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*A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living. (Rudolf Steiner)*

Hi Everyone 😊

True to ourselves, values and vision, we aim to create a nurturing, positive and virtuous place for all.

A stressful world-society, where children are bombarded with information - media messages – put down, look good/be thin, be smart/not smart etc is counter cultural to our message of goodness, beauty and truth that we look to create each day for the children of West Coast Steiner School Community. This can only best be realised together and extends beyond the school boundary for each of us, as life-giving witness through word and action, authentic to the spiritual soul of the school and our vision and values.

All Staff yesterday participated in a day of orientation on our processes, planning, Code of Conduct and education journey. This Friday Lisa Divine will present more to all staff on The Education Journey in a Steiner School. It is timely each year for all community members also, to visit or revisit the Parent Code of Conduct and Parent Handbook, on our school website, as noted below. Thank you.

**NB! Our West Coast Steiner School Welcome - Information Evening is being held tomorrow** (Thursday 31 January) **from 5.30pm to 7.00pm**; opportunity for all families, *new and not so new*, to gather as a Steiner School Community, to hear and share together our vision, values and general information. You are invited to bring a plate for a shared supper.

## Community Values

May we form a community that:

- Reflects the values of goodness, beauty and truth for our children, parents, and staff members
- Supports new members in their journey to understanding Anthroposophy
- Provides ongoing learning opportunities for parents and staff
- Appreciates and respects members' efforts and roles within the community
- Strives for balance through the sharing of roles and responsibilities
- Accepts and welcomes diversity of character, culture, and spirituality in each other

(WCSS Strategic Plan Appendix A: Values)

## Reminders

- 1. Return of 2019 Student Forms.** Thank you to everyone who has returned their 2019 student forms. Please can you attend to this if you have not yet done. We need this information to be prepared for accommodating the children as well as to comply with registration before your child(ren) commence. These forms and any others can also be brought to the Welcome Information Evening and passed directly to Julia our Communications and Marketing Officer or placed in a box provided.

2. **Parent Survey:** Our 2018 Parent Survey is closing. If you have not yet had time to complete it, please do so. It will take between 10 and 15 minutes. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LF6JJ89>
3. A **Busy Bee** will be held from 8am-1pm this **Saturday February 2**. Please come along and help with a general tidy up before school commences. Golden Threads will also be open from 10am-12pm specifically for the purchase of school supplies.
4. **Class Carer.** I will be checking in with the Class Teachers if/who the Class Carers will be for 2019. Once finalised, I will be in touch with the Class Carers to arrange a meeting on the wonderful ways they 'support the Class Teacher and Parents of their class.'
5. **Before/After School Duty of Care.** Staff duty of care covers the hours from 8.15am to 3.20pm. Any child(ren) onsite prior to or after those times would need to be with their Parent/Carer(s) in the Community Hub.
6. **Parent Handbook.** Please see our Parent Handbook on the school website for any general information with which you may not be familiar.
7. **Kiss 'n' Drive** volunteers are needed for the new school year. Giving 20 minutes or so of your time is a great way to accumulate FCH and ensure the safe operation of our Kiss 'n' Drive program. Email [marketing@wcss.wa.edu.au](mailto:marketing@wcss.wa.edu.au) with your preferred time/day.

### **Thank You**

Thank you again to the staff members and parents who so generously gave their time and expertise over the Christmas vacation period to the wonderful preparation for the school year - very much appreciated.

Cheers,  
Gerard

*Working from the indications of Rudolf Steiner, we strive to educate the whole being of each child in head, heart and hands. We envision this education set within a community guided by goodness, beauty and truth. Further, we seek to plant the seeds for our students to enter the changing world with purpose, as self-directed adults, with a lifelong love of learning, who are intellectually and spiritually free, socially responsible, and emotionally balanced. (WCSS Vision Statement)*