstakingly build their doll's hair. As their hair develops it is wonderful to see the emergence of the character and personality of the doll to be.

Well done everyone!

Warm wishes, Julie



Expressions of interest

SEED group are actively seeking expressions of interest of participants for a Community Farmers and Makers Market. We are hoping to hold 2-3 markets this year. Just a small simple market for people to sell their extra homegrown produce or items that they have made themselves that fit the usual Ghilgai guidelines.

Do you grow your own produce? Are you a maker? Or do you know someone who does? We would love to hear from you or them.

Please send an email to Errin:
errinsmitka@gmail.com

Thank you, Sarah (Hannah – Class 1)

Coffee and Craft

Join Seed Group for craft and a coffee.

No experience needed.

Supplies and guidance provided.



The coffee is on us!

Wednesday 29th March from 9am

@ Suburban Wholefoods Café

Shop 11/114 Canterbury Rd, Kilsyth South

This week's craft: Little Lizards



Seed Group

Nicole: 0412 556 702

Stef: 0432 494 008

Seed Group



We invite family and friends to join us for...

Whole School Sharing

each Tuesday morning from 9am

Here we will sing together, share news, stories and celebrate birthdays.

Everyone is welcome!

Marketing

- Support please

We need to increase our enrolments and let more people know about our beautiful School.

- Do you have a suggestion?
- A strong digital presence is important – do you have any advice in that domain?

Please email Michelle
edadmin@ghilgai.com.au

Thank you

THE BASIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Paul and his Class 3/4 will perform at this popular Community event on

Sunday 26th March

at 11.10am

Students from all other classes are welcome to join them on stage, or show their support from the lawn...simply meet us by the stage area at 10.50am

Please do come along!

*Our Guitar Teacher, Adrian, and his band *The Flying Foxes*, will also be performing at 12.45pm - so stick around!

The Basin Triangle Park

Corner of Mountain Hwy and Forest Road, The Basin