

# Melbourne Rudolf Steiner Seminar

## Newsletter - Autumn 2010

Welcome back everyone to what we hope will be a fruitful, challenging and inspiring term's work together.

### Audit news.

The Seminar recently received official news of its successful completion of the recent audit. This means we are now fully compliant with all the registration requirements for both local and international students. This is a great result after a lot of work. Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation over the past twelve months.

### Welcome to Marcia Cross

This term we will be joined by Marcia Cross who will teach craft to students while Pauline Ward is recovering from her recent surgery. Welcome Marcia.

### New art rooms.

Our new art rooms were completed over the holidays and are ready for us to use this term. We expect these spaces will provide a

### Whitsun.

Just as Advent is a preparation time for Christmas and Lent is a preparation for Easter, so the forty days from Easter Sunday to Whitsun is also a preparation for the festival of Whitsun or Pentecost. Christmas celebrates the birth of the physical vessel of Christ; Easter, through the Crucifixion and Resurrection celebrates the birth of Christ into the body of the Earth, and Whitsun celebrates the birth of Christ into the etheric body of the Earth, where He will dwell until the end of time.

Whitsun is preceded by Ascension Thursday. As the disciples witnessed the Risen Christ ascending into heaven on Ascension Thursday, their hearts were filled with grief at the loss

of their Lord. However, He had promised to send them the Comforter or Him who would be their Advocate to the Spiritual World. This happened on Whitsunday or Pentecost, when the disciples were gathered together in a room and the Holy Spirit descended upon their heads in tongues of flame.

The Michael Group has worked with the ideas of building community. Whitsun is a day to support the idea of community because the Holy Spirit descended into a group working harmoniously and spiritually together. Over the years the Michael Group has celebrated Whitsun dinner by sharing a large fish, which has been followed by music, poetry and conversation. This year, 2010, the festival will be held again at the Michael Centre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. You are invited to come. Please bring a small dessert to share after the main part of the meal, or a salad to serve with the meal.

RSVP: Saturday 15 May, tel. 9876-4725. Marcus Cox, for the Committee.

#### Forthcoming events

Lecture by Margot Horne: "Pentecost 2010"

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4.45 p.m., The Steiner Store, 9 Strathalbyn St, East Kew. Best wishes from the Uriel Group.

The Gabriel Talks continue in second term. The talks are free, and take place at the Kew Library, Cnr Cotham

Rd and Civic Drive Kew, at 8.00pm. For further information, contact Jacinta on 97258879 or email: [talks@gabrielcentre.com.au](mailto:talks@gabrielcentre.com.au) and all start at 8pm. For inquiries call Jacinta on 97258879 or email: [talks@gabrielcentre.com.au](mailto:talks@gabrielcentre.com.au)

**Leanne Moraes: *The Gift of Rhythm - Using rhythm and traditions to facilitate family life Thursday 27th May, 8.00 p.m.***

Food, festivals and seasonal tables all help to build a beautiful world for your child.

**John Allison: "What do we need to do to 'raise a child'? Tuesday 8th June**

Often, we find ourselves longing for peace and harmony in the family, and feel pained and even guilty when it is absent. Let's consider the opportunities for development offered conflict - and learn some ways to deal with it, to 'bring ourselves up to the mark', to be 'good enough'.

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