

School of Philosophy

Good Company

Yajna Barometer 2008

Our target this year is **\$70,000**. Due to rising interest rates over the past year or so, our mortgage repayments have increased significantly. Therefore your generosity in helping reduce the outstanding debt of \$270,000 is most welcome and sincerely appreciated.

This year we hope to hold a number of fund raising events including the following:

- Lecture on Nutrition by eminent nutritionist Helen Frost
- Lecture by Peter Whyte subject of the book 'Help From Upstairs'
- Cultural Day 2008

Thank you everyone for your continued support at these events.

Upcoming Fund Raising events for 2008

Major Raffle with first prize of a Gold Sovereign Coin

Cultural Day 2008
Sunday November 23

Series of Lectures during
the August/September
Break

Sattwa Wardrobe

If you have any ideas for
Fund Raising Events
please give your

Gai Kroczeck
Frank Butler

10 Day Speak Sanskrit Course

During the first two weeks of May the School of Philosophy hosted a 10 Day Speak Sanskrit Course with the help of the Samskrita Bharati organisation in Bangalore, India. Our guest tutor from Samskrita Bharati was **Vasuvaj Easwaramangalam** who did an excellent job taking classes twice a day over the 10 day period. A total of 32 students from within and without of the School took part in what was a wonderful Sanskrit experience. For many of the students this was their first taste of this amazing language, and from the surveys completed at the end of the course their experience ranged from awe and wonder of the language to grateful appreciation for the opportunity to study Sanskrit and for the enthusiasm of Vasuvaj himself.



Right from the start, Vasuvaj had us speaking in Sanskrit, first introducing ourselves, then over the next 10 days expanding our skills by introducing us to the 7 most important words in any language – question words. Armed with these interrogative words and a bit of vocab by the end of the 10 days we could all hold a reasonably intelligent conversation in Sanskrit. We could ask “Who is this?” and “What is that?”; then “Where is this?” and “Where is that?” We soon progressed to such questions as “How many days in the month of May?” and “How many brothers have you?” and further to “When do you get up?” and “When do you study?” And more intricate still “From where have you come?” and “Why do you study Sanskrit?”; and then “How well do you speak Sanskrit?” and “Kingsley drives slowly, doesn't he?” What is even more amazing is that at the end of the 10 days we could not only ask these and many more questions, we could also give many and varied answers. Thus even in our Kindergarten Sanskrit classes the art of dialect was very useful in the art of Sanskrit conversation!



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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of fund raising and social events within the school and also to keep you informed of the progress at Teague Street. As students of the School you are the school and without the support and generosity of your time, effort and money the school could not exist.

This then is your newsletter. It is hoped that it can be published both on the web and in print for the beginning of each term. The events of the previous term will be reported and up coming events advertised, both social and fund raising.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and support.

Speak Sanskrit (con't)

The event also raised a significant amount of money which the School in Perth was happy to donate to the Samskrita Bharati organisation in Bangalore in support of their work in the area of Sanskrit throughout the world.



Many people deserve undying thanks in helping to make this event

such a fantastic success. First and foremost to **Dianne Kruger** for her vision and diplomacy in getting Samskrita Bharati to agree to send Vasuvaj to us, as well as her hospitality in feeding and looking after Vasuvaj, and getting him to all his classes on time; **Jean and Peter Wyder** for collecting Vasuvaj from the airport on his arrival, taking him into their home, and showing him the sights of Perth (these photos are courtesy of Jean and Peter); to **Glenice Turner** for the visit to Cohunu Koala Park; to **Lindsay and David Lloyd** who played host to Vasuvaj for a few days and for taking him out boating on the Swan River; to **Zenobia and**



Darius Pavri for a wonderful Indian feast one Saturday lunchtime; to Janet and Surendran for another amazing Indian feast at their home another day; to **Sath Moodley** for taking Vasuvaj to lunch at the end of the course; to **Joanna Syddall** for the wonderful sight seeing tour of Fremantle; to **Bernie Kroczeck** and **Phillip Kruger**, long suffering and neglected husbands for their support and encouragement in organising the event, particularly during the 10 days of the event itself; to **Vasuvaj** himself for his tireless enthusiasm and encouragement in teaching us Sanskrit; and last but not least, thanks go to each and every one of the **32 students** who committed themselves to 10 days straight in the study of Sanskrit, congratulations to you, you all deserve a medal!

Meditation Weekend

In March of this term the Meditating Groups were invited to a weekend devoted to the practices of meditation, stillness and attention. This event was held at Wollaston College in Bold Park and was attended by 55 people, from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon. Activities included calligraphy, drawing, dance and Sanskrit chanting, as well as meditation practices and study of an extract from Eckhart Tolle's book 'The Power of Now'. Those who attended reported back that the weekend was a wonderful respite from the world at large and through the study, activities and practices, the opportunity to experience the world in a much more peaceful way was imparted. Another weekend at Wollaston College is being planned for the weekend of June 20 to 22, for all meditating students. The weekend will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and our guest will be Mr Lambie from the London School of Philosophy. See your tutor for details and an enrolment form.



Teague St Update



Teague Street has been undergoing major work over the break after many students gave of their time and energy to prepare the way for contractors by removing the front verandah, the pergola, paving and patio. Trees also had to be removed in order to meet the councils rigorous heritage and parking requirements for the site.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in the site works to date, your efforts are much appreciated, and to all those whose monetary contributions have gone to make these renovations possible. Well Done!

