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German Saturday School News

The Christmas Concert

Just another quick reminder about the Christmas Concert next week at the Austrian Club (76-90 Sheehan Rd. West Heidelberg), starting at 9.30am.

Parents please to provide a wrapped and labeled Christmas present for their own child(ren). Suggested price range \$5-\$10.

We are also still looking for contributions towards the raffle and auctions on the day, to complement Frau Sigrid Erdt's fabulous Lebkuchenhäuser

Food/lunch will be available at the Austrian club, but the servery will be closed until the concert is over and Nikolaus has made his visit.

There will also be textbooks on display at the Christmas Concert which will be used in Sigrid & Leni's class next year (Tamburin 3 and 2, respectively).

School dates and Enrolment for 2006

An 'intention to enrol' form will be available at the Christmas concert. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

The AGTV Conference

A few weeks ago some of the teachers attended the German teachers conference. This is Principal Sigrid Erdt's report.

The AGTV conference in Geelong was a great success. One Hundred and twenty teachers attended. Brigitte Lamont, Anneli Keckeisen, Birgit Matwijiw, Leni Kandybko and myself took part from our school. The workshops and seminars were outstanding and very good learning. Teaching materials were offered for primary students; including A Crate full of German - Ein Koffer Deutsches. This is a fantastic resource conceived for primary schools, most suitable for our school. It is a treasure box packed that compliment a multiple intelligence program. I ordered it. It will be shipped out in February

The talk of the world! Fußballweltmeisterschaft in Deutschland. The soccer world cup will be held in June 2006 in Berlin in the Olympia Stadium. The Goethe Institut will conduct a "Fußballausstellung" in 2006. To motivate and prepare the students an interesting theme book will be obtainable next year. It backs the DVD and contains copy masters, games and activities, German - English vocabulary, transcripts and answer key. It justifies intercultural learning (VELS program).

I highly recommend to purchase the package. We enjoyed a stimulating and interesting conference in a first class hotel with excellent service and food.

Now the children and teachers are working hard again. Preparing for Christmas to make our Xmas break up at the Austrian Club a memorable and successful event.

Sigrid Erdt



Deutsch Lernen im Internet

Christmas and the summer holidays are approaching very quickly, and especially for the senior students (unfortunately!) summertime might also be a good time to do some catch up and consolidating work on ... GERMAN!

There are some great resources on the Internet - check these out:

For grammar, vocabulary and short reading exercises: www.deutschunddeutsch.de

A wonderful site to browse is <http://www.mckinnonsc.vic.edu.au/>. Click on "Learning Areas" and then the link "LOTE", then go to "German" and you will find heaps of other useful links and exercises compiled by Dave Nutting!

For some fun stuff, check out the websites of some German (teen) bands and get yourself immersed in some German music! www.silbermond.de and www.rosenstolz.de (with sound files and video clips)

And for the little ones - of course!:
<http://www.schnappi.tv/>

And - last, but not least - some inspiration for the parents:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>

This is a website in English, but has heaps of resources, materials and links for various games and activities that can easily be transferred into German and be used to immerse the children in the German language while they are doing some fun activities! Especially the art and craft section is excellent!

Frohes Deutsch Lernen und schöne Ferien!

Michiko Weinmann

...and finally a few more Deutsche Witze

"Papi, wo liegt Albanien?"

"Da mußt du die Oma fragen, die räumt hier doch immer alles auf!"

Fritzchen steht auf der Brücke und weint. Ein Fußgänger kommt vorbei und fragt ihn: "Warum weinst du denn?"

"Ach, da waren böse Kerle, die haben mein Schulbrot in den Fluß geworfen."

"War es mit Absicht?"

"Nein, mit Käse."

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Christmas Concert 10th December
- ◆ First Day Term 1 2006 4th February
- ◆ School AGM 4th March

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