From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 36
In my being’s deeps speaks
Urging towards revelation
Mystery full the World Word:
Fulfill your labour’s aims
With My spirit light,
To offer up your Self through Me.

CALENDAR

JUNE
Sat - Sun  9th - 24th  Class 10  Central Australia Community Experience
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
Thurs  21st  Mid Winter Festival 5.30 pm - 7.30 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: Class 1 - 12, 12.30 pm finish: Pre school, 12.20 pm finish
Fri  22nd  End of Term Market
JULY
Mon  16th  START OF TERM THREE

WINTER SOLSTICE

- JEAN-MICHEL DAVID

We were blessed last week with overall excellent weather conditions to observe the transit of Venus. Thank you to all our students for the manner in which the various telescopes, solar glasses and binoculars were sensitively handled, and thank you also to the parents who were able to provide additional equipment.

Next week we approach the Winter Solstice. In many other countries in temperate zones, this officially marks the entry into Winter. Our festivity will take place on Thursday, next week, June 21st, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Music Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend this community festival, during which will be some music, singing, and Eurythmy incorporated into a bringing of renewed light, and an expected Bonfire. We anticipate completing this celebratory offering by 7:30pm. Do bring along a lantern or candle to be lit from the central light that Class 5s will disseminate.

Also a brief reminder that Friday 22nd June is the last day for term 2, with term 3 resuming on the 16th July.
CONVERSATION REPORT - JEAN MICHEL & JIM

Instead of the regular conversation last week we spent the time officially opening the Language Centre and the Gymnasium. The buildings were officially opened by the Honourable Rob Mitchell MHR. The opening was attended by the architect, Alvyn Williams of Soft Loud House and the Construction Manager, Larry Marshall of Earthline Builders as well as a number of other people involved in the construction of the buildings, parents and staff of the school.

Work is still needed to complete the gymnasium. That is in part due to the fact that the project ran into significant ground water issues which increased costs, and the unplanned requirement to install a fire service to the whole school as a consequence of building the gymnasium. Another factor is the school’s policy to build quality where things cannot easily be upgraded later, and to postpone what can be added as additional funding becomes available. This approach has been followed in almost all capital projects at the school and has given us the built environment that we now enjoy.

The Gymnasium, the Language Centre and the Upper School Oval were all part of Commonwealth Funding that became available in order to stimulate the economy in the wake of the global financial crisis. The money for the gymnasium and the oval were made available on a per capita basis. The Language Centre was a competitive submission for an additional funding allocation and Little Yarra was very pleased to be successful.

The regular conversation will return next week. Everyone is welcome. 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. Questions on notice may be emailed to jtaylor@lyss.vic.edu.au.

END OF TERM MARKET - BARRY

There will be an End of Term Market on Friday 22nd of June outside the Main Admin Building. Stallholders wishing to sell suitable and appropriate products are invited to register their interest by contacting Barry in the Office at School. office@lyss.vic.edu.au Stall fees are $10 for adults $5 for students All proceeds raised are invested into plants for the School gardens. Stalls so far include Class One Lost Property, Class Five Sausage Sizzle, Wood Fired Pizza’s and The Around Australia Garage Sale.

EARN & LEARN - BARRY

Thank you to all for the amazing response to collecting Earn & Learn stickers. Having recently emptied the cardboard collection box at Safeway I was astounded at the number of Sticker cards that were held within. Please keep collecting.

2012 PHONE DIRECTORY - BARRY

My intention to have the 2012 Phone Directory printed and distributed by the beginning of Term II has not worked as favourably as I would have liked. My new objective is to dedicate some uninterrupted time to this task over the coming School holidays. If any families have changed their address or phone details and are yet to inform the School, then now is an opportune time to do so. A copy of the DRAFT Directory is available for viewing on my desk where any changes indicated will be incorporated into the completed version.

END OF TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER - REBECCA

Class 5 will be holding a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser from 12.30pm onwards on the last day of term, Friday the 22nd of June. We will have B.B.Qs set up outside the Admin Building with sausages in bread for $2.50, and a vegetarian option as well (which will be posted in the next newsletter). So remember to bring your gold coins to school on June 22nd so you can enjoy a warm sausage for lunch whilst frolicking at the end of term market!

INSPIRE YOUR MUSICAL CHILD AT THIS FREE CONCERT - DAMIEN

On Thursday 14th June 5.00-6.30 pm the VCE music students will sit their unit 1 and 3 (Year 11 and 12) exams. This will take the form of a public concert in the Lecture Theatre. Our VCE students are excellent musicians and therefore the performance will be of a high standard, displaying a variety of music from classical to modern band works. The concert is free and promises to be an entertaining evening so come along and support our high school students. Damien on behalf of music.

PRE-SCHOOL END OF TERM FINISH - SANDRA

Pre-school will finish for the last day of term at the normal time of 12:20 pm. The rest of the school finishes at 12:30 pm.

HAVE YOU SEEN HARRY’S JUMPER? - HEIDE

Harry recently received the jumper as a birthday gift, so it is quite precious to him...And to me for that matter as its a good one and cost a few bob. It’s a Blue ‘Hurley’ (Brand) hoodie and fits 12 year old boy. It was lost approx 1 week ago. I have searched the lost property baskets in the 5/6 foyer and main office. If you have seen it please let me know by telephoning 5967 2861.
FAIR & OPEN DAY – WHERE WE’RE AT AND WHERE WE’LL BE! - NICK WILLIAMSON

As there appears to be a little confusion as to where things will be this year, which is a little different for some activities from past years – here is a list!

Craft Stall – Main Building

Children’s Activities – between the Administration building and the Amphitheatre and Music Faculty

Children’s Treasure Trove – Eurythmy room

Food stalls – near pizza ovens

Market Stalls – will be placed around the circular driveway in front of the Administration building

Healing room – Curative Eurythmy room (Imelda’s room – rear of Administration building)

Central stage, music and main performances – grassed circular area in front of Administration building

Volunteer helpers still needed –

If you can offer a hand, especially in the food stalls, please contact Nick at nwilliamson@lyss.vic.edu.au

FAIR & OPEN DAY - COORDINATORS CATCH-UP - NICK WILLIAMSON

We are planning to have a Fair Coordinators catch-up for ALL on Thursday 21/6 at 1pm and the same again Thursday 19/7 at 1pm in the Administration Building LYSS.

In these meetings we need to:

- Understand where you are at
- Understand what help you need
- Set some dates

If you cannot be there can you please let me know at nwilliamson@lyss.vic.edu.au

CRAFT STALL UPDATE: KNITTED SQUARES - ISABELLE & JACQUI

The response to our request for knitted squares for this year’s Craft Stall has been wonderfully generous: thank you! However, this does mean that our limited wool supplies are nearly gone! We would love you to keep knitting but we’d like to ask if you could use up any spare wool you may have yourselves. The squares do not need to be a single colour, so this might be a good way to use up leftover bits and pieces. We are planning to use colourful squares to make small blankets and knee rugs. Squares in ‘animal’ colours will be turned into simple knitted lambs and rabbits. Crochet squares are also good: granny squares are great to turn into doll or baby blankets. Can all squares please be handed in by the second week of next term? This will give us time to put together the blankets and make up the lambs and rabbits.

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.

END OF TERM FAREWELLS - LARISSA

At the end of this term we have one student leaving the school. Amanda Doll in Class 8 will leaving Little Yarra. We wish her all the best at her new school.
Godd spake...

"Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and other beautiful things I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles."

St. FRANCIS: It’s the tribe who settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers “weeds” and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it’s so boring. It’s not colourful. It doesn’t attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It’s sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilising grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

St. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilise grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. FRANCIS: You aren’t going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer.

In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It’s a natural cycle of life.

St. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles ...and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

St. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don’t want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you’re in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: ‘Dumb and Dumber’, Lord. It’s a story about....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.
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 Saitta
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
Maya Franco
Marc Geurts
James Headland
Zoe Hickey
Tui Hogan
Maoto Kanemura
Dylan Nisbet
Matilda Reynolds
Seunus Robb
Finn Saurine
Alice Saw
James Sharman
Sage Simpson-Roberts
Rory Simpson
Gabrielle Simpson
Nicholas Thompson-Stokell
Mercedes Waldron
Rubi 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 Kreilaus
Marieke Kreilaus
Phoebe Laidlaw
Bryn Neil
Gemma Osmond
Minjahra Williams

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.
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.

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. Fonebankfundraisers 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.

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.