

### Knit One, Brew One

Wednesday nights, 7 - 9pm, Pippita's Classroom Come along and learn to knit or crochet or just bring your own project to work on. Bring all your own supplies, ie needles, hooks and wool. Tea, patterns, encouragement and warmth all supplied for free. Contact Susan 0414 255 761 or just turn up.

### After School Care

We have six sessions weekly for only \$25 per session: Monday to Thursday 2:45pm-5:45pm; Friday 12:00pm - 2:45pm; Friday 2:45pm - 5:45pm. There are Child Care Rebates applied to eligible families. Please email [care@kindlehill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:care@kindlehill.nsw.edu.au) or contact the office for an enrolment form. After an initial play and run around, the group gather for a nourishing afternoon tea (scones, apple crumble, homemade dips and crackers, fruit). Usually there is more outdoor play, and as the weather cools there is plenty of craft, reading, and drawing in the cosy library.

If you came along and felt inspired by Lee Trew's talk last month, you will be interested in this workshop:

### Rapport Base Relating – Child Whispering Workshop

Facilitated by Lee Trew and Gina Chick Bondi - 5-7 August 2016

For more information or to book: <http://www.wildheart.life/rapport-based-relating.html>

### Two-Day Silent Walking Yatra

The ancient Sanskrit word 'Yatra' means pilgrimage or spiritual journey.

Join us for a unique Yatra, deep into the unique Blue Mountains wilderness.

Combining the primordial rhythms of walking with the reflective power of silence, meditation, and dialogue around the campfire, our Yatra provides a fully immersive journey creating a space for the mind and body to align - breathing new life back into the soul.

**Date: 6-7 August 2016**

**Where: Upper Blue Mountains**

**Cost: Donation only**

**For more info see: Philip (Fergus's Dad Class 2) or**

**Gary (Alina's Dad Class 3) [www.awakentothewild.com.au](http://www.awakentothewild.com.au)**

### Let's Talk Growing Up

Only 1 spot left for this wonderful event! Mother/Daughter weekend for girls going into puberty

Leura 19-21 August 2016 For more information please contact Vicky Puig - 0427 160 961 - [vicky@livinghands.com.au](mailto:vicky@livinghands.com.au)

### End of Science week go visit...

Indigenous Science Experience @ Redfern Family Science Fun Day

<http://www.scienceweek.net.au/indigenous-science-experience-redfern-family-science-fun-day-2/>



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### AROUND THE CLASSES

Kindy begins the term with stories of finding treasures in the landscapes of our lives. Class ½ explore the imaginations that lie in the landscape of our mid mountains environment as well as the history and culture of place. Class ¾ delve into an artistic exploration of Ancient Egypt and what it can meet in the unfolding life of the 9/10 year old. Class 5/6 spend their first week at the Snow, followed by a lesson on The Dragon of the Pacific, experiencing something of the "otherness" of the Asian cultures. In high school, year 7/8 work with Romeo and Juliet and a study of contact and colonisation, comparing the Americas and Australia. Year 9/10 finalise preparations for their upcoming community service trip to Vanuatu, and they study Changing Rights and Freedoms comparing the civil rights movement in the United States with that in Australia which was kicked off by the Freedom Rides. Science in high school this term is human physiology in year 7/8 and the physics of transport and communication in year 9/10. In music, class 9/10 place finishing touches on film edits while 7/8 launch into Indian music.



### WELCOME TO OUR JAPANESE STUDENTS

A very warm welcome to our Japanese students who arrived yesterday. Also to their teacher, Mr Nishida.

This week 6 families in the school host students visiting from Japan. We will have opportunities for sharing through the week.

**THURSDAY AT 11am**, we will have a **PEACE CEREMONY** where we will have a brief but beautiful commemoration of Hiroshima Day. This will be followed by a taste of Japanese food. Children still need to bring their own lunch. We need to parents to help with the barbecue and preparation of food on Thursday, please let Lynn know if you can help. Thank you to our host families for supporting this cultural exchange week and making our visitors feel welcome.

*Lynn*

Term 3...

**Term 3: Monday 18/7 – Friday 23/9**

- Week 3: 31/7 – 7/8 Japanese student visit and cultural day on Thursday 4/8
- Week 4: 6/8 - 15/8 year 9/10 Vanuatu
- Week 5: 13-21 National Science Week  
Tues 16/8 Parents/Grandparent's for science! day
- Week 6: Tue/Wed Transition to year 6/7 orientation for parents
- Week 7: Wed 31/8 Talk for parents –Bringing up children in a hyper sexualized society.
- Week 8:
- Week 9: Fri 18/9: working bee pre open day:  
**SAT 17/9 SPRING OPEN DAY and Spring Celebration**
- Week 10: Wed 21/9 Spring celebration – EURYTHMY PERFORMANCES and International Day of Peace -  
Fri 23/9 Teacher meeting at Glenaeon school  
Sat 24/9 Working bee – silk sewing bee

**Walk in Wednesdays**

The children have walked to school on Walk in Wednesdays for many years now. It has always been an enjoyable experience for children and teachers, even on blustery days. The teachers place high value on this activity.

The resistance that some parents experience from their children gives some indication of how much our children are accustomed to being driven everywhere: all the more reason to do it.

All of the Primary classes start Wednesdays at the Lake( Pirate Ship) and walk to school. Children are dropped off to supervising teachers between 8.20 and 8.40 (John's class 8.20-8.30).

**Please don't drop children at School on Wednesdays.**

If your child has to be dropped at school, please make arrangements beforehand with your child's Class Teacher, and on the day, formally pass your child to Jess who will be supervising on the Primary Front Veranda. The formal handover is necessary so that Jess knows who she is supervising.

Children coming from the train will also walk to the Teachers at the Lake.

**The teachers are grateful for your parental support.**

**Science Day Tuesday 18<sup>TH</sup> August – 8:45 – 12pm**

Our line up of scientists is coming together, if you would like to offer a presentation, please let Kirsty in kindly or the office know. Presenters will be treated to a yummy lunch and many grateful smiles from children. This is a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to the wide variety of scientific endeavours in the world around us from experts in the field.

**Jade Tree Friendship Day - 11 am Thursday 4<sup>TH</sup> August**

Together with our visiting students from Japan, we will celebrate and commemorate in good neighbourly relationship, and in the reflection of the coming Hiroshima Day.

SHAKUHACHI welcome with Bronwyn, Hanako and Maya.

\* Songs: "Bokura wa minna.." by Kindy, 1/2 &3/4

"Tsubasa o kudasai" by 3/4 to HS

"Hiroshimano aru sekaide" by 5/6 to HS

\* Tea ceremony presented by YEAR 7/8

\* ¾ - perform 3 short movements

\* HS Tanka in the theme of Bridge (=friendship, Unity).

\* Japanese visitors' contribution

Master of Ceremonies – Sayoko. The Ceremony is to be followed by a taste of Japanese food prepared by students in 7/8. (Students will still need to bring their own lunch).

**Open Day 2016**

OPEN Day will be held on Saturday 17th September. The school will be in the full swing of Spring and the children will be eager to show you their work. It is an opportunity for you and for prospective families to see the children's lesson books, artistic work, singing and performing. It is a chance to look at children's work in all the classes... so you can see the sorts of things your child will be learning in later years. With our theme of Neighbourliness we have worked very consciously with the students in cultivating a sense of what it is to be a good neighbour, at school, at home and in the world. Come share in the Sweet Waters of Open Day. Make sure you invite friends and families along. Class 3 and 4 will be co-ordinating the day, their last FAIR/OPEN DAY before passing the baton to S'haila's class next year. Your class co-ordinator will be in contact with you as to how you can help on the day.

**Lovely Library**

During the holiday break our library was given some much needed attention. We have ordered new furniture including handmade hardwood shelves that will help create a cosy book reading environment. S'haila, Pippita and Amy are developing a book sorting system that encourages readers but will also make it easier to find the book you want. Classes have been introduced to the new look library and we now have Library Lunch every Wednesday. Children can spend their lunch break reading and perusing books. We have noticed an increased enthusiasm for reading in all the classes. Watch this space for our **HOLIDAY BOOK READING CHALLENGE!**



**National Plant a Tree Day**

We are having our 'National Plant a tree Day' this Wednesday with tree plantings for bees, pruning our fruiting trees, weeding, feeding and seeding in our gardens and planting a Friendship tree with our Japanese visitors. Thank you to the Blue Mountains City Council, teachers and Parents for donations of time, skills, seeds and seedlings. It will be a wonderful day.