The winter season is upon us and we are preparing for our very special whole school celebration of Winter’s Night (the longest night and shortest day of the year). On Friday evening of the 24th June, we gather as a school community for a feast of light and music, colour and story, singing and celebration.

This Winter’s Night we will tell the story of three “nights” (without the k) who go reluctantly from the balmy land of good time – summertime, into the whipping wildness of Old Man Winter’s Night. Their knightly quest is to find three things in order to renew the sun forces of their community.

They must find the outer and inner sun, the peace of the land and the cheer of community. Along the way, the three nights are transformed from their despondent and weary ways, into noble and fair knights, through the musical mysteries of the Sun Woman, Grandmother Country and the people of the Big Warm Heart. Lantern makers, winter singers, instrumentalists and storytellers from across the school will come together to present this Winter Night’s feast in honour of the sun, the land and the people. All school families are warmly welcome to join us for a festive evening.

Lynn
Term 2: Tuesday 26th April – Friday 24th June

Week 7:
Week 8: Wednesday 15/6 afternoon – Lee Trew high school
   Wednesday 15/6 Lee Trew – parent/teacher talk and discussion 7pm
Saturday 18/6 Winter Magic, Dance and Rubbish Room

Week 9: Screen Free Week—Monday to Friday
   Friday 24/6 Winter’s Night
   Sat 25/6 Working bee 9am

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Bostes Inspection

Last Monday, two inspectors from Bostes visited for the on-site part of our Renewal of Registration as a school. As they toured the school, the inspectors were thoroughly warmed by the rich and creative learning environment evident from kindy to high school. They particularly commended us for the creative way we implement the Steiner philosophy while thoroughly addressing the Bostes outcomes. Also for our clear sense of vision, the collaborative approach, our organisation and thoroughness in teaching and administration. They will recommend the 5 years renewal of registration which is the full term.

Thank you for the hard work from everyone involved – from those who spruced up the school, to all on staff who are part of a creative and dedicated team that supports the flourishing learning community of Kindlehill.

Lee Trew – Talk For Parents Wednesday 15th June

This will be a talk not to be missed! It is of high relevance for parents of children from kindy to high school. Lee will address potent topics such as the importance of wild time in nature and our addictions to screens, through a bigger picture journey that will empower us in our decision making around our family lives.

Winter Magic Stall

John’s class are coordinating a Rubbish Room at the Winter Magic, they need a few more helpers…..please let Sally or Michelle know if you can help.

The high school dance troupe will be performing at the festival.

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Education Health Wellbeing of Children in the Wireless Age
Presentation by Dr Priyanka Bandara
Thursday, 9 June at 7pm—Entry $5

Blue Mountains Steiner School Library, 83 Clearview Parade, Hazelbrook
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL—Call 4758 6044 or email admin@bluemountainssteiner.nsw.edu.au

DR BANDARA WILL ANSWER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:
• Is the radiation emitted by mobile phones and W-Fi devices harmful to our health?
• How can you minimise exposure to RF-EMR? (radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation)
• How are radio frequency exposure levels set in Australia and are they based on outdated science?
• What is the electromagnetic nature of life on Earth and why do we need to be concerned about interference with basic biological functions?
• Does too much technology hamper student learning?
• The evening will conclude with a Q&A.

DR PRIYANKA BANDARA, Health Researcher, former academic clinical research/molecular biologist, Advisor to Environmental Health Trust USA and Doctors for Safer Schools.
PhD holds undergraduate and post graduate degrees from UNSW in biochemistry and molecular genetics where she also did post-doctoral research in molecular pharmacology. She then pursued academic clinical research at Westmead and RPA hospitals through USyd Medicine. Her current interest is in the cytotoxic effects of various environmental pollutants.
Save the Date—“Let’s Talk Growing Up”

A Mother/Daughter weekend for girls 9 to 12 years old and their mums being held in Leura on the 19-20-21 August 2016.
Schedule: Friday 19th August 2016 – mums only – 7pm to 9pm
Saturday 20th August 2016 – mums and daughters – 10 to 4pm
Sunday 21st August 2016 – mums and daughters – 9am to 3pm
Vicky Puig – 0427 160 961 – vicky@livinghands.com.au
Cost: Early bird $299 (must be paid in full by the 19th of July 2016)
Full price: $349

Screen Free Week

In week 9, the lead up to our Winter Night, we invite families to participate in a SCREEN FREE WEEK.

This is not about prohibiting or demonizing technology; it is an opportunity to take fresh stock of its use and impact on our family lives – to consciously place social warmth at the centre of family life.
To replace the computer game and social media network, with the old fashioned (but never outdated) board or card game, and sharing of real time together.

Family activities such as shared reading aloud of a story (a favorite of mine), games, conversation, a craft activity, cooking, even catching up on a few shared chores......walks after school, scooters and bikes, leaf collecting for mulch.....

This week as adults, we can place reverence and gratitude for the “spirit of childhood” at the centre of our family lives with celebration and participation as key elements. We can also extend this consciousness beyond one’s own family to include the valuing of childhood in all circumstances near and far which may well be the true spirit of peace and reconciliation in our world.

Gardens

Have you seen the new bush plantings along the kitchen wall and out in the carpark? Plants for weaving and for attracting bees. Thank you to the family from Kindy who generously donated the plants and to Sean, S’haila and high school students who have done much of the planting.

I have two violins for sale

Both have been set up by Adele, the violin maker in Blackheath
1/2 size for $280
3/4 size for $170
Please call Sue 0406342239

Craft Group

Did you have a chance to visit the craft stall at the Autumn Fair? A big thank you to Sally and Kim and their team of regulars, who meet throughout the year on Friday mornings, to make beautiful hand made with love craft. The craft raises funds to support school resources but is also a fantastic way of promoting the ethos and creativity of our school.
At each craft stall, there is always something different that has been made, as they bring their creative magic to support the profiled themes of the school.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

What’s in the Walls? - Tuesday 5/7 – Thursday 7/7 (10am – 3pm)
@ Kindlehill
$150 for 3 days – earlybird and sibling discounts available
What if there was another world inside the walls of your house? Who might live there? And do they want to get out? Join us for this fabulous devising and improvisation workshop that will culminate in a performance for family and friends. (6-10 years)
The Werewolf Knight - Monday11/7 – Friday 15/7 (10am – 3pm)
@ Kindlehill
$250 for 5 days – earlybird and sibling discounts available
A medieval castle in the forest, a knight with a secret, a sorcerer with an ulterior motive and a young woman searching for the truth. Extend your character development, script analysis and performance skills in this immersive workshop that will finish with a performance for family and friends. (10-15 years)

TERM 3 CLASSES

Tuesday 3:00pm-4:00pm* Year 1 & 2
Thursday 3:00pm-4:00pm* Year 3 & 4
Thursday 4:10pm – 5:40pm Years 7-10
Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm Year 5 & 6
hello@bluemountainstowardswela.com.au   georgia 0419 287 478

Notices...

Terms...
Japanese Students Visit Kindlehill

Over the past few years, we have hosted visits from students from Japan. This has been a wonderful cultural exchange within the school community and really deepens our Japanese language programme. This August we have the opportunity to host 6 students from Japan and a teacher within the homes of school families. The students come to school during the week and spend time with families on the weekend. PLEASE INDICATE ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST STUDENTS. See information below.

Wanted:
Families to host Japanese students 31st July – 7th August 2016
Students are aged 16-17 years & speak some English.
What you need to provide: a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine) 3 meals a day daily transport to/from Kindlehill School

Families are paid $50 per night per student for hosting.
Students attend school on week days & enjoy family life with you on the weekend.
Please let Kirsty in the office know if you can host students.

Greens needed for Green Compost Bin
This week please bring all your greens (grass clippings, green food scrap etc) to help kick start our Annual Autumn Compost.
Place your greens in the Green lidded compost bin in the middle of the carpark.
Also needed is cow/ chicken or horse manure!!

Congratulations Iman and Craig
Congratulations to Kasper’s family! Mama Iman gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last week. We surround you with love and blessings at this very special time in your family.

Shared cleaning resources - Costly commercial vacuum cleaner
Please take care of our shared resources. Do not throw the vacuum or use it when the bag is full; put it back neatly, do not tug on the cord. It costs $500 every time we need to replace the vacuum, and also results in more appliances in landfill when we need it replaced.

Winter’s Night Choir
Come and join the Adult winter’s night choir. We are singing 3 songs. First rehearsal Wednesday night 7-8pm in Bullaburra.
Winter’s night is the last Friday evening of term, in 3 weeks. Please contact Shaila shaila@kindlehill.nsw.edu.au

Kindlehill Sings at the Highcourt ACT
Last weekend, my friends and I went to Canberra to sing with Rachel. It sounded amazing!! my favourite song was ‘Across the Universe’. There were so many parts and solos… I found it hard to change. S’haila will still continue Tuesday kid choir until winter’s night. Mischa Mara Kling
I really love singing. I really loved singing in Canberra and I can’t wait till the next one. Cornelius Appel
A sweet singing group from Kindlehill (parents, primary and high school students and past students) joined over 120 other singers in a High Court concert called ‘Heaven and Earth and somewhere in between’. It was quite an incredible weekend with rehearsing for the first time together on Saturday and then performing to an audience of 400 in the high vaulted space of the Court. The music was uplifting, joyous, hopeful and just plain beautiful! Thankyou to all the parents and families that supported this adventure - may there be many more. S’haila

Kindlehill Choir: S'haila, Lylapearl, Lemuel, Cornelius, Sue, Stella, Vicky, Kai, Nissa, Tara, Sofia, Matias, Indigo, Niah, Maya, Maia, Meike, Mischa, Sage

Bus Drivers
If you are interested in getting a bus license and assisting when we need to drive the bus, please contact the office. If you hold a license to drive the bus, please let us know, and make sure the office has a copy of your most recent license.