What a play!

Last Friday night’s performance of Winnie the Pooh by class 6 was a triumph. Congratulations to every member of class 6 not only for individual performances but for working together as a creative and cohesive team to bring such a wonderful play to a highly appreciative audience.

A.A. Milne’s Winnie the Pooh is, of course, a children’s classic and has stood the test of time through both the timeless humour, astute observation of human foibles and power of friendships. There is also a whimsical nature to the story which appeals to adults and children alike. Friday night’s performance beautifully captured this whimsical element as well as the humour; a delicate balance which is not easy to achieve!

Winnie the Pooh has previously been performed at Kamaroi by the 2001 Class 6 children. The children in that class 6 were, in fact, the buddies of the present class 6 when they were in class 1. It was very special indeed
that most of that class now in year 11 at various high schools attended the performance. This is a great example of our core value of connection in action!

Huge thanks to the highly talented co-directors Anthony Downs and Evan Sanders and to class teachers Michele Bosman and Mandy Silversides who took key supporting roles in the production of the play. Many thanks also to handcraft teacher Vanessa Gardiner who created the sets which added so much to the success of the play.

Many, many thanks and appreciation also to class 6 parent Anita Lambe for creating/adapting the amazing costumes (Anita’s son Clancy was in the original production – with Anita chief costume designer/seamstress etc, etc). Anita has been very active in the costume department throughout her many years at Kamaroi as a parent. We will certainly miss Anita’s support and creative expertise when her youngest child finishes class 6 at the end of this year.

Now we look forward to class 2 and class 3 plays in term 3!

Drama and plays are an integral part of our Steiner Curriculum and below is an excerpt from our parent handbook which helps explain why we do place importance on plays and what form they can take in the 6 year class journey.

From our Parent Handbook:
The standards of production and performance of our plays (and indeed other performances) at Kamaroi are certainly something to be proud of but what is our purpose in mounting dramatic productions from an educational perspective?

It is undoubtedly important that the performance is as beautiful and polished as possible with evocative sets and costumes that are true to the play but this needs to be balanced by the kind of process that the children go through en route to a final performance. The teacher always considers questions such as “What are the children learning from the play both as a group and individually? They learn not only about the content and subject matter of the play but about working in groups, taking responsibility for a part and especially for older children, taking some responsibility for the whole play. If the play is appropriate for the age group then it speaks to the children spiritually and enriches their soul life. The children learn about speech and its production, how to speak in chorus and in an individual part.

The teacher will also ask the question “Which child for which part?” This question and how it is answered gets to the heart of how the Steiner teacher works. He or she will not simply give the part to the child who will give the best or most confident performance of it, although this may sometimes be appropriate. Rather it may be “Which child needs this particular part?” or sometimes ‘What part do I need to write for this child?’

In this way the part is given to a child ‘therapeutically’, from the point of view of ‘how will the taking on of this part help balance this particular child?’ The part will be given to the child with that child’s particular temperament in mind. “How will the part balance what may be a one sidedness in that child’s temperament or constitution?”

These are all very important considerations for the teacher when selecting or writing a play for his or her class and in preparing the children to perform it.

And then most importantly there is the sheer enjoyment and exuberance the children bring to the play, particularly in the final performance as mum and dad are spotted in the audience!

It is not a school ‘requirement’ for a class play to occur every year.

The class play ‘big picture’ is mapped out by the teacher in consultation with the Principal, taking into consideration many factors, especially, of course, class needs. In the past, for example, class 4 teachers have chosen a musical performance or presentation, other teachers have chosen to do a play in class 4, and take a break in class 5 in anticipation of a large production in class 6. Another variation has been to have a large play in class 5, with class 6 taking a large role in the carols evening, for example.
Gonski funding and Kamaroi

In a recent Bush Telegraph Business Manager, John Forman outlined the fact that Kamaroi will, effectively, have our government funding reduced as a result of the new funding model created from the Gonski Review. It does look highly likely that the Australian Education Bill now being considered by Federal Parliament will be passed by the Senate by the end of this month after which we will have a much clearer picture of government funding levels for Kamaroi.

When we do receive that information we will be in a position to inform parents of the situation and also how Kamaroi will be managed in this ‘reduced funding’ future.

The very good news is that the Board and management have had opportunities and time to rearrange finances with the softest landing possible. Part of our strategic planning over many years has indeed been to incorporate this anticipated reduction in funding in financial projections to do with, for example, our future double streaming project including the purchase of land.

More detail soon. In the meantime if you have any questions/comments please do not hesitate to see either John (p: 9479 0503) or myself.

Midwinter is coming!

It is only 2 weeks to our Mid Winter festival! Much more detail in next week’s Bush Telegraph but for now a reminder that the class 5 and 6 evening festival commences at the earlier time of 6.00 pm on Tuesday 18th June. A detailed note will soon be sent to class 5 and 6 parents including the request not to bring younger siblings if at all possible.

For classes K-4 the Festival occurs in Nanga mai hall, commencing with kindergarten at 9.00am. Classes 1 and 2 commence at 11.30 am and classes 3 and 4 commence at 1.30 pm. More detail in next week’s Bush Telegraph.

Chess Club

Our Tuesday (3-4 pm) chess club is attended by a small number children. Tim is a very experienced coach and those who attend enjoy it enormously. We need a minimum of 10 children to run the group next term. If your child would like to participate – please email kamaroi@kamaroi.nsw.edu.au or call the office 9450 1651 to register your interest.

... Virginia Moller
Principal

Kamaroi Kitchen

Friday
Morning tea ($3) Apple cinnamon muffin or beetroot brownie

Lunch ($5) SOUP with bread (soups are vegetable OR chicken with udon noodles)

Tuesday
Morning tea ($3) Poached pear with warm vanilla custard OR apricot, coconut and oat slice
Lunch ($5) Cheese and spinach pastries (one for $3, two for $5) OR Mild Chicken curry with rice

Please contact Georgia with any questions or requests: 0429 601 620/georgiamchugh@optusnet.com.au
**Raffle Winners**

Blow your Whistle (bike etc) was won by Ulrike of Elvina Bay
The Great Escape was won by Alan Gordon (Brodie cl 6 and Niamh cl 1)
Food in the Belly was won by Shoko Burden (Joshua K, Elliott cl 2, Oliver cl 3)
Culture Club was won by Samantha McVicar (cl 3)
Satisfy Your Soul was won by Natalie Hall (who was been buying Kamaroi raffle tickets from the Slater children and their cousins for the last 10 years!!)
Smarten Up for Kids was won by Mizuho
Smarten up Yourself was won by Julia Malone.

Thank you to all Kamaroi families for selling (and buying!) raffle tickets, and especially to all of those super generous individuals and businesses who donated this year’s fantastic prizes. Working on the raffle was our pleasure.

Big warm love ... **Min and Leanne**

**After School Care**

Unfortunately we are suspending After School Care on Thursdays due to low numbers and cancellations. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause if you were using it casually but we really need a minimum number of casual bookings in order to engage sufficient quality staff.

Monday and Tuesdays are still operational.
Please contact us by email kamaroioosh@hotmail.com if there are any other days/bookings you require.

**Pyjama party**

We are sorry to inform you that due to lack of numbers we will have to **cancel the pyjama party this Friday night**. We did get some feedback that it was a bit late for some children to stay up till 9 pm. With that in mind we will reschedule again for next term finishing at an earlier time. We are very sorry to let down the families that booked in. Hopefully we can make it up to you next term.

Best regards ... **Cate and Margaret** kamaroioosh@hotmail.com
PAFA Craft Workshop

Come and learn how to make King Winter for your Winter table

King Winter now is in the land, he reigns with cold and freezing hand. He makes Jack Frost touch nose and toe, and gives our cheeks a shining glow.

When: Wednesday 19th June (Part 1) and Wednesday 24th July (Part 2)

Where: 9.30- 12.45 in The Hub (PAFA Room)

Cost: $20 all materials supplied

To book: Bookings essential as numbers are limited. Please call Natalie 0466 325 204.

Come along, be inspired by the creativity of those around you and learn some traditional Steiner inspired doll making skills to make your own unique, majestic King Winter for your seasonal table. With all materials you will need supplied, your standing doll will have a contoured head, arms, hair and beard and will take both workshop sessions to complete.

You may also experience some additional benefits. Apart from having morning tea, fun and socialising, findings show that learning new skills and engaging the hands in motor activities that use your fingertips, stimulate nerve endings that go directly to the brain and activate new neural pathways via the process of neuroplasticity (the brain's natural ability to form new connections) which improves brain capacity and has a restorative effect on mental faculties!
# JULY 2013 Holiday Care Booking Form

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**Fees:** Early Bird Rate $55/day. Late rate of $60/day applies after 25th June 2013

**TOTAL $**

Non refundable payment required to secure your booking

**Pay by Netbank Transfer to:** Kamaroi OOSH BSB: 062 110 ACC: 1024 8093

Please use your CHILD’s NAME as reference.

**Mother’s Name** .......................................................... mob.................................................. CRN..........................

**Father’s Name** .......................................................... mob.................................................. CRN..........................

**Your Email** (booking confirmation) ..........................................................

**Special Requirements / Allergies** ........................................ Separate details attached y/n

**Emergency Contacts/ Authorised to collect the child (Other than parents)**

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**I give permission for my child to travel by private bus to and from excursion** yes no

**I give permission for my child to be photographed for promotional purposes** yes no

Children need to bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, NO NUTS please. Hat/water bottle

**Parent Signature** ____________________________ **Date** ____________

**Holiday forms are also on website:** kamaroi.nsw.edu.au/

**Email completed form to:** kamaroiOOSH@hotmail.com or post to Kamaroi OOSH, 220 Forest Way, Belrose, NSW 2085
### Kamaroi OOSH – Holiday Care Program

**220 Forest Way, Belrose, NSW 2085**

**Mon 1\(^{st}\) July to Thurs 11\(^{th}\) July 2013 (Early Bird rate closes 25\(^{th}\) June 2013)**

(Each day includes a variety of indoor & outdoor activities (craft / games / sports along with these special events)

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| **Target Sports!!**  
Team up with your friends with heaps of games. Tug of war archery, relay races & ball games. Lucky dips for everyone!! | **Rock climbing**  
At Rockhouse  
Get the bus to Northern beaches Rock House and enjoy a morning to explore the rock caves, climb the walls and have heaps of fun.  
($15 extra charge to cover bus and climbing fee) | **Kite making and Giant fly up at 224**  
**Face Painting too!!**  
Today we will test our skills making our own kites and head over to 224 for a giant fly-up and outdoor games. Face painting will feature in the afternoon with art and craft activities | **Explore with wood & recycled construction**  
Get creative making robots, windchimes, hats from recycled materials or build a car or house from wood with hot glue. For the zany and creative  
**Make pizza for afternoon tea** | **CLOSED** |
| Mon 8\(^{th}\) July | Tue 9\(^{th}\) July | Wed 10\(^{th}\) July | Thurs 11\(^{th}\) July | Fri 12\(^{th}\) July |
| **Funny Olympics & Treasure Hunt**  
Join your friends for heaps of fun activities and games. Amazing thong throwing, sponge dash & other wacky games. Pop corn & treasure hunt in afternoon | **Creature Feature Day**  
Join our presenter see and touch Australian wildlife animals: tortoise, stick insects, baby crocodiles, lizards and more  
**$5 extra charge** | **Wheels Day and Sausage sizzle BBQ lunch!**  
Bring your wheels today, rip sticks, skate boards, scooters and join your friends in our wheeltastic course  
**Must have helmets**  
**BBQ lunch sausage sizzle!!!** | **Slime, Sherbet & make a lava lamp**  
Experiment and make your own slime, fizz and lava lamp. Make delicious healthy smoothies with choice of fresh & frozen fruit | **CLOSED** |

**Hours:** 8:30am to 5.30pm  
**Cost:** $55 / day early bird rate (from bookings after 25\(^{th}\) June) - 50% CCB/CCR Rebate available register at [www.familyassist.gov.au](http://www.familyassist.gov.au)  
**Bring:** A sun-hat, water-bottle, lunch / morning snack / afternoon tea (not required on cooking days)  
**Booking Forms:** Kamaroi website [http://kamaroi.nsw.edu.au](http://kamaroi.nsw.edu.au)  
Email bookings to kamaroiOOSH@hotmail.com (some days subject to change)

**Friends:** – PLEASE DO invite your friends from other schools. All are welcome!!