**From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner**

*Verse 42*

In this winter gloom  
It is the soul’s strong drive,  
Revealing its own force,  
To guide into darkness  
And diviningly to fore feel,  
Through heart warmth, sense revealing.

**CALENDAR**

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**DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING**

Kelly Papas, one of our three Eurythmists, will be starting evening sessions over a 7-week period beginning Wednesday week (1st August). This is a wonderful opportunity to experience or deepen this artistic form that can at times be challenging as well as healing. More details in this Newsletter.

On the topic of adult education and participation, you’ll also notice in this Newsletter the Art classes offered by Sue Schuster this term. We are very fortunate to be able to offer our community these opportunities and encourage your participation!

On a more practical note, a brief reminder that Friday week (3rd August) will be parent-teacher interviews. All parents will have been provided further details by the end of this week.

Next year marks the tenth year that the VCE will have been running at Little Yarra. Our annual VCE information evening focussed for Class 10-11 parents and students will be held on Monday 27th August at 7:30 in the Lecture Theatre. This evening will also provide valuable information about what Little Yarra offers for prospective students and their parents. Should you know prospective students who may be considering joining our school at this level, please pass on our details. Some parents of students in Class 9 may also be interested in coming along to begin to inform themselves about what occurs in the last years of schooling.
CONVERSATION REPORT - JEAN MICHEL & JIM

The Conversation is moving to Tuesday and will resume in week four of this term. Jean-Michel is engaged with Main Lesson until then.

The conversation follows its own course or the direction your questions lead it. Join us in the Main Building at 9.00 am on Tuesday mornings to be a part of the conversation. Questions on notice may be emailed to jtaylor@lyss.vic.edu.au.

SAUSAGES TO PUT A SIZZLE INTO LYE TOUR. - DAMIEN

From Wednesday 1st August until the end of term 3 we will be having a weekly lunchtime sausage sizzle. This is a fundraising event for the Little Yarra Ensemble’s East Coast Tour which is happening in the September holidays. Sausages will be available for classes 3 to 12 and we will also be catering for vegetarians. Class 3 and 4 will have their sausages delivered to their classroom. They must place their money inside an envelope with the order printed clearly on it. They should then be handed to the class teacher first thing in the morning. Class 5 and 6 should come up to the main building at 12.45 with their money, similarly class 7 and above at 1.05. A sausage with onion will be $2 (without $1.50) all funds will go towards the tour. Thank you for your support.

BEEF SALES AND FRUIT TREES - FRANCIS

This year we will be planting out the final phase of the school’s new orchard and in order to secure a bulk purchase price we had to order in bundles and consequently we have a few extras that we will be selling to the community. What we have available is 2 bare rooted fruit trees from each of the following varieties:

Apricot - Moorpark and Trevat
Apples - Fuji and Pink Lady
Cherry - Starkrimson and Stella
Nectarine - Fantasia and Goldmine
Peach - Daisy and Golden Queen

These are standard varieties and not part of our heritage stock but do come well established. They will sell for $20 per tree which I’m sure is cheaper than what the Nurseries have them for.

We also have some of our quality grass fed beef grown on the school farm under biodynamic practices. This is all processed according to the organic standard and available for pick up on Wednesday next week from Sam Failla’s in Yarra Junction. If you would like to place an order please email me for a form fklugman@lyss.vic.edu.au or collect one from the office.

WET-FELTING - ISABELLE

Our first wet-felting date for the term is this Friday 27th July. We will start after drop-off, and this time we will be felting in the room behind the office (where Craft Group usually meets). Bring ideas for projects you would like to work on. If you are looking for ideas, some of the many felted objects that people have made at previous get-togethers include mats for the season table; beads and cords; scarves; slippers; hot-water bottle covers; handbags; purses; flowers; and pictures.

Beginners are welcome. There will be a selection of wool available to buy on the day or bring your own supplies. Silk scraps, yarn and threads can all be used to embellish felt, so bring along a selection to get the creative juices flowing. You don’t need to bring any special equipment but an old towel would be handy for mopping up drips. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own food supplies.

A CALL FOR CLEANERS - FRANCIS

We are currently looking for more cleaners to fill a few gaps in the school’s cleaning roster and it’s also good for us to have some on standby or available to fill in periodically. The cleaning staff do a fantastic job of looking after our facilities at LYSS and payment is usually deducted directly from school fees. We also have an inservice training session with our suppliers on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st July so it would be great to have any expressions of interest in before that so that interested parties can attend.

WANTED: MATURE AGED MODELS. - ELLA

Hi all, I am a student in year 12 completing a studio art project this term looking at the theme ‘grace in ageing’. I am looking for mature looking people, who have lots of wrinkles, character and a beautiful face. I will photograph these people and print them in different formats and sizes experimenting with mixed media to present as part of my VCE Studio Art assessment. If you are interested, or know someone who would like their photograph taken, please email me atellarosey@hotmail.com or call me on 0408340378 (mindful of school hours).
CRAFT GROUP
- HIROMI

Our first project in Term 3 is knitting. We will knit simple squares into cute rabbits. Please bring your own knitting needles (4mm) if you have. We meet on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12 in the main building. The profits from our group go to the Community House project. Children are welcome and morning tea is available.

BILLBOARD & SIGNAGE OPPORTUNITY
- NICK

The school is currently looking for sites from Emerald to Warburton to Healesville where it can place signage promoting the school. We are looking for positions that have high traffic and visibility preferably on a main road. If you have such a site and would be interested in making this available to the school for a reasonable fee or arrangement, please contact Nick Williamson at the school or email nwilliamson@lyss.vic.edu.au.

TERM DATES FOR THE REST OF 2012

Term Three – Monday 16th July – Friday 14th September (9 Weeks)
Friday August 3rd - Class 1 - 12 Parent teacher interviews (half day – classes 1 – 12)
Tuesday August 14th - Curriculum Day
Friday August 31st – Annual School Music Concert
Tuesday September 11th - Spring Festival

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 November 17th – 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

REPEATS AND REMINDERS

CLASSES 1-12 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS. HALF DAY
- OLGA

Parent/Teacher Interviews are to be held on Friday August 3rd. School will finish for classes 1 - 8 at 12:30 pm and for classes 9-12 at 1:05 pm in order for the interviews to begin in the afternoon and continue into the evening.

The Booking sheet for class 1-8 interviews is now on the table in the office foyer. Please fill in your name in pencil, in capitals to book a time.

The interviews for the Upper School will take place in the Resource Centre (Lecture Theatre building) from 1:30 to 8:00. Please ensure that your child has made bookings with their teachers and class guardians that are convenient for you on the booking sheet. (Booking sheets will be provided to students and a copy will be posted home)

*** In consideration for all concerned, please arrive 5 minutes ahead of time for your interview and give 24 hours notice if you can’t keep your appointment. Thank you.

If you are unable to come on this day you will need to make alternative arrangements with the relevant teachers.
EARN AND LEARN - BARRY

The response to the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion has been phenomenal. The purple box in the Office is already half full with completed cards and it would appear that we have surpassed our 2011 points tally. Earn & Learn stickers can be collected till August 12th. A very big thank you to all who have participated.

A CALL FOR ALL CHUTNEY AND JAM MAKERS (AND JARS) - NICK

We are calling for a collection of jams and chutneys to sell at the school Fair and Open Day in September. We’ll even provide a few recipes for what’s in season along the way to inspire all cooks into action. Or indeed, if you are not going to stir up a batch then perhaps you have (smallish?) jars to donate to the cause? There’s still plenty of time to make a few batches, keep a few jars for home and pass a few on to the office for the FAIR. If you love a hearty chutney then you will love this recipe and pumpkins are in season right now.

Recipe: Hearty Chutney

3TBsp olive oil, 250g chopped onions, 1 chopped apple, 500g diced pumpkin, 8 crushed garlic cloves, 1/2 cup water, 1TBsp grated ginger, 2 tsp mustard powder, 1TBsp salt, 125g sultanas, 375g brown sugar, 90g white sugar, 2 cups cider vinegar, 1 tsp ground allspice, 2 tsp curry powder, 1 tsp ground nutmeg. Heat oil, saute onion, apple, pumpkin and garlic 5 minutes. Add water and cook until pumpkin is just tender. Add remaining ingredients and bring to the boil, stirring gently until the sugar has dissolved. Cook stirring often 40 minutes or until chutney is thick. Pour into warm sterilised jars and seal... Drop a few jars at the office.

FEES POLICY - DANA

The School has updated its Fees Policy and a copy is now available from our School’s website. Please go to: www.lyss.vic.edu.au and click on ‘Parents’. The Management Group will be working through our policies and updating them throughout the next few years. Updated copies will be posted on the School’s website and advertised through the newsletter.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) – SECOND INSTALMENT - LARISSA

EMA is an allowance paid by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age and the student is enrolled at a school in Victoria on census day (3rd August 2012). These parents must carry a Health Care card, Pensioner card or Veterans Affairs Gold card.

If you fit this criteria and have not submitted a form earlier this year it is time make your application for the second instalment. (EMA is paid in two instalments – a larger amount during semester 1 and a smaller amount during semester 2.)

“What do I do?”... Fill out an EMA form (available at the office). Return this form to the office and bring your concession card with you. This must be done by the 3rd August. Please note that this is in week 3 of term 3. Late applications cannot be accepted.

N.B. If you received the first instalment in semester 1 and your details have not changed, you do not have to do anything to receive the second instalment.

EURYTHMY FOR YOU - KELLY

Introductory sessions with Kelly Papas Starting 1st August - 12th September (7 sessions)

Wednesday evenings 7:30 for 7:45 start – 8:45pm (out the gate by 9pm!) Little Yarra Steiner School Eurythmy Room

You will learn and experience through these introductory sessions many different aspects of eurythmy. This could be a helpful experiential way for parents to deepen their appreciation of both the Rudolf Steiner approach to education as well as eurythmy and to see how they are intimately entwined. The sessions will provide a lively opportunity for moving in joy and harmony with others.

These sessions are the perfect place for beginners to get acquainted with eurythmy, and drop-in participation is greatly encouraged. At the same time consistent participants are able to develop and deepen their eurythmic knowledge and skill within the flexibility of these fun and open classes. Everyone is welcome any time!

Fees: First visit free! Single visit (drop-in) - $15 Any seven (7) consecutive sessions pre-paid - $90

(Subject to changes – participants will be notified where possible)

For more information contact Kelly – 0414 391039 Email - Kellypapas@aapt.net.au
Looking Through My Eyes
Photographic Exhibition: 2\textsuperscript{nd} – 25\textsuperscript{th} August
By Carly Young
Whitehorse Art Space
Ground Floor
Box Hill Town Hall
Official Opening: Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} August 2pm

Meet the Photographer 9\textsuperscript{th}, 11\textsuperscript{th}, 16th of August between 11am-2pm.

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 from the website www.lyss.vic.edu.au or by calling 5967 1953 and are essential so that we can ensure enough tour leaders are available. We have tours planned for: 15th August, 12th September.

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.

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, 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.
**TERM 3  Art Classes with SUE SCHUSTER**

*Where? LYSS Mainbuilding*

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| **Duration:** 6 weeks  
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| Booking essential 59 643637 |  |

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| **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  
Beginning 25th July |  |
| Booking essential 59 643637 |  |

**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.

**Enquiries and Enrolments:** Sue Schuster on 59 643 637

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**IS THIS A WIN, WIN OR A WIN, WIN, WIN SITUATION?**  
-JIM

Take a look at the Switch to Save poster in your local Bendigo Bank. This is a free offer that could save you money on your power bills and benefit the school into the bargain. You would be helping to cut greenhouse gasses as well. How could you not want to be involved? Little Yarra receives $15 for each household that signs up for the Switch to Save offer. Bookings can be made at the Yarra Junction Community Bank branch of the Bendigo Bank.