



Pabulum

Perth Waldorf School

14 Gwilliam Drive,

Bibra Lake WA 6163

Telephone: 9417 3638

Email: adminpws@pws.wa.edu.au

Website: www.pws.wa.edu.au

TERM 4 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Wed 27 Kindy 5/6 Teacher Parent Morning - Advent Pastels Workshop at 9:00am
*Bookings Essential.

**Wed 27 -
Thur 28** Class 5 Play.

Thur 28 Class 4 Teacher Parent Meeting.

Fri 29 Class 12 Play at Subiaco Arts Centre - 7:00pm.

Sat 30 Class 12 Play at Subiaco Arts Centre - 1:30pm and 7:00pm.

DECEMBER

Mon 2 High School PUPIL FREE DAY.

Tue 3 Class 12 Graduation.

Wed 4 Class 7 2020 Orientation Day - 8:35am start.

Tue 10 Class 7 Graduation Assembly - 8:45am.

**Thur 12 -
Fri 13** High School Art Exhibition.

Mon 16 Christmas Picnic and Tableau. Details to follow.

Tue 17 Kindergarten Crowning - 9:15am in the Hall (K6 Parents Invited).

Tue 17 **LAST DAY OF TERM 4**
(half day).

THIS WEEK

Class 12 Play 'As You Like It.'

Friday, 29th and Saturday, 30th November.

See inside for details.

NEXT WEEK

High School Pupil Free Day.

Monday, 2nd December.

Class 12 Graduation.

Tuesday, 3rd December.

Term 4, Week 7

Tuesday, 26th November, 2019

Today, the school hosted a morning tea to thank volunteers. The school and the children benefit greatly when we receive love and care from voluntary gifts of your time and energy. Thank you so much.

There are so many ways in which we can contribute and when our children see our involvement in "their world" they feel pride, even if they cringe sometimes when our dad jokes and dagginess shine bright. Even up to Class 12, helping out and making a difference is alive and well with parents organizing the Graduation Dinner next Tuesday - a night of celebration and fun.

The Class 12 Play is being performed this week. Tickets for the Class 12 Play, to be held in Subiaco, need to be ordered online and if you're looking for a wonderful matinee or night out on the town, the play and its wonderful performers will delight you. Details inside.

The Class 5 Play will be their last with David Hammond who has been their class teacher since Class 1. David is off travelling and exploring the world next year. Thank you for all your wisdom, hard work and love David. Have a great week of drama with the children.

The real meaning of Christmas is what we are called to reflect upon during Advent which starts this Sunday and lasts for 4 weeks. For many people the words Christmas and Christian and Jesus and all the trappings of "the festive season" may be a heavy load, full of confusing stories and unreasonable expectations or beliefs. In its simplicity, Advent gives us an opportunity to be, to reflect and to experience gratitude. Eckhart Tolle writes about acceptance and surrender in this short passage:

"When you completely accept this moment, when you no longer argue with what *is*, the compulsion to think lessens and is replaced by an alert stillness. You are fully conscious, yet the mind is not labelling this moment in any way. This state of inner nonresistance opens you to the unconditioned consciousness that is infinitely greater than the human mind. This vast intelligence can then express itself through you and assist you, both from within and from without. That is why, by letting go of inner resistance, you often find circumstances change for the better."

Time for reflection and letting go.

Bruce Lee
School Administrator

STUDENT ABSENCES:

Please let the office know by 8:30am.

Text: 0429 680 969, Phone: 9417 3638, Email: absence@pws.wa.edu.au.

PABULUM INFORMATION:

- Pabulum contributions need to be emailed to pabulum@pws.wa.edu.au by 2:15pm Thursdays.
- To view Pabulum as a PDF, go to www.pws.wa.edu.au
- To receive the link via email, please send a request to adminpws@pws.wa.edu.au

IN THE LIGHT OF A CHILD

*Like swelling waves that flood the land,
A green spring-tide is surging, streaming.
Saps flow, touched by a mighty hand
Whose force we feel, through dimly dreaming.
God weaves amidst the radiant light.
His helpers work in joyful bliss.
With his creating we unite
When we, with open hearts, behold all this.*

Michael Hedley Burton

FROM FINANCE

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVER DUE - Term 4 Due Date: Friday, 25th October, 2019.

CREDIT CARD/ONLINE PAYMENT	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER	CHEQUE AND CASH
Payments by Credit Card can be made by visiting the Bpoint website: https://www.bpoint.com.au Biller Code: 147 2133 Reference: Family Code Phone payments can also be made by calling Reception on 9417 3638 during Office Hours. We accept VISA and MASTERCARD.	Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) can be made to the school's banking details as follows: Account Name: Perth Waldorf School BSB: 066 000 Account Number: 1205 1015 Commonwealth Bank Perth Reference: Family Code	Payments by cheque can be made payable to Perth Waldorf School. Please have a copy of your statement attached when mailing your cheque. Postal Address: PO Box 1247, Bibra Lake WA 6965 Cheques and Cash Payments can also be made during office hours at the School Reception. EFTPOS terminal also available.

A late payment fee will apply to all accounts not paid by the due date. This does not apply if you have a payment plan arrangement in place.

UNREFERENCED PAYMENT

Our Finance Dept. has received an unknown payment for school fees with the following details:

24th October, 2019 - \$1855

If you think this transaction was made by you please contact the Finance Department on **9417 3638** or by emailing **account@pws.wa.edu.au**.

TERM 4 FEES

Term 4 fees are now over due. Fees were due to be paid on **Friday, 25th October, 2019**.

A late payment fee will apply to all accounts not paid by the due date. This does not apply if you have a payment plan arrangement in place.

Please contact Leisa Clarke in the finance department if you have any issues or inquiries - **9417 3638** or **account@pws.wa.edu.au**.

GENERAL NEWS

THE COMMUNITY POT FROM OPEN DAY

The community pot made by everyone who visited sculpture on Open Day has now been fired and glazed (pictured below).



Doesn't it look magnificent! Come and have a look at it in the art and sculpture garden.

ADVENT



The first day of Advent - the fourth Sunday before Christmas - is on **Sunday, 1st December**, and so begins a wonderful time for everyone, young and old, to give attention and gratitude to our world.

This year we print an enlightening piece from the book *The Light in the Lantern*, written by Georg Drißig, a book full of little stories for Advent. Below is the preface of his book. We will also include four stories from his book, two at the back of this Pabulum, and two stories in next week's Pabulum.

[The Light in the Lantern - preface](#)

Written by Georg Drißig

There is something beautiful that many families do every Advent. They make an Advent Garden in which they gradually build up the scenery Mary and Joseph will be going through with their little donkey on their way to Bethlehem.

Using a brown cloth as a foundation they lay out, during the **first week** of Advent, just the **stones/shells**, the most beautiful of which go to the make the path on which Mary will tread. In the **second week** the **plants** are added - moss and cones and even some pot plants as 'palm trees', in the **third week** the **animals** - especially the grazing sheep - and in the **fourth** and last week **human beings**, shepherds keeping watch over their sheep. As the landscape takes shape the little stories at the back of this *Pabulum* (stone and plant), and next week's *Pabulum* (animals and human beings) can form an accompaniment to it, as they also ascend, during the course of the four weeks of Advent, through the elements to the kingdom of the plants, then to the animals, and finally to the human realm.

The stories are intended for reading aloud. Children of school age can have them as kind of an Advent calendar in which the stories proceed week by week towards Christmas. It is more suitable for smaller children if you read one story each week. They can not only listen to each week when the Advent candles are burning but also act it, perhaps, and help to portray it in the Advent Garden.

These stories were inspired first and foremost by a joyful anticipation of Christmas. However, this fact not only awakened a delight in storytelling; it primarily stimulated a desire to demonstrate on a childlike level that the whole of creation eagerly awaits the arrival of Christmas. Thus there should be a feeling that the light of Christmas gradually becomes brighter and brighter from story to story until its full brilliance is reached on Christmas Eve. I owe some of the ideas to well-known Christmas stories, however the ultimate encouragement that brought these stories into being was a pair of shining child's eyes, full of belief in miracles, and two little ears that wanted to hear more and more and more.

*See the back of this *Pabulum* for the first week's story of Advent.



Connect Learning WA Before and After School Care

****The service is available for children aged from 6-12****

Casual bookings are available all year round if you ever need last minute care. Feel free to pop in for a chat or contact Nicola (in the Extra Lesson Room before and after school).

Before School Care	6:30am to 8:25am
After School Care	2:00pm to 6:00pm
Vacation Care	6:30am to 6:00pm
Early Finish Thursdays	2:30pm to 6:00pm
Pupil Free Days	6:30am to 6:00pm

If you are interested in your child attending please contact Nicola.



NICOLA TODD
Coordinator

0420 667 904

Perthwaldorf@connectlearningafterschool.com.au



EARLY CHILDHOOD

FROM THE COORDINATOR



In preparation for Advent, we will be offering a very special artistic workshop for Cygnet and Swan parents. Artist Lesley Cotter will lead you through a very easy technique with softly coloured pastels to make your own picture expressing the Madonna and child. The picture that she helps you create serves as a way to open into the pure gesture of the mother and child. It is a universal expression of the arriving soul being nurtured by the enfolding parent. The meditative mood of this time together is a wonderful balm for the busy time that has come to typify the lead-up to Christmas. Do join us.

6.00pm, Tuesday 26th November (today) - ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT!

9.00am Wednesday 27th November - BOOKED OUT.

Participants are limited at 15 for each workshop.

Bookings essential - please contact Reception to put your name on the list.

Jennifer Byrne - Early Childhood Coordinator

EARLY CHILDHOOD CRAFT



PRIMARY SCHOOL



Concert Season

Perth Waldorf School invites everyone to attend the following end-of-year concerts:

Friday 29th November, 12:00 noon: Class 7 Pre-Tour Concert

Friday, 6th December: Class 7 on tour, 10:45am at West Coast Steiner School, 1:45pm at Silver Tree Steiner School.

Saturday, 7th December: Class 6 Concert (same night as their Class 6 Graduation)

**Wednesday 11th December: Instrument Concerts- solos and small groups
10:00am Class 4; 11:15am Class 5; 12:00 noon Class 6; 1:30pm and 2:15pm Class 7.**



PRIMARY CRAFT





HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS 12 PLAY

This week students are rehearsing at the Subiaco Arts Centre. They have a whole theatre auditorium to themselves and free roam of Subiaco for lunch. Finally, free of scripts on stage, students have been able to more dynamically block scenes and develop their characters. Costume fitting is well underway and students have installed the set with the direction of Matt Blackwell. Now is the time to get your tickets, before it's too late.





PERTH WALDORF SCHOOL CLASS 12
PRESENTS

shakespeare's

**AS YOU
LIKE IT**

THIS WEEK!

DIRECTED BY DONNA KERT
BOOK YOUR TICKETS:
ONLINE: WWW.PTT.WA.GOV.AU
PHONE: (08) 6212 9292
IN PERSON: PERTH THEATRE TRUST
BOX OFFICE

FRI 29 NOVEMBER AT 7 PM
SAT 30 NOVEMBER AT 1:30 & 7 PM

Subiaco Arts centre
180 HAMERSLEY ROAD, SUBIACO

'THE CARRIAGE' SCHOOL SHOP

NEW CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW AVAILABLE!

OPENING TIMES: Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15am-9:15am, and Wednesday from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

We stock all your school stationery supplies, uniforms and bags.

We also have a large range of craft supplies, jewellery, knitted items, cleaning products, salt lamps, essential oil holders, amber teething necklaces, wooden toys and books.

COMMUNITY CLASSES

Groups/Classes

Participating in any of these activities goes towards Family Participation Hours.

These groups for parents are run or led by teachers or parents. Members of the school community are encouraged to join any of the groups and enjoy the experience of personal growth and learning in this beautiful environment - a great inspiration for our children!

Mondays, 9:00am-10:15am	Parents and Friends Study Group with Anne Williams (in the Library, no children please) 0424 771 217.
Mondays, 10:30am-12:00pm (fortnightly)	Biodynamic Group with Heidi Halter.
Tuesdays, 9:00am	Craft Group with Pixie Stott (outside the Canteen).
Wednesdays 9:00am	Adult Singing join Claire Williamson and discover your inner voice (in the Music Office)
Thursdays, 9:00am-9:45am	Listening Circle with Bruce Lee - the Administrator (in the Library). Come in for a conversation, concern, query or just to listen.
Saturdays, 1:00pm-4:00pm	Waldorf Wood Workers with Christian Geyer (meet in Plaza) 0409 267 178.

EURYTHMY NOTICE

Dear parents and friends,

Unfortunately Tuesday Eurythmy classes with Kristina Hamilton have been cancelled for the rest of the term, due to Kristina being unwell. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We wish Kristina all the love and strength during this time and hope that she will be well again soon.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School notices are strictly for members of the school only and may consist of: lost and found items, items for sale (student/school related), and classes/lessons within the school, etc. Please try to restrict your notice to three lines (this is free of charge). School notices will appear in this section for two weeks. If you would like the ad to appear for longer, please contact the Pabulum on 9417 3638 each week. Thank you.

RENTAL NEEDED - Hi! My son is starting at PWS next year and we are looking for a 2 bedroom place to rent around South Fremantle or Bibra Lake. If you have any great ideas or possibilities to help us we would be sooo grateful! Please contact me on **0423 522 161** - Merry! Finn.

SEEKING HOUSE SITTING OPPORTUNITY - Responsible Steiner Family (Yallingup Steiner School) seek house sitting opportunity near PWS to bridge our move up while we wait for the next available Class 7 space (we will be home schooling in the meantime). For my 2 girls (12 and 17) and me. My daughter loves looking after all pets! Please contact Sharon (**0478 600 450**).

LOST ITEMS

The items pictured below were handed into the Front Office some time ago and have not yet been claimed.
If either of these items belong to you please talk to one of the ladies at the Front Office.



Rudolf Steiner College Perth

A Journey of Becoming

A Teacher Development Course with
Dr. Lakshmi Prasanna and Patries Orange

Modules One, Two and Three
January 23rd-26th, 2020.

This course is for all those who are working as teachers, who are already part of a teacher training course, and anyone who is looking to deepen their understanding of anthroposophy through education.

The course includes:

- eurythmy to discover ourselves, each other and the child anew.
- nature observation, practicing our ability to observe the other and ourselves.
- working deeply in an explorative way with the first lecture of the lecture cycle 'Study of Man' to discover some of the treasures in this unique approach to education.
- conversation, artistic work.
- lectures at the end of our afternoon program bringing human physiology and embryology to help us understand the relationship between the development of the child and the curriculum Rudolf Steiner developed out of spiritual science.

The process relies on the individual and group work we develop between us.

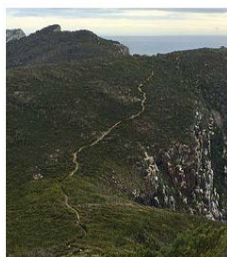
*"Teacher Professional Development with Lakshmi and Patries is just extraordinary!
All our fires burn brightly after each Module." Amy Berridge*

Cost: \$485 Deposit \$200 by 15th of November

For more information or to book contact Jenny Hill
jennyhill@iinet.net.au / 0432 735 744

RUDOLF STEINER COLLEGE PERTH

A glimpse of what is coming in 2020
www.rudolfsteinercollege.com.au



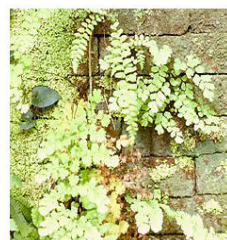
A Journey of Becoming
 Lakshmi Prassana and Patries Orange
 January 23rd - 26th



Eurythmy
 with Patries Orange
 January 23rd TBC



Creative Discipline
 with Lou Harvey-Zara
 March 28th and 29th



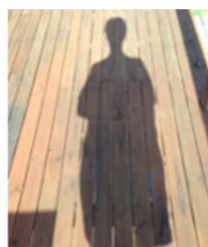
Introducing Anthroposophy
 with Paul Lawrence
 3 Saturday Mornings Term One



Biodynamic Day
 with Heidi Halter
 Easter Stirring



Make a spoon
 with Judy Gray



Biography Work
 with Dale Irving



Creative Speech
 with Renate Millionig - April



Play
 with Renate Breipohl



Bothmer Gymnastics
 with Gosia Winter

Who we are and what we do...

Rudolf Steiner College Perth has, for several decades now, offered adult courses in the magnificent themes of Anthroposophy. You might have wondered who's involved. By way of introduction, the coordination group is (pictured left to right, standing): Titus Witsenburg, Jill Whitfield, Dale Irving, and Peter Payne, Ann Reeves and Jenny Hill, all of whom have long been involved with Anthroposophy. You've likely seen us around.

The College is a source of learning that doesn't require prior knowledge, doesn't cost the earth, and is open to all. Our courses are friendly and welcoming, and offer material that we hope is stimulating, heartening and digestible. In creating our courses we work with those wonderful locals who are sources of profound Anthroposophical wisdom and experience, and with guests from interstate and overseas. Our aim is to make the work of Rudolf Steiner available to all those whose interest levels range from the vaguely curious to the definitely interested.

Over the past two years we have run courses on Introducing Anthroposophy, *the Four Temperaments*, *Lyre-making*, *Biography*, *The Young Child*, and *A Journey of Becoming*. Responses have been enthusiastic.

Next year too we have an outstanding programme. Courses will include *Biodynamics*, *Bothmer Gymnastics*, *The Young Child*, *Creative Speech*, *basic Anthroposophy*, *Creative Child Discipline*, *Eurythmy*, *Biography*, *Woodwork*, and *Child's Play*. These modules will go towards a full Foundation Course in Anthroposophy.



*Titus Witsenburg, Jill Whitfield, Dale Irving,
 Peter Payne, Ann Reeves & Jenny Hill.*

In that light, we would like to hear from you. We're keen to know of any fields of Anthroposophy you'd like to deepen your knowledge of, so please contact us with your ideas and thoughts.

By the same token, we encourage people who think they have something to offer. So if you've been working with Anthroposophy for some time and feel you've reached a level of understanding and experience that you would like to share, please talk to us. We'd like to hear from you.

Please contact Ann Reeves, annreeves@iinet.net.au, or Jenny Hill, jennyhill@iinet.net.au
 See more at rudolfsteinercollege.com.au.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Community Notices are for members of the school's community only and may consist of; business adverts, producers, services, items for sale (non-school related), etc. keeping in mind that they need to be consistent within our schools' ethos. Please try to restrict your notice to three lines (this is free of charge). All Community Notices will appear in this section for two weeks only. If you would like a ¼ page advert, a \$10 fee is required and will only appear in Week 2 and Week 8.

RENTAL AVAILABLE - Christmas Holiday rental in Dunsborough (private home) available 18th-31st Dec, from \$600 p/w phone 0411 795 589 for my details.

TAOIST ENERGY MOVING MEDITATION CLASS - Cultivating internal energy for wellness, resilience and coherence. Monday 2nd Dec, from 9:00am to 10:00am at Bibra Lake reserve park on the green opposite Adventure World car park. Please email tcraies@yahoo.com.au for more info and to attend.



WEST COAST STEINER SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TEACHER 2020

15 Mayfair Street Nollamara Western Australia 6061

(08) 9440 1771 - 0415 205 307

West Coast Steiner School is committed to being a Child Safe Organisation, taking a preventative and participatory stance on child protection issues and promoting a child safe environment.

BOTHMER TEACHER 2020 (0.20 FTE)

West Coast Steiner School is seeking a dynamic, creative Bothmer Gymnastics teacher who has an understanding of Anthroposophy and Steiner Education, and the Australian Steiner Curriculum Framework.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER 2020 (0.20 FTE)

West Coast Steiner School is seeking a dynamic, creative Kindergarten teacher who has an understanding of Anthroposophy and Steiner Education, the Early Years Learning Framework and National Quality Standards.

We are conveniently located fifteen minutes from Perth's stunning coastline and CBD. We are an independent primary school offering classes from Playgroup to Class Six. Working from the indications of Rudolf Steiner our teachers aim to educate every child in head, heart and hands.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a flourishing school community. We believe in a life of learning and as such offer opportunities for professional development, workshops, events, courses and an established mentor program.

Commencement Date: January 2020

Applicants must be eligible for registration with the Teachers Registration Board and have, or be working towards, an ACEQA approved qualification.

The application will consist of the following:

- Covering Letter
- A Curriculum Vitae including:
 - Places of employment in order from most recent to least recent.
 - Names, contact email addresses and phone numbers of four referees, including the current and most recent employers.
 - An outline of qualifications including academic transcripts.
- A Working with Children Check must also be included.

Applications, with supporting documentation, should be emailed to education@wcss.wa.edu.au
- to the attention of Gerard Tonti-Filippini - School Administrator/Principal

Please visit our website for a detailed job description: www.wcss.wa.edu.au

The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday December 6, 2019.

ADVENT STORY

(Week One and Two of Advent)

WEEK ONE

Why Water Turns to Ice in Winter

Written by Georg Drißig

One day, on their way to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph came to a river. This river was not particularly wide nor was it very deep, but at that time of the year the water was bitterly cold. The little donkey very slowly lowered one foot into it to find out what it felt like, but he very quickly pulled it out, and could not be persuaded to go near it again. Far and near there was no bridge, and there was not a boat in sight. What were they to do? Joseph started to hitch up his cloak in order to wade across with Mary on his shoulders. But Mary was not happy that he should do this for she was afraid the cold would do him harm. So she stepped to the very edge of the bank and sang softly:



Waves of wa-ter, waves of wa-ter, stop your flow-ing, stop and stay!

Be our bridge, oh be our path, oh help us fur-ther on our way!

The river's answer sounded like a very gentle ringing of bells, and the water suddenly stopped in its course, forming a bridge as transparent as glass, yet so firm that not only Mary but even Joseph and the donkey could walk over it.

Ever since that day water freezes to ice in Wintertime. When Mary carries her child through the world she shall find no hindrance, but be able to walk safely wherever she goes.

WEEK TWO

The Silver Thistle

Written by Georg Drißig

As the Lord God was creating the flowers He asked each one what they wished to be like. Some wanted to be big and strong, others wanted to give forth a particularly beautiful scent; one wanted red petals, another blue, and yet another wanted to be white. God gladly fulfilled all their wishes. Then He asked a little flower: "Now, my dear little one, what do you long for from your deepest heart? Do you want to be big or small, do you want to have yellow, red or blue petals?" The little plant replied: "I would be content with any of those if you can only grant me just one wish: that my blossoms shall last until the Christ Child is born." The Lord God smiled lovingly and gave the little flower its form. It grows quite inconspicuously close to the ground, and its leaves are covered with thorns. But its blossom shines like a beautiful silver star, and even though it may blossom in Summer and be picked, it lasts right until Christmas comes, so that it is there to give joy to the Christ Child.

