From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 28
I can feel my own essence’s widths
Freshly enlivened within,
And force filled thought rays
Out of soul sun might
Loosening life expended riddles,
Lending fulfillment for many a wish,
To the wings of hope already lamed.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back to our autumnal term! Students have started the term with vibrant musical involvement with Wayfarers workshops and concerts – this following a beautiful end to last term with the performance of Bach’s St John’s Passion.

In the coming weeks will be an information evening for prospective parents to the secondary years. If you know someone considering moving their child to Little Yarra for their secondary schooling, please do let them know. The date, to be confirmed by next week, will also be placed on our website. In addition, of course, school tours for prospective parents resume this week.

Over the coming month will also be NAPLAN in Classes 3, 5, 7 and 9 for any child that has not been withdrawn from participation by their parent or guardian. An information letter and withdrawal form will be sent in the coming fortnight. Please do not hesitate to contact either your class teacher or myself should you wish more information following receipt of the letter.

Last year, Jim and I instituted the opportunity to have questions-and-answers in an informal setting on a weekly basis. We’ll resume these on Wednesdays starting at 9 am. Given that next week is a public holiday, our first date will be on Wednesday the 2nd of May. We look forward to these engaging opportunities!
COMINGS AND GOINGS

Welcome to new students starting at the school this term. We have Aesa Zwierlein and Eden Saurine both joining Class 3. We also have Rosalie St Maur Sheils joining Class 1 and her brother Felix joining Class 4. At the end of last term Eli Fabien left Class 1, Kirsty Derezyckyj and Samantha Soldal-Dods left Class 9 and Allesandra Curtis left Class 10.

CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group is a parent-run group sharing craft skills and knowledge. We meet on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12 in the main building. Our projects in Term 2 will be wet-felting and crocheting. We would like to start with making cute puppets by wet-felting (please see the picture). The profits from our group go to the Community House project. Children are welcome and morning tea is available.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED SEMESTER 2

Hopeful international student Martje is looking for a host family during her possible stay in second semester. She comes from Germany, has wonderful English (and 3 other languages) is 16 and would love to have a six month experience of schooling at Little Yarra. If you would like the rewarding experience of hosting her for some or all of the semester (one family has offered to have Martje but are unable to commit to the whole semester), please call Larissa on 5967 1953 or email llemon@lyss.vic.edu.au

GET MOVING ON MOBILE PHONES

Become a mobile phone collector and help raise money to build a purpose-built Kindergarten. Don’t be consumed by envy when you see a friend using a smart new mobile phone — ask them what they did with their old one. Bring donated mobile phones to our collection point in the main office. You help the planet by recycling, you help third world communities by making affordable technology available to them and you help the school. Here are three tips to help you get a greater return for your effort.

Newer phones are worth more, so look for opportunities to gather later models. One way in which you might do that is to talk first to friends and acquaintances who are Early Adopters — those who delight in always having the latest gadgets. Such folk are most likely to have the latest model phone — and a stockpile of relatively recent phones they no longer use.

Phones that are still working are worth about twice as much as a non-working phone, so ask donors “was this phone still working when you stopped using it?” or “do you have any old phones that still work?” You’ll double your results if you focus on phones that work.

If you’ve got the time and inclination you can get an idea of phone value by checking it out at www.fonebank.com.au, but here are Australia’s Top Five Most Wanted models and their values (checked recently): Apple iPhone 4S 16GB $390; Samsung Galaxy S II i9100 $299; Samsung Galaxy Note $273; Blackberry Bold Touch 9900 $247; Samsung Galaxy Nexus $234.
Milkwood Steiner School in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia has a unique Class Teacher position available. We are seeking an experienced Steiner teacher for permanent appointment OR a temporary appointment for a term/semester/or end of year 2012. The position is for immediate start.

Relocations costs and accommodation will be negotiated for the right applicant! Our ‘dry’ season is commencing and the weather becomes a beautiful 25 degrees each day while the southern part of our continent becomes cold. A wonderful opportunity to explore our unique landscape and beautiful lifestyle. A wonderful opportunity for you to come on a Top End adventure in a tropical, welcoming city and join our lovely Steiner community.

Darwin is a beautiful, fascinating, tropical city - a melting pot of people and cultures that prides itself on its unique and friendly laid-back lifestyle. We are the gateway to Arnhem Land, world famous Kakadu and Litchfield parks and a short plane ride to Bali, Indonesia and into Asia.

We are seeking a new Class Teacher in the early Primary area. We are looking for a caring, dedicated, and creative class teacher who already has experience in Steiner Education, a deep interest in Anthroposophy and personal development. Naturally the teacher we seek has good communication skills, including the ability and willingness to work respectfully with colleagues and parents and a commitment to ongoing professional development.

Our school is blessed with dedicated teachers and staff who so capably educate and nurture our children in our wonderful environment.

Our position is available immediately until at least December 2012. A term and/or semester opportunity available also for the right applicant. Further enquiries may be made to <x-msg://163/>michelle.parker@milkwood.nt.edu.au or 042 888 5353

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**2012 TERM DATES**

**Term Two – Monday 16th April – Friday 22nd June (10 weeks)**

- Wednesday April 25th - ANZAC Day Holiday
- Monday May 21st - Curriculum Day
- Monday June 11th - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Wednesday June 13th - Music Concerts
- Thursday June 21st - Mid Winter Festival

**Term Three – Monday 16th July – Friday 14th September (9 Weeks)**

- Friday July 27th - Class 1 - 8 Parent teacher interviews (half day – classes 1 – 8)
- Tuesday August 14th - Curriculum Day
- Friday August 31st - Annual School Music Concert
- Tuesday September 11th - Spring Festival
- Wednesday September 12th – Class 9 – 12 Parent teacher Interviews (Full Day for 9-10 students, half day for 11-12 students)

**Term Four – Monday 8th October – Friday 14th December (10 weeks)**

- Sunday October 28th - Fair and Open Day
- Monday October 29th - Clean Up Day
- Saturday November 3rd – Tuesday November 6th - Melbourne Cup Weekend
- Saturday November17th – Sunday November 18th - Class 12 Presentations
- Monday November 19th – student free day classes 9 - 12
- Friday November 23rd - Senior College Festival (half day classes 9-12)
- Wednesday December 5th – Music Concerts
- Thursday December 13th - Christmas Festival

***Please note that there is no scheduled curriculum day in term 4 but we have left one floating to enable us to take up an unscheduled Professional Development opportunity that may arise.***
School is a place of learning and culture. One way that we can support children to respect this is to ensure that the way they dress for school is appropriate. The way we dress is an important factor as to how we hold ourselves and relate to others.

Appropriate dress for school is clothing that is tidy, clean and comfortable - warm in winter and cool in summer, and practical for the grounds we have at school.

Clothes can also be an arena for peer pressure and fashion trends to dominate, however, this is not appropriate at school. This is one reason why some schools have uniforms. The Little Yarra Steiner School does not have a uniform, but requests the students dress within the guidelines set out below (variations for high school students are included):

Clothing

- School clothes should allow free-movement by the child. They are ideally made of natural fibres, which breathe and keep the child warm.

- Clothing must cover the student’s midriff, belly-button and kidney areas, as well as their shoulders.

- Clothing should be free from advertising and motifs, fluorescent colours and should not be black in classes 1 – 6. Clothing logos, if unavoidable must be smaller than a hand. In the high school, Classes 7 and up, clothing with bright fluorescent colours and offensive logos are not permitted.

- In wet weather, primary school children will need a raincoat and waterproof gear, including gumboots, in order to play outside. A spare set of clothing in your child’s bag ensures that they have dry clothes to change into.

- The temperature can fluctuate greatly in the Yarra Valley. Please send your child to school with layers, including a jumper, in case the weather becomes inclement.

- Please include name tags on all of your children’s clothing.

- Sun hats: please see “playground rules”

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn to and from school.

- Appropriate shoes enable the child to run and play freely.

- Thongs and scuffs are not suitable, nor are “heels” or fashion shoes.

- In the winter months gumboots allow the children to enjoy the outdoors and the mud while keeping their feet dry. These can be kept at school.

- During late autumn/winter/spring indoor slippers are necessary for primary school children, in order to keep their feet warm and circulation healthy. Moccasins or bulky slippers are not suitable for circle time and movement.

- Teachers may designate “barefoot areas” in the playground, and will inform children on days when it is warm enough to play barefoot. If you do not want your child to go barefoot at school, please inform your child’s class teacher.

Accessories

- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum, and a teacher may request its removal if it is distracting or has the possibility of being injurious. Teachers cannot be held responsible for the care of jewellery worn to school by the children.

- For primary school children, make-up and nail polish are not permitted. For high school students, radical make-up and tattoos are not permitted.

- Dyed hair, colouring and radical haircuts and styling are not permitted in the primary school. High school students may not come to school with radical hairstyles or colouring.

- Body piercing such as nose, eyebrow, etc. is not permitted. For pierced ears there should be no more than one earring per ear.

- For safety reasons, jewellery cannot be worn in Gym, Games, or Eurythmy Classes.
Donate that old mobile phone you’ve got tucked away in a drawer. It’s probably worth cash that’d help us CONSTRUCT A KINDERGARTEN. Bring your pre-used mobile. It’ll help make a difference.

We recommend that you remove the SIM card - it holds your personal mobile number and may hold credit or charging permissions. We also recommend that you remove personal data from your phone’s memory - photographs, contacts information etc.

It’s easy. Go to www.fonebankfundraiser.com.au & select data removal to get instructions. Bring the phone (handset and battery). We can’t recycle chargers or accessories.
FAIR FUN AND FUNDING - JACQUI WELLINGS

Please come along and meet Nick Williamson from the Schools new Management Group. We are working together to create a wonderful 2012 LYSS School Fair & Open Day. Come along to our meetings on Thursdays at 1pm to discuss any of your ideas and suggestions on how to make it an even more enjoyable day. If you are unable to come along at this time please leave your suggestions for Nick & Jacqui at the School Office.

We are also asking for anybody from our community who has skills or contacts for help with the fair in Marketing, Advertising, Graphic Design, Sign Making, sourcing Pea Straw, cool room hiring, market stall co-ordination, traffic control (on the day), Craft skills / donations / workshops, catering, Marquee hire, jumping castle or ride hire, organic food and drink supplies, wholesale or donated plants etc. etc. etc. If your line of work or business isn’t on this list, suggest it to us and how you can help.

We are trying to raise as much money as we can to be able to build our new Kindergartens. The “temporary” buildings have been there for a long long time now. So as a community let us all come together and see what we can do to build three purpose built new kindergartens as beautiful as we have all been dreaming and wishing for.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER - BARRY

If you would like to have an email link for the newsletter each week, please visit the School website www.lyss.vic.edu.au and subscribe. That way you have the colour version of both the School newsletter and Sweet Porridge emailed fresh with each edition.

PRE-SCHOOL LIBRARY - ALICIA AND KATHLEEN

This year the Pre-School Library will be opened on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9-9.30am. During this time parents can borrow and return books. We welcome any new parents to the school and those who may not have accessed the library before. There is a wonderful range of books including topics related to parenting, children’s health and education. For those who would like to borrow for the first time there is a subscription fee of $7. Also, just a reminder to check your bookshelves at home for any library books that may have been forgotten. We are missing quite a significant number of books and it would be great to have them back for all to enjoy.

WOOD FIRED PIZZAS ON FRIDAYS - EMMA

Pizza orders can be left in the baskets outside classrooms or at the office for the high school. With name, class, pizza type & amount (1/2 or whole) clearly written on bag or envelope & correct change please, we cannot give change. Term orders can also be placed at the office.

Pizzas available:
- Margherita – Tomato base with cheese  ½ $3.00 full $6.00
- Margherita w/olives  ½ $3.50 full $6.50
- Pepperoni – Tomato base with cheese, salami feta & olives  ½ $4.00 full $7.50
- Vegie – Tomato base with cheese, pumpkin, grilled capsicum, spinach, feta & olives  ½ $4.00 full $7.50
- The Lot – Everything  ½ $4.50 full $8.00

Special orders are available on whole pizzas only.

Anybody interested in joining our team for a fun day of making pizzas & feeding the school community please call emma 5967 1638 or email stevejacobson@netspace.net.au or come & visit us at the ovens on Fridays.