

# West Coast Steiner School (Thursday July 25, 2019)

*'A Life of Learning' – In thinking, clarity; in feeling, inwardness; in willing, perseverance.*

'He who binds to himself a joy  
Does the winged life destroy;  
But he who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in eternity's sun rise.'

-William Blake

## Dear Everyone

Welcome back. It has been a joy to see the children again, every day. Whilst we have moved well into our continued life of learning here at the school, I hope you enjoyed the precious time with family and friends over the term break.

A big thank you to the parents and staff who braved the elements at last Saturday's Busy Bee. Your dedication and work towards the preparation and presentation of our engaging school grounds, buildings and environment is greatly appreciated.

## Dates-Events

**Tuesday July 30:** Our Community Association (Parents & Friends) will meet at 8.45am in The Hub. All are welcome to attend.

**Sunday 4 August:** The WCSS Fathering Group are holding an indoor games morning in the Performance Room from 9.30am-11.30am. See noticeboards for more info.

**Saturday September 7:** Can you help with our Quiz Night on Saturday September 7, 4pm-8pm? There will be many ways to contribute in the coming weeks. At the moment WCSSCA are calling for donations of goods and/or services for prizes. Email [wcssca@wcss.wa.edu.au](mailto:wcssca@wcss.wa.edu.au).

**Friday September 13:** Greek Olympics

**Wednesday September 25:** Michaelmas Festival (held during school hours).

## Reminders

### Head Lice

Please check your children regularly for nits, particularly in the Early Childhood classes. Itchiness can take weeks to develop so vigilance is the best prevention. Head lice run from one head to another in seconds, they are not dangerous nor do they carry disease but they do require exclusion of the student from school until treatment has commenced and all live lice are removed. For more information on treatment and prevention:

[https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\\_1/Head-lice](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_1/Head-lice)

### After School

Please ensure your child(ren) is not on the school grounds after school. Thank you.

The exception to this is Tuesday Market Day. I would like to express a big thanks to the parents who have been helping supervise the children at that time. Please note parents still need to be responsible for the supervision of their child(ren) after school on the Tuesday Market Days.

### Jumper Swap/Clothing Swap

Jumper Swap continues at Market Day and has grown to include any good quality clothing items. As we move closer to warmer weather please feel free to donate any spare items for next season.

### **WA Steiner Schools' All Staff Day**

At the end of this term, West Coast Steiner School will host the WA Steiner Schools' All Staff Day. This will be an inspiring and informative day made up of all teachers and staff from Steiner Schools throughout Western Australia. We very much look forward to this wonderful day of input and reflection on practice. This will be inclusive of the Anthroposophical and Waldorf Journey presentations, artistic and cross-curricula activity; learnings which we will share with the whole community. Our key note speaker for this day is *Neil Boland* (see below).

- Neil Boland from Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand. Neil is an international speaker, and, amongst other things, an advisor to Steiner Education Australia and Advisor - Pedagogical Section, Goetheanum, Switzerland. <https://www.aut.ac.nz/profiles?id=nboland>.

### **Rudolf Steiner College**

Rudolf Steiner College has many courses on offer. Several staff and parents attended 'Journey of Becoming' in the holidays. Other courses include, Life Mapping, Play and Child Observation, the Four Temperaments and the Singing of the Soul through word and music. See classroom noticeboards or <https://www.rudolfsteinercollege.com.au>

### **Presentations at West Coast Steiner School**

Presentations at WCSS to date this year have included the below. If you have not attended any of the events, please know you are very welcome and encouraged to do so. The learning and related understanding is invaluable for the journey.

- \* Welcome and Orientation Evening
- The Curriculum Journey
- Circle of Security
- Warmth Talk
- \* Steiner Early Years Information Session

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Natasha whose last day teaching Kindy Rose was today, as she now begins further preparation in anticipation for her upcoming birth. We wish her joy and love for the sacred new life she brings into the world. Welcome back Daniela into the Kindy Rose Class for the Second Semester. We hope you enjoy the excitement and joy of the learning you provide in love for the children.

Thank you again everybody and best wishes for the learning journey onward.

Gerard

'In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in Winter enjoy.'

-William Blake