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There is only one happiness in life, to love and to be loved….

*George Sand*

(Amandine Aurore Lucie Dupin)

(1804 - 1876)

Corroboree

Please note that parents are welcome to attend to watch their own children.

Laundry

The Lane family is responsible for laundry on 12 April 2013 and the Lee family on 19 April 2013. Please collect from La Casa D’Oro on Friday at pick-up time.

School Car Park

The school car park is to be used by staff and parents with permits. Please do not use it for drop offs for older children. If you have a baby and require a permit please enquire at the office.
From the Principal

The end of term one draws near and it seemed to pass by in a blink. This term was a very special term for me as I had an opportunity to speak to every family about the vision for our school. I was delighted with the opportunity to share with all of you the journey of the past 15 years and to paint a picture of where we are going in the next 5 years. Thank you to all those parents that have come forward with innovative ideas for fundraising, for those that are able to initialize some introductions to possible benefactors and to all of you for your support and commitment to the future of our school.

Coffee Shop at Beehive – The Bean Hive

Thanks to the generosity of Vahid Torabi we are opening ‘The Bean Hive’ the school’s new Coffee Shop in the Hall commencing Tuesday 7th May opening between 8.00am and 9.15am. The coffee shop is to cater for adults only and we will offer delicious coffee and a range of teas. Our opening special on that day is a coffee or tea for a gold coin. The coffee shop will be open every morning for your convenience. All profits will be directed to the community’s efforts for our Capital Gifting Program. A gala opening is planned for Friday 10th May and we will be entertained by one of the school bands. Look forward to seeing you there.

We need to employ a Barista, this could be a wonderful job for a student, if you know of anyone please let us know. We would like to roster parents to assist this person, this would be part of your working bee job. If you would like to be on this roster, once a term, or once a month, or whenever you are available please contact Jacqui@beehive.wa.edu.au to register your interest.

Have a lovely break, I hope the weather stays tranquil for your holiday activities, have a wonderful rest and I will see you next term.

From the Teachers

La Casa del Giardino

Term 1 has brought with it many new beginnings this year for La Casa del Giardino. My arrival was greeted with so many eager, happy faces and it is a delight to work with the children in Giardino each day. I have been overwhelmed by the strong sense of community here at Beehive and feel very lucky to have joined such a beautiful school.

During Term 1 the children were delighted to follow four Monarch caterpillars through their journey from caterpillar to chrysalis, finally emerging and drying off their beautiful butterfly wings. The specimens were watched constantly for any little change and each stage of the life cycle was celebrated and wondered at. It was with a tinge of sadness that we released the final butterfly out into the world, hoping it would spend its short life happily seeking food and a mate so that the cycle could begin all over again.

The sleepover was definitely a highlight and a ‘first’ for Cameron, Mia and myself! It was lovely to see the excitement in their faces and how the experience bonded them with the other children who will be moving to Middle Primary at a similar time.

We were also lucky to have Lucila and Isabel’s new baby brother to visit our class. Thank you so much to their mother Jess for bringing baby Santiago in, and for such a lovely presentation describing how the baby lived and grew inside his mother via the umbilical cord and placenta. I’m sure their visit will be remembered fondly for a long time to come.

And finally, it was with much anticipation that we looked forward to Lucy’s visit with her new baby boy, Dylan Max Clarkson Fletcher. The children were so excited when they heard that he had been born. Congratulations, Lucy! We are so happy to have met your precious bundle of joy!

Cathy and Suzanne
La Casa Contenta

Term 1 was yet again another productive term with so much cooperative learning and peer teaching. It is always such a delight to watch the children construct their different personalities through work.

We welcomed three new children this term.

We are proud to say that two of our very good role models will be transitioning to middle primary next term. As usual, they played a major role in helping the new ones settle into the environment. We are so honoured and blessed to have been a part of their lives.

They had a blast at the sleepover, and we always look forward to their visits from time to time.

Our corroboree item this term was based on caring for the Ocean. We were Seahorses at the last Fremantle Festival and we used this as an opportunity to talk about some facts the children had learned about Seahorses, during their preparation for the festival. We used the seahorse as a point of contact with all the many wonderful creatures living in our oceans and we pleaded with all to commit to taking care of the oceans. It featured a song titled “Song for the Ocean” by Kristen Hoffman. According to Kristen Hoffman, “We are all connected by the oceans. Our everyday actions affect the world in which we live and all creatures sharing our planet”. She wrote “Song for the Ocean” so that, through singing, we can all raise our awareness and get involved in creating positive environmental change.

Our virtues this term were assertiveness and courage and what we tried to convey to the children can best be summed up in the following quotes:

“Does thou reckon thyself a puny form, when within thee the universe is folded?” – Imam Ali

“When once you have taken the impossible into your calculations, its possibilities become practically limitless!” – Saki

We would like to say “Thank You” to all the parents in the room once again for taking care of the laundry, supplying fruits and flowers and even for your compliments and positive comments and feedback. We sincerely appreciate all the support you give to the children and the adults in the room. Thank you so much for your love and care. We wish you a happy, restful and safe holiday.

Lydia & Geraldine

La Casa del Nord

This term we welcomed Finlay Grapes, Mabel McTernan, Polly Price, Rosie Canaris and Brandon Garlett Perkins into our classroom, all have settled into the group.

Ruby, Ethan Jasmine and Paige will be moving into Middle Primary at the end of this term. We wish them all the very best in their new classrooms.

Many thanks to Fleur Schell and Alex Hams for contributing their time and talents to the class. Fleur did clay work with the children, making beautiful fine imprints of leaf shapes.

Alex Hams spoke to the children about keeping our waterways clean, and the importance of placing rubbish into bins, also how people need to be aware of overuse of garden fertilizers and they could use more natural ways to care for our environment.

The Sleepover was very successful; the children had a great time.

For Our Corroboree item the children did a play about “The River”.
We would like to thank everyone who helped in the class during the term. Have a wonderful holiday.
Christine and Annmarie

La Casa dei Fiori
This term has been a very full and exciting term in La Casa dei Fiori. We have welcomed Amelia Bailey into the class and at the end of term we farewelled Flynn, Alby and Avery as they transition into Middle Primary.
This term we have been talking about both nourishing and empty food and linked this to a visit from Fraser, Alby and Orson’s uncle. Fraser is a farmer and came with some samples of grains and pictures of the farm. Then Sally helped us to use the wheat from Fraser’s farm to make some lovely, nourishing bread to share!

Fraser showing us the wheat

We have also had a sleepover for the older children, a very exciting time for them as they begin their journey toward Middle Primary. The children are dropped off at school in the morning with their bags and bedding and then spend the day and evening at school before being collected after school the following day. Children from all four Junior Primary classes help each other to set up their beds, eat dinner together and boogie the night away on the dance floor! It is lovely to see the camaraderie that develops through helping each other out at the sleepover.

And there is still more! We visited SCITECH to explore science and physics. We had free time to explore the exhibitions and discover lots of things that move and spin, and then we saw a puppet show about why an emu can’t fly. It was a wonderful trip and the children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is great for them to be able to experience things that we discuss in the classroom in a new way. A huge thank you to the parents/helpers who came with us – Rob, Amand, Petina, Sam and Corinna – we couldn’t have done it without you.

A huge thank you also to the parents who have come into the classroom this term to help us learn about different cultures and food – Sally and Fraser, Inessa, Michele, Tomoko and Chris, Tori, and Annelise. And another huge thank you to everyone who has assisted the classroom in other important ways this term such as completing working bee jobs, bringing food for the rabbits and all of your support.
I would also like to thank Riris for her hard work in the classroom over the past few years and wish her all the best for the future; and Lily and Lauren for their valuable assistance in the classroom.
Enjoy the holidays and see you next term
Ellen

TERM DATES 2013
Term 2
Teachers Return
Monday 6th May
Students Return
Tuesday 7th May
End of Term
Friday 5th July

La Casa della Gioia
What a beautiful term it has been!! After the big job of packing up our old classroom and being surrounded by boxes and shelves we have metamorphosed into a wonderful space.

Moving from the core of the building to the southern end seemed to be a mammoth task but thanks to all of the children and fellow staff members, everything fell into place and the learning areas evolved out of an empty shell. It didn’t take long before the comforts of home were added and a peaceful, flowing classroom was realised.

We are enjoying the view to the piazza and the glimpses of Maria Montessori (in bronze statue form), the morning sun and the extra space to spread our wings. It feels as if we have been here forever.

The children adopted their new environment immediately and set to work with a new sense of purpose. Many of
their comments reflected an appreciation of the space and natural beauty. They enjoy the clearly defined subject areas where they can be surrounded by materials for biology, geography, math, geometry etc. and then research or manipulate the materials to their heart’s content. The diversity of areas allows them to be uninterrupted when pursuing longer tasks and we have had a fair share of creative science experiments happening in the west wing!! We introduced a new aviary into our space this term. Our four new budgerigars are called: Sunny, Peppermint, Stormy and Sky. Their names were voted upon and are a reflection of their colours. We have a nice time observing and caring for them.

At present we are in awe of our Monarch butterflies reaching their final stage of their lifecycle. It is exhilarating watching them set free in our garden. It has sparked a flurry of interest in other animals and their lifecycles and grounds us to the wonders of nature.

One group have been studying food-webs and the producers and consumers of the ecosystems. Even though we live in an urban landscape the children realised that the Beehive is located in a unique position incorporating a more rural ecosystem with our snakes, rabbits mice and hovering hawks.

Another group of children have been studying the timeline of Life and relating their findings to the evolution of plants on Earth. Now when they discover algae growing in the fish tank it causes great excitement and interest! The children are enjoying the Italian culture lessons with Daniela and one of their favourites was being introduced to the classical composer Vivaldi and his work, “The Four Seasons.” This led to a study of season names in Italian and phrases connected with the weather. The Italian song that the children learnt about a table being made by a tree and a flower and a seed etc. sharpened their Italian understanding and pronunciation and promoted the language with great joy and gusto. It would have made a native Italian proud.

Each of the children have grown in all aspects this term and we have been delighted to see their individual personalities blossom. Our youngest group seem much older now and they demonstrate independent work choices and commitment to a task. The older members have risen to the challenging position of being responsible role models for their peers. We have paved a way for a new cohort of “Gioia” recruits. Next term we welcome: Madison, Alec, Paige, Ruby, Jasmine, Avery, Cameron and Alby. They have enjoyed their visits and we are looking forward to an exciting new Middle Primary adventure with them.

Thank you to all of our parents who have maintained our cooking roster and Robina (our class Beeliner) for your communication and assistance. We extend a special thanks to Colin and Emmeline who hosted the Parent evening in March at their lovely home.

We wish all of the Beehive families a safe and healthy autumn break. See you next term!

Anthea and Lea

La Casa della Luce
This term La Casa della Luce has been a hive of activity. We had the excursion to Sculpture by the sea which everyone enjoyed, and big thanks to our class artist Alessandra Rossi for the private tour, as well as attending parent helpers. Camp kicked off in week 8 and was a great success. The flying fox, mini golf and boomerang making were highlights.

In Biology, our eldest children have been studying the five kingdoms, while others have been learning about the internal parts of vertebrates, culminating in a fish dissection. In Botany our youngest class members have been examining the parts of the plant.
other groups have been studying the timeline of life.

Our youngest students have been looking at time in calendars and creating timelines of their own lives. In Geography students created their own land forms and labelled parts of the mountain. Children have enjoyed their maths lessons with Rhonda, looking at division with the test tubes, 4 digit subtractions with the golden beads, working with the large bead frames and in depth study of fractions. Students have also embarked upon word study exercises, sentence analysis and studying adjectives for grammar.

Students are enjoying the diversity of subjects being presented and are busy creating fabulous work in response to this.

Have a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone fit and healthy next term.

Bronwyn & Renata

La Casa del Cuore

The children have worked on language, maths and cultural studies with great enthusiasm and have progressed significantly. They have also learnt art skills as they did marble printing and weaving to make their Easter cards and baskets. This was also an opportunity to work on protective behaviours as we discussed safe secrets.

Our virtues program helped develop awareness that everyone is different and we need to respect everyone as they are. The children chose to demonstrate what they learnt in their corroboree performance.

The highlight of this term was our camp to Fairbridge Village. The children thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the experience, right from leaving on the big bus, to returning to warm loving hugs from their parents.

They have commented on some of their favourite things about camp:
Being all together, being with friends in the night.
Food – we got something different every day, there was dessert every night.
Seeing animals- there were peacocks, kangaroos, rabbits, hawks, and owls.
Flying fox- it was exciting, like bungee jumping.

The village tour- seeing how children shared a dormitory (we are lucky we don’t sleep in that way), the chapel, and the cottages.
Games with torches - invented by the children.
Easter egg hunt - we got chocolate!
Lindsey’s wedding celebration - we liked blowing bubbles and singing.

This term we welcomed Jemma Desforges and Lydia Budrikis into our class they have settled in well. We would also like to congratulate Alana Sivacolundhu as she moves into Upper Primary next term.

We would like to thank all the parents who have helped in the class, Donna Darbin-Pullen for being our new Beeliner, Richard and Fleur for hosting our parent evening, Angelica McGoldrick, Carmen LaCava, and Yppres Drew who helped with cooking and Katie for doing the class laundry.

We hope you have a safe and restful holiday,

Maria and Lindsey

La Casa del Mare and La Casa della Pace

The students of La Casa del Mare and Pace have adjusted very quickly to their new classrooms. The opportunity to work in both classrooms has had a positive effect on social interaction. It has been beneficial to students from both environments and new connections and friendships have been made.
They have all been engaged in their studies and have produced magnificent pieces of work to reflect their knowledge. The year 6 students have embarked on projects concerning ancient history and have worked in collaboration with each other to create great projects. They then presented, in an oral format, to their peers. In another area of culture they have studied varieties of fruit and have painted canvases depicting various succulent fruits.

The year five students have explored early man and have expanded their knowledge of Australopithecus, Homo habilis, Neanderthal and Homosapiens. They have completed comprehension cards regarding this subject and have developed an appreciation of the contributions that humans have made over many thousands of years. The students used research skills to complement the comparative study of the classes of animals. Bronwyn’s dissection of a fish and further exploration of its internal organs fascinated the children. We would like to thank Roshi Kamyab for donating her time and skills to the dissection of a lamb’s heart, the students gained an incredible insight to the function of the heart from this hands-on experience. An excursion to the Armadale Reptile Park has been arranged to enhance the children’s observation skills. The year four students have worked scientifically in botany covering concepts such as transpiration, hydrotropism and the extraction of chlorophyll as well as other experiments. They enjoyed creating volcanoes and learning about the composition of the earth.

Constable Care visited our classes for a presentation on the appropriate and inappropriate use of the internet and with the focus on cyber bullying and internet safety.

We wish you all a safe and restful holiday! We look forward to seeing you in Term 2 for another productive term.

La Casa del Mare and Pace Kath, Sam, Vera and Greg

La Casa della Terra
2013 has begun with much excitement and adventure for the Adolescent Programme. In Humanities we have been studying Ancient India and we have all been captivated by the rich and colourful history of this amazing country. Students created individual timelines of the 4 major eras, highlighting significant events and inventions dating back to the Indus Valley civilisation 2600BCE. In our study of Government and social structure students wrote a research report on the Indian Caste System and created a social pyramid outlining the role of each Caste. The students also investigated the 3 major religions in India and examined the similarities and differences between Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism. In Geography lessons the students compared maps of both Ancient and Modern India and worked both individually and in small groups to memorise and label geographical features. Students also spent time working on their referencing skills and had a lesson on how to write a biography, this lesson culminated in some fascinating work detailing the lives of Chandragupta Maurya and his grandson Ashoka.

In Occupations students have been studying meteorology and the complexities of global weather systems. Some of the topics covered were: the chemistry of the atmosphere, the protection the atmosphere provides for us, climate change and global warming, ocean currents, seasons and climatic zones. Along with these major topics we also cover weather basics such as temperature, winds, cloud cover, precipitation, pressure systems and humidity.

The student’s personal projects this term in both Occupations and Humanities provided an eclectic mix of subject matter and made for a lively classroom environment as information was shared, discussed and analysed. The end of unit presentations highlighted, not only the students understanding of their chosen topic, but also, the diverse talents of our students, from short films and animations to dramatic performances and power point presentations, everyone was able to share their knowledge in a unique and interesting way.
Our English classes this term have seen students undertake a study of poetry, language conventions and an in depth study of the novel *Playing Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park. In poetry classes students spent time analysing a wide range of famous poems, from Sonnets to Hip Hop and also wrote their own anthology of poetry. In language convention classes we worked on our editing skills, with a particular focus on spelling, punctuation, different writing styles and figurative language. In our study of *Playing Beatie Bow* students focused on themes, setting, plot, character and our weekly book seminars were lively and entertaining.

Math this term has included a variety of new approaches, in which students are able to work both individually and in small groups to consolidate their learning, adhering to the national curriculum, whilst still enabling choice and lessons designed for individual learning styles.

In Physical expression students have been attending X-Training sessions with a personal trainer and despite some aches and pains, it is often referred to as a highlight of the week.

Recycled art for Creative Expression has resulted in some beautiful creations. Individually designed Recycled cutlery wall art, hand sewn recycled carpet rugs and ‘trash to treasure’ wind chimes have all been created by our students from a range of donated materials and Op-Shop findings.

Add to this our community work, Rehearsals for our class production of Aesop’s Fables, our work on the new bee site, wood work with Dave, our excursion to see Hamlet performed by WAAPA, our music and media classes, our trip to Tasmania and our fundraising projects; it has, by all accounts been a productive and successful term in the Adolescent Programme.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to the new adventures Term 2 will bring. Jessica, Brendan, Susan and LCDT

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