WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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JUNE

Weds 6th Official Opening of Language Centre & Gymnasium 9-30 am
Weds 6th Transit of Venus Observations 9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Wed 6th Parent Information Session LYE tour 4 pm
Thurs 7th Class 7 Parent Teacher Evening 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Sat - Sun 9th - 24th Class 10 Central Australia Community Experience
Mon 11th QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Weds 13th Music concerts 5 pm - 6.00 pm and 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm
Weds 13th School Tour (please book with reception)
Thurs 14th VCE Drama performance 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Fri 15th VCE Music Concert 5.00 pm - 6.15 pm
Fri 15th VCE Drama performance 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Mon-Fri 18th - 22nd Class 11 Work Experience
Mon-Fri 18th - 22nd Class 12 Project Preparation Week
Mon 18th Ring a Rosy Winter Festival
Mon 18th Mother Holle Winter Festival 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Tues 19th Ring a Rosy Winter Festival
Tues 19th Briar Rose Winter Festival 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Tues 19th Class 8 perform A Midsummer Night’s Dream 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm
Weds 20th Class 8 perform A Midsummer Night’s Dream 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm
Fri 22nd Ring a Rosy Winter Festival
Fri 22nd Class 8 perform A Midsummer Night’s Dream 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm
Fri 22nd END OF TERM TWO: 12.30 pm finish for whole school
Thurs 28th Music Concert for Erica’s students, Eurythmy Room 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

VENUS IN TRANSIT FOLLOWED BY A SEASON OF FESTIVALS - JEAN-MICHEL DAVID

A reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday) morning we’ll have the official opening of a couple of buildings that are, as it happens, already in use: both the Resource Language Centre as well as the Gymnasium will have their formal opening in the morning.

Subject to cloud cover, we may simultaneously be able to view the transit of Venus that begins close to 8:30 am, peaks at around 11:00, and lasts until approximately 2:30 pm. All in all, we’re in an ideal location for maximum viewing as long as weather condition is benignly clement.

In the ensuing weeks will be a number of festivities as we approach the shortest day of the year. Beginning at 5:30 on Thursday the 21st (the penultimate term date) will be our Winter Solstice festival. More details will be in forthcoming newsletters.

From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner
Verse 35
Can I recognize the existence,
That finds itself again
In soul’s creation urgings?
I feel, that might is lent to me,
To humbly immerse the Self
As a member into the World Self.
Angela Rivas, Lunasol Photography, showed us some basic skills on taking photographs last week. Her first advice was to have a good understanding of the camera we were using. There were a lot of functions we did not know at all! She also explained about file size, ISO, aperture, shutter speed and lights. By creating a simple studio shoot set-up or by understanding how to use natural light outdoors, we took several pictures in order to see the effects and differences. It was quite an interesting workshop. Thank you, Angela, for your time and kind support!

Photos by mums at the workshop

Photos by Angela during the Craft Group sessions
CONVERSATION REPORT - JEAN MICHEL & JIM

What is happening to library resources at the school? A number of things are happening in relation to this. The Primary Faculty staff have conducted an audit and are already purchasing new books. A submission has been made for additional funding to purchase more books to follow the current acquisitions. The research facility for senior students is being relocated in the new language building. Research resources at this level are increasingly technology based but new book resources are also needed. The acquisition of books for the senior student resource centre will be driven by development work on the Upper School curriculum.

At the moment library resources are devolved into classrooms. The Primary School Faculty Building, the construction of which should recommence soon, will have a designated space to consolidate book resources to support the later years of the class teacher period. According to the school’s masterplan the current Administration Building will ultimately become a library for older primary school students. As the building program continues more temporary options for a library space will become available.

Start the day with something to think about. The conversation follows its own course or the direction your questions lead it. Join us in the Main Building at 9.00 am on Wednesday mornings to be a part of the conversation. This week’s issue was initiated as a question on notice. Questions on notice may be emailed to jtaylor@lyss.vic.edu.au.

CRAFT GROUP - HIROMI

We will go back to our crocheting project for the rest of the term. Karen has shown us how to crochet from some basic patterns to a granny's square. She will now teach us some 3-dimensional items such as a bag or a beanie. It's not too late to start! Come and join us. We meet on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12 noon in the main building. The profits from our group go to the Community House project. Children are welcome and morning tea is available.

TALKING EURYTHMY - FRANCIS

I would like to thank Kelly Papas for the fantastic talk that she presented last Wednesday on eurythmy. This was very well recieced by the group in attendance.

Next term we will have the following lectures:

- Introduction to Anthroposophy Johannes Schuster. Monday August 5
- Caring for the Sick Child Annette Batchelor Thursday August 16
- Bio-Dynamics Tobias Mager Wednesday September 5

I look forward to seeing you there.

LITTLE YARRA ENSEMBLE TOUR INFORMATION - DAMIEN

Next parent information meeting for LYE September 2012 East Coast Tour is to be held in the Music Hall Wednesday 6th June at 4.30pm. Tour details and the budget will be discussed. Looking forward to all parents of LYE students attending.

LOST PROPERTY WILL BE ALL WASHED UP - COREY

It is that time again. The lost property will be collected for washing next week. Check the baskets in the foyers of classrooms and the main office for anything misplaced. Class One parents will be selling the collected clothes (washed) at the end of term market.

We have also registered with Stuck On You. If you need labels for clothing, please purchase them from this company and enter ‘Little Yarra Steiner School’ in the promotion code section of the payment page. We will have paper order forms on the stand.

AMEB MUSIC EXAMINATION FORMS DUE BACK - MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Students who have been learning an instrument for a few years are able to sit an external music examination with the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB). Students will receive a form from their Individual Instrument Teacher about these AMEB music examinations. The examinations take place in October and November of this year, but forms are due back to the front office with payment by FRIDAY 8 JUNE. Late enrolments are not guaranteed a place by AMEB and also attract strict late fees. Thank you for your attention to this.
Last week class 6 had a very early start to the school week, 6:30 a.m. in fact. As part of their physics main lesson, they were asked to come to school at an unreasonable hour to observe the first light of day.

It was well worth it. Not only was there a warming fire, but parents cooked us an amazing breakfast, with the lot!
END OF TERM MUSIC CONCERTS  
WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

**Music Hall: Erica, Michael & Heather**
5:00pm
Finn Allen
Elijah Brown
Sam Campbell
Flynn Cousens
Bechet Cousens
Kai Doensen
Ambrose Duarte
Joshua Fabien
Billy Janssen
Isis Jenkins
Gethen Jenkins
Morgan Klumpp
Ashley Kogtevs
Joel Leembruggen
Perry Logan-Jacobson
Kester Mager
Max Melnychenko
Sasha Melnychenko
Harry Middleton-Brooks
Kingston Reece-Lane
Harry Richter
Zem Stevens
Jack Van Poelvoorde
Charlie Van Poelvoorde

**Eurythmy Room: Rita & Damien**
5:00pm
Lauren Atkins
Willow Barrett
Amanda Doll
Emily Gange-Holloway
Lucah Gange-Holloway
Isabella Gange-Holloway
Satya Hallewas
Lara Jamieson
Ellicia Klimek
Samuel Mackinnon
Mila Males
Gen Nagano
Cian O’Brien
Tameeka Peters
Dylan Reid
Vivian Riley
Bella Riley
Charly Saitha
Renee Saitta
Storm Scott
Lachlan Spencer
Isabella Sprunt
Rainbow Wagner
Freya Woodland

**Lecture Theatre: Jenny & Celia**
5:00pm
Rebecca Andre
Eleanor Andre
Porsha Casaccio
Safin Clark
April Croydon
Austin Croydon
Oliver de Varga
Audrey Dunbar
Rebekah Elliot
Beth Elliot
Tali Holman
Clarity Houniet
Aiden Kear
Tom Kear
Lily McMillan
Lydia Roberts
Yves Roberts
Callum Scott
Evie Simpson
Meisha Simpson
Isobelle Skinner
Ryan Wishart
Jason Wishart

**6:15pm**
Baya Arvanitakis-Litchfield
Jack Baker
Sean Finnigan
Winona Finnigan
Tane Flanagan
Maiya Franco
Marc Geurts
James Headland
Zoe Hickey
Tui Hogan
Maoto Kanemura
Dylan Nisbet
Matilda Reynolds
Seamus Robb
Finn Saurine
Alice Saw
James Sharman
Sage Simpson-Roberts
Rory Simpson
Gabrielle Simpson
Nicholas Thompson-Stokell
Mercedes Waldron
Rubu Walker
Oliver Ween-Lawrence
Mathilda Ween-Lawrence
Ella Wright

6:15pm
Emma de Boer
Rebecca de Boer
Katinka de Boer
Lisanne Bonig
Hugh Brennan
Adam Brennan
Amanda Buck-Merilainen
Matthew Buck-Merilainen
Kieran Cock
Gabrielle Cock
Molly Franzke
Millicent Graham
Chiara Hendry-Walpole
Zara Houghton
Dennis Kreilas
Marieke Kreilas
Phoebe Laidlaw
Bryn Neil
Gemma Osmond
Minjahra Williams

**6:15pm**
Katelin Borondy
Mikayla Branch-Spence
Balin Branch-Spence
Madeleine Colt
Benjamin Colt
Matthew Donovan
Lucas Donovan
Avalon Flynn
Zazen Flynn
Maia Hanrahan
Bethany Little
Angus Meede
Laura Morgan
Felice Poh
Ruth Sanders
Felix St Maur Sheil
Sage Hanman-Siegersma
Sean-Michael Farmer
Sara Goldman
Lucinda Walker
Savanna Wellings
Jazmin Wren-Radford

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There will be a 7.30 performance in the Music Hall for all extra-curricular ensemble groups including both LYE ensembles. If you are in an ensemble that rehearses outside normal school hours you will be performing in a concert.
BRING OUT YOUR HEALERS - NICK WILLIAMSON

If you are a healing practitioner including Massage, Reiki, Bowen therapy etc. then we WANT YOU! Come join Stewart Kerr in the Curative Eurythmy (Imelda’s) room to provide our Fair goers with a wonderful experience and get your name ‘out there’. To register your interest please contact Nick at the school or by email on nwilliamson@lyss.vic.edu.au

FAIR & OPEN DAY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED - NICK WILLIAMSON

A big thankyou to everyone currently helping to bring the Fair together. We do however need more volunteers, especially in Food Stalls and Children’s Activities and others. If you can help we would appreciate your assistance. To register your interest please contact Nick at the school or by email on nwilliamson@lyss.vic.edu.au.

EARN & LEARN - BARRY

Little Yarra has joined with other Schools in the area and is again involved with the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. With each purchase at a Woolworths supermarket, stickers are given at a rate of one sticker per $10 of purchase. Cards to put the stickers on are available from the School Office and from Safeway. Many people are encouraging friends and relatives to also save the Earn & Learn stickers. Card with stickers on them may be delivered to the School Office or placed in the green box at Safeway.

TOUR THE SCHOOL - JIM

If you, or someone you know, has an interest in getting to know Little Yarra, one of the best ways is to join a school tour. Tours are conducted in the mornings and generally take a couple of hours. You can see the school at work and have your questions about Steiner education answered. Bookings can be made by calling 5967 1953 and are essential so that we can ensure enough tour leaders are available. We have tours planned for: 13th June, 18th July, 15th August, 12th September.

HAVING TROUBLE DOWNLOADING ALL THE NEWSLETTER? - JIM & BARRY

Some readers have been reporting problems getting to see all the pages of the newsletter. If this applies to you, please try this. Go to the schools website: www.lyss.vic.edu.au and in the bottom right hand corner where it says “Current Issues”, right click on ‘newsletter’ and save to your computer. You should then be able to open the downloaded file from where you have saved it.

CHILDREN’S TREASURE TROVE - ALICIA

Briar Rose parents are currently collecting matchboxes that will be needed to make some of the beautiful items for the Children’s Treasure Trove at the Fair this year. We need around 50 so if you can help please leave empty matchboxes in the space provided at the office. Thank you.

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.

GET ONTO THOSE PHONES - JIM

Donate that old mobile phone you’ve got tucked away in a drawer. Fonebank fundraisers refurbish discarded mobile phones and make them available at affordable prices in Third World countries. The school receives cash from Fonebank for collecting the phones, the environment benefits because the phones are recycled and making modern telecommunications available empowers people in poorer communities. Just bring your old phones and place them in the box in the foyer of the school office. Fonebank recommend that you remove your SIM card and any personal data, photographs or contacts. You can get help doing this and more information about the program at www.fonebankfundraiser.com.au. Bring the phone (handset and battery) but not chargers or accessories.
ADULT ART CLASSES WITH SUE SCHUSTER
It is not too late to join. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the Main Building

Tuesday 1.30- 3.00pm

Introductory: Language of Art and Design

This Beginners/Refresher course is designed to introduce students to the language of art through a number of lively exercises where design elements and principles are explored in a creative way, providing an opportunity to develop both skills and art appreciation.

Duration: 6 weeks — 15th May - 19th June

Cost: $30.00 per session. Concession: $25.00 per session OR if the full term is paid in advance.

Materials: 2 x HB, 2 x 2B Pencils, barrel sharpener, Ruler/white hard rubber, Whiteout pen, 0.2, 0.4 Black fine liners, Cartridge sketchbook A4 or A3

Wednesday 1.00- 2.30pm

Intermediate: Drawing and Painting

This intermediate course is designed for students wishing to develop their drawing and painting skills. A number of tonal studies will be undertaken which will later be interpreted in colour.

Duration: 6 weeks — 16th May-20th June

Cost: $30.00 per session. Concession: $25.00 per session OR if full term is paid in advance.

Materials: HB, 2B, 4B pencils, Barrel sharpener, Ruler/white hard rubber/kneadable rubber, Suggestions as to which paints to buy will be given in the first lesson, Cartridge sketchbook A4 or A3.

Sue Schuster has been teaching Art for over 25 years at all levels from Primary, Secondary (Yrs 7- VCE 11-12) and Post Secondary (Professional Development for Teachers at the Melbourne Steiner Training Seminar, Tasmania and Malaysia.) She was one of the founding Directors at LYSS, taking a class through from Class 1-8 as well as having taught in the pioneering high school. She has developed Steiner Art curriculum for schools and is well read in art history and contemporary art practices.

Sue has continued her own art practice with mentoring from various local artists such as the late Matcham Skipper and Max Casey, Janet Hayes and Richard Granville Smith as well as many Anthroposophical teachers such as David Hattan. Sue’s specialty lies in her ability to encourage the innate creativity of students, employing the foundation studies of the Anthroposophical approach to colour and form.

Enquiries and Enrolments : Sue Schuster on 59 643 637

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.

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.

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.