

## School Council Newsletter

### Autumn Edition

Squirrel Nutkin has a coat of brown,  
Quite the loveliest in Woodland Town,  
Two bright eyes look round to see,  
Where the sweetest nuts maybe.

Squirrel Nutkin in his coat of brown,  
Scampers up the tree and down.  
Dashing here and swinging there,  
Leaping lightly through the air.

All the live long day he plays,  
In the leafy woodland ways,  
But at night when squirrels rest,  
In their cosy treetop nest,  
Bushy tail curled round his head,  
Squirrel Nutkin goes off to bed.



### *A New Start*

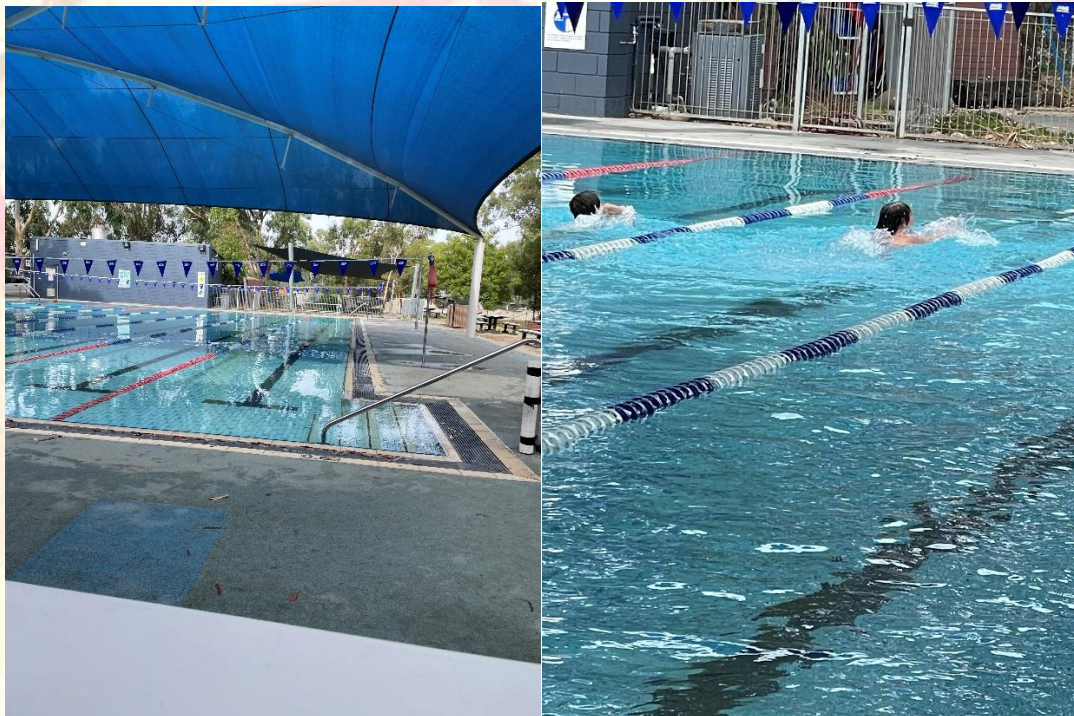
We started this year with some mixed emotions, on the one hand we bid farewell to Rowan Kayll, our principal and are filled with gratitude for all his hard work and commitment to our school for the past four years. Rowan has left our school in a very strong position, we have a new strategic plan in place, our school review last year largely reflects growth, and our enrolments keep improving each year! We will miss you Rowan and wish you all the very best in your new adventures!

On the other hand, we welcome Bridy Fitzpatrick as our acting Principal, a decision which has been much appreciated by our school community! Bridy has been a strong support to our children as well as staff. We are very optimistic about our school's future in her hands!

### *What an exciting Term!*

Moving out of two years of lockdown and disruptions to our school years, we have most certainly made the most of this term! Swimming carnival, Cross country, Fun dress up days, Assemblies on the deck, School Camp for grade 5/6 and to end it all an Autumn Soiree! Although the campers came back with more than they hoped for, the virus did not dampen their spirit as we saw once again how beautifully our school community supported each other. Thank you for your kindness!

Here are some photos from our Swimming carnival:







On Monday evening we had our first Autumn Soiree in two years, it was very special and attended by many in our community. Children were very proud to showcase their talents along with their teachers Michelle John and Matt Sheers. It was a beautiful evening ending with supper prepared by Betty, Janet along with some lovely parent members. Special thanks to our teachers for bringing it all together.

All proceeds from the ticket sales go back into the music programme so thank you for supporting. We are hoping to organise a soiree every term, if you are able to help organise then please contact Michelle Mcbean in the office.

Here is a glimpse of the evening:







### *A look inside our school*

Have you looked inside our school recently? Our hallways are filled with beautiful student works from all classes, its so lovely to see these displays. We are all so proud of our students and teachers who weave their magic every day at school! Here are some photos of these beautiful spaces:





### *Multipurpose Room Upgrade*

School Council is very pleased to inform that works on our Multipurpose Room upgrade are well and truly in progress! Finally, after the delay due to Covid restrictions, the builders are allowed on the grounds and start working. We cannot wait to be able to use our newly upgraded Multipurpose room for assemblies, performances and much more! Watch this space for more updates!



### *Working Bee*

We had our first and a much-needed Working Bee of this term, the grounds are looking so beautiful! Thanks to all the wonderful parents, teachers and students who helped during our Working Bee. Special thanks to Nick Black for organising! We are hoping to see many more faces on our next Working Bee, our school wouldn't be the same without our community and we always rely on our community support throughout the year.





### *Chai Friday Update*

Our first chai Friday of this year was postponed but we are ready and looking forward to the next one! Our next Super Chai Friday will be a very special one as it is combined with Rowan's as well as class 6 (from last year's) farewell! There will be hot food, baked treats, craft, seedlings, jams and musical performances by our students and community! Are you a baker, crafter or a musician? We would love for you to contribute on the day! More info coming soon!!



### *School Council welcomes new members!*

Congratulations to Suzy Bragulla and Daniel Cinerari for joining our School Council this year! It's always wonderful to see more parent involvement in School council!

Also, we welcome back Janet Patterson to our School Council, we have missed her!

Congratulations to our other school council members, Bridy Fitzpatrick, Tayla Grant, Simon Bird, Nick Black, Hugh Jenkins, Genevieve O'Connell and Manjari Singh for serving another term. Please feel free to speak to any of the members about the work we do or if you wish to give any feedback/suggestions.

### KID FAVORITE HOT CROSS BUNS



1 cup soy or animal milk, heated to blood warm  
1 T. dried yeast, stirred in  
1/3 cup maple syrup  
1/3 cup brown sugar, organic  
1 egg

Add yeast to warm milk, stir well and add syrup and sugar. Let sit until bubbly and foamy. Beat in 1 egg.

Add:

1 1/2 cups wheat flour  
1/2 cup spelt flour  
1 t. salt  
1 t. cinnamon  
handful of dried cranberries, another of diced chopped nuts, and another of organic chocolate chips

Stir well and then turn out onto floured board and add more flour as needed until the dough is well kneaded and smooth, stretchy and not too sticky.

Roll into an oiled bowl and cover in a warm place and let rise until doubled. Punch down and form into 9 rolls and place into an oiled baking pan. Let rise again, about 20 minutes.

Bake at 190 degrees for about 25 minutes until well browned.

Here is a link to this recipe page

<https://theparentingpassageway.com/2011/04/23/easter-in-the-waldorf-home/>



## Easter Crafts with children

A festival brings joy and excitement in children's lives, Easter is especially exciting as they can paint the eggs! There are many ways of naturally colouring or painting your easter eggs and here are a few:

Painting with Crepe paper: below is a link for detailed instructions for this method.

<http://happywhimsicalhearts.com/2012/04/painting-eggs-wet-crepe-paper/>



Natural dyed: This is the most preferred ways of dyeing eggs in Steiner home and here is a link to more detailed instruction <https://thecoconutmama.com/dye-easter-eggs-naturally/>





A rabbit pricked her long brown ears  
On a fine April day  
She heard the north wind calling  
So she hopped off to say  
“Hurry hurry hurry hurry  
Autumn’s on its way  
Hurry hurry hurry hurry  
Autumn’s on its way!”

