

## Nachrichten

November 2007

### Einen Guten Tag wuensche ich Ihnen allen!

Mit grossem Schreck stellte ich heute morgen fest, dass es ja bloss noch 6 Wochen bis Weihnachten sind !! Und in den naechsten Wochen ist viel los, von den Dramen in der australischen Politik einmal abgesehen... Ein Schuljahr geht wieder zu Ende, so schnell ...! An dieser Stelle moechte einfach einmal ein ganz dickes Lob auszusprechen: Alle Achtung gilt unserer Direktorin Sigrid Erdt und dem Lehrpersonal, die sich grosse Muehe geben, den Unterricht interessant und vielseitig zu gestalten. Es muss nicht immer leicht sein, den Kindern, die schon waehrend der Woche in der Tageschule hart arbeiten, den Unterrichtsstoff schmackhaft zu machen. Unser Elternkomitee hat dieses Jahr auch Berge versetzt, mit der Kreation der neuen Webseite, dem neuen Logo, und u.a. dem erfolgreichen Tag der Offenen Tuer. Gut gemacht!! Auch das dieses Jahr bestens besuchte Deutsche Fest im Immigrationsmuseum wurde erfolgreich "absolviert". **Und Bravo an unsere Kinder, die dieses Jahr so tuechtig waren!!** Nun steht das Christkind und unser alljaehrliches Weihnachtskonzert vor der Tuer. **Bitte bieten Sie den Klassenlehrern Ihrer Kinder Ihre Hilfe an, mit Kostuemen oder sonstiger Ausstattung, und natuerlich mit fleissigem Ueben der Weihnachtslieder und Gedichte mit Ihren Kindern zuhause.** Bitte lesen Sie unten, wie Sie anderweitig zum Gelingen der Feier beitragen koennen.

Viele Gruesse Ihre Barbara Moje

### GENERAL NEWS

- Excursion to Anakie Park: The committee is looking for more photos of the excursion to post on website. Please email to Ruth Wilson on email: ruth.wilson@architectus.com.au
- GSS have received a Multicultural grant of \$1700, to be used for professional development.
- Open Day was a success. We have at least 10 new students for next year (many 4 year olds but range up to age 9) and more still expected (at least 6).
- Policy/Procedures Update: The committee has been working on the formulation/ updating of the Discipline Policy, which once finalised, will be posted on the website. Other policies to follow will be Grievances, Fees and Health and Safety Policies.
- Our President submitted our school as a nominee for Awards of Excellence in Multicultural Affairs. Fingers Crossed!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **17 November: No classes due to teachers' conference !!!**
- **24 November: Election day.** The election venue will be in another part of the buildings but our students will need closer supervision and are to remain in the front playground during recess. Some older grades may be permitted to use the basketball courts, please check with teachers.
- **01 December: Gold Street Primary Fete Day.** GSS will watch a puppet show "Puss in Boots" at the Organ Factory. Meet at 9.00 am sharp at the Organ Factory Theatre (opposite our school's main entrance).
- **15 December: GSS Christmas concert at the Austrian Club, Heidelberg.** Start: 9 am. Our principal Sigrid kindly agreed to make 3 gingerbread houses that will be auctioned or raffled off, to raise funds. **Parents are asked to donate Christmas goodies including items for children for hampers and prizes which will also be raffled off on the day. Parents are also asked to prepare a \$10 gift for their child and bring it on the day of the Christmas concert.** A hamper will also be prepared as a gift to Gold St Primary staff as a gesture of goodwill.

#### Principal's news

- The students in the current acceleration class will be distributed into the regular classes but a new acceleration class will continue. More info in next newsletter.
- Readers for children: The Parents Committee has tabled the idea of purchasing readers for the children to take home and practice. Watch this space for further news.
- We are looking for German book donations that will be available to borrow alongside the DVD rentals.
- Teachers in 2008: Sheila Wagemann sadly will not continue next year. Leni will get Felix (Ann's son) as assistant. GSS will be in need of another teacher. GSS will advertise on the Goethe Institute's website as well as our own. Please bring any candidates that you might know to the committee's attention.

#### Newsletter

Due to technical difficulties with the website's format for the newsletter, from this edition, a link to the GSS website will be emailed to all recipients where they can download the PDF file. Please notify me via the link to the newsletter editor on the website, if you have any difficulties accessing the newsletter. In addition, we will have hardcopies available in the staff room. Notices on the doors will announce that the newsletter is "hot off the press".