From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 46

The world, it threatens to benumb
The soul’s own born force;
Now step you, remembrance,
From spirit deeps lucently up
And strengthen my beholding,
That only through will forces
Can it uphold its Self.

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MILESTONES AT THE TURNING OF THE YEAR’S HINGE

The students are nearing completion of their second Main Lesson for the term, soon entering their third topic of deepened study. As well as allowing for depth, the Main Lessons assist in providing a rhythmic structure through each term. One is reminded of the equivalent three-fold unfoldment of the seasons, marked as they are by a cardinal, fixed, and mutable month - with the mutable showing signs of the season to come drawing forth from the future. Seasonally, this is certainly the case as we continue to feel the coldness of the winds of Winter, while the growing sunlight hours call forth early budding growth from the Earth’s depth.

Students and teachers are also preparing for next week’s annual Music Concerts - an evening that, I am confident, will attract many in our community. Our Class 12 students are also preparing for the public presentation of their Major Projects. We anticipate rejoicing in the range of styles and the insights gained as we look forward to celebrating the culmination of this challenging task.

Monday 27th August will be our VCE information evening - and next year will mark the tenth year in which our students undertake such work towards successful completion of their schooling. Coming to grips with how the VCE is structured,
**CONVERSATION —DO THE GONSKI REFORMS POSE A THREAT?**  
- JEAN MICHEL & JIM

How will the Gonski proposals to reform school funding affect Little Yarra? The government’s detailed response is still a few weeks away. However, based on preliminary modelling done by Independent Schools Victoria it would appear that Little Yarra is likely to receive a modest benefit. Implementation will take some time and the current funding model has been extended to the end of 2014. This means we can confidently project the school’s financial position and plan for the next two years.

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

**DEBTORS POLICY — YOU TELL US**  
- NICK

Dear Parents, I am currently reviewing the school’s debtors policy and would like your input. As part of this process I would like your input in terms of suggested improvements. If you have any suggestions, I would welcome your email – please send to Nick nwilliamson@lyss.vic.edu.au I will collate all suggestions and then reformulate the debtors policy with these in mind. Once finalised, the revised debtors policy will be communicated to all parents.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN – VINEYARD PRUNING**  
- ANNETTE BATCHELOR

Continuing with our current Pruning sessions, this week the community garden group will be learning about grape growing as we help prune the school’s grapevines. Wear your gumboots and bring your pruning clippers, all welcome, including children, Wednesday after drop off down by the farm tractor shed.

**WET-FELTING CIRCLE**  
- ISABELLE

Our next felting get-together is Friday week (31 August) in the main building (where Craft Group meets) after drop off until pick-up. Bring a wet-felting project to work on. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring your own food.

**IT’S URTI SEASON AND SOME CONFIRMED CASES OF WHOOPING COUGH**  
- CLYTIE

As we slosh into this puddle-luscious springtime we are also in a peak season for coughs, colds, rheum and even flu. We know your children don’t want to miss a day of school but staying at home to speed recovery and limit the infectious sharing is the better policy. Please be aware that we also have some confirmed cases of whooping cough in the younger grades.

**A CALL FOR OUTSTANDING MEDICAL ACTION PLANS**  
- CLYTIE

Medical action plans for allergies, anaphylaxia and asthma were sent at the beginning of term to those parents with affected children. Please return them as soon as possible.

**CRAFT GROUP**  
- HIROMI

We will support the Craft Stall and the Children’s Treasure Trove for the rest of the term. If you have any items to make and need some help or company, just come and join us! Also, you can bring your own projects. 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.

**YOU CAN STILL BRING IN YOUR EARN AND LEARN STICKERS**  
- BARRY

The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion has now closed but we are still collecting the stickers. Little Yarra has been fortunate in collecting many, many stickers. We are in the process of finishing putting all of the final stickers on cards and will be able to give a tally next week when we submit our entry. A big thank you to all who have been collecting stickers for the School.
DIARY THESE DATES FOR PROJECT LAUNCHES

Fifty Years of Fashion - by Rosie Eden

An exploration of Fashion, and the social aspects that transformed it, from the 1920’s to the 1960’s. Opening on: Saturday 13th of October at 1pm.

Joint opening of Oneiros - by Lily Chalmers & Psilophyte - by Jack Eden

Oneiros...swim in the air and dance on the water... an artistic insight to dreams and the unconscious mind

Psilophyte A sketch for a modern aesthetic of sound. CD Launch based on Impermanence, Imperfection and Transience

Oneiros and Psilophyte will both be launched on Thursday 11th of October from 6pm-9pm at 1000 Pound Bend, 361 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000. Exhibition running from the 9th-16th of October.

creation/destruction - by Mikaila Hanman Siegersma

An exhibition of work mounted at 69 Smith Street Gallery to be opened 5 - 7 pm September 19th and running: 11 am to 5 pm Wednesday to Saturday, 12 noon to 5 pm Sunday, between September 24th and October 14th. (see the poster attached to this newsletter)

CLEANERS WANTED

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.

MICHAELMAS CEREMONY FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

Arising out of last year’s review of the school’s structure, a recommendation was made to have a ‘healing event’ for the school’s community. This recommendation was accepted by the College of Teachers at the time and has since been worked on by the current College as well as the Parents and Friends. What has evolved out of this is the desire to celebrate Michaelmas with the parent community on an annual basis and this year we will be fortunate enough to have Lisa Devine facilitating the event for us.

As the school now enters a new era with a new management structure it seems prudent for parents to have the opportunity to express their experiences of the previous structure and their hopes and dreams for the new. In the two weeks prior to the Michaelmas Ceremony a 3 metre post will be placed near the rear of the main building. Woodworking and art materials will be available for parents who would like to creatively make their impression on the post. This will then form the centrepiece of the transformative fire that will be a part of the festival on the afternoon of Monday September 10th. I warmly invite you to take part in any part of this ceremony and please pass the word around.

ADULT EDUCATION

Thank you to Annette Batchelor for her fantastic talk on caring for sick children. It was a well attended event and we hope she will be able to talk with us further before winter sets in next year. In two weeks time - Wednesday, September 5th - Tobias Mager will be giving a talk on Biodynamics. Tobias operates the veggie garden at the Gawler Foundation and has a fantastic knowledge of Biodynamic farming.

THE SCHOOL IS FULL OF CHILDREN

A distressed teacher reported seeing a car backing into a group of students during drop-off this morning. No one was hurt, but it was a reminder of the dangers. Please be aware and drive carefully. The word “late” has a more deadly meaning than: “a state of being causing an anxiety of hurry and a lack of mindfulness”.

REPEATS AND REMINDERS

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT 31st AUGUST!

We are on the countdown to the Annual School Music Concert in Week 7 of this term. All the primary school ensembles will be performing so this is a fantastic opportunity to see the exciting work that your child or children are doing within their musical education. The concert will begin at 6:45pm in the Music Hall. The younger orchestras and ensembles from Classes 3-5 will be performing in the first half of the concert; these children will only be required to attend the first half and will have an opportunity to leave at interval time if they are becoming too tired. The Music Department are looking forward to this event, a highlight of the school music calendar.
BUSH DANCE               - HEATHER (TOUR ROUSEABOUT)
Our generous Woody has agreed to facilitate a bush dance to raise funds for the Little Yarra Ensemble “East Coast Tour” coming up in September holidays. We would love to see as many school families come along and have great family fun. Woody is famous near and far for his great bush dances.

Where: Mechanics Hall, Warburton. When: Saturday 25th August 7pm to 10pm. Cost: $30 per family, $10 single adult, $5 child. Bring a supper basket, refreshments available.

Tickets available from Barry in the office or at the door.

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VCE INFORMATION NIGHT - NICK
We believe parents, and where appropriate students, need to be well-informed about Class 11 & 12 and what Little Yarra Steiner School offers. This is why we are having a VCE Information Night.

Our VCE Information Night will provide 3 key pieces of information including:

1. Steiner Main Lesson program for Classes 11 and 12
2. Independent Research Project for Class 12
3. VCE, assessment, reporting and what subjects are on offer in 2013

Importantly, you will be given ample opportunity to have your questions answered.

Details of the VCE Information Night are as follows:

Who should attend: All Class 9 to 11 parents, students and other interested parents
When: Monday 27th August
Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Where is it: Resource Centre, at the school, 205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction
To register: Please call 5967 1953
Refreshments: Refreshments will be provided

This is an invaluable opportunity to receive important information about the VCE and I encourage everybody who is thinking about High School to attend. Bernie Wagg/ Upper School Manager.

GOING ROMAN - ROSE & MARION
Come and join us in celebrating all that is Roman at the Roman Stall in the bus shelter. Food to consume after school and feasts to take home. Class 6 is studying Ancient Rome and will hold a Roman inspired food stall (as a fundraiser) after school at the bus shelter on Friday the 24th of August at 3 pm. Goods on offer include lemonade, sticky date pudding, honey and sesame biscuits, chariot wheel cookies, mosaic mouthfuls and Roman coin crunch. Please visit our stall to see what culinary delights Ancient Rome has inspired.

SAUSAGE WEDNESDAYS - DAMIEN
The sausage sizzle every Wednesday this term will raise funds for the Little Yarra Ensemble’s East Coast Tour in September. 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 to 12 should come up to the main building with their money. A sausage with onion will be $2.00. All funds will go towards the tour. Thank you for your support.

FAIR & OPEN DAY NEWS: THE COMMUNITY GARDEN - NICK
The Community Garden group will be holding a stall at the fair for sale of fresh produce & plants etc. We would love donations of home-grown fruit, veggies and eggs and any other produce on the day – bring early on the fair morning. In the leading weeks, people can start bringing donations of plants, seedlings to the office now. Empty pots can be found in the office foyer. Enquiries contact Annette 0407 993 159 or annette@inspiredworld.com.

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ACCREDITED TRAINING IN STEINER EDUCATION - MELBOURNE RUDOLF STEINER SEMINAR

Be part of an imaginative education in 2013!

The Melbourne Rudolf Steiner Seminar Information Evening

Tuesday 4th September 2012, 7.30-9.00 p.m.

Please join us at our forthcoming Information Evening, to hear about our full-time accredited course, the Advanced Diploma in Rudolf Steiner Education (69801TAS).

• Gain a recognised qualification in Rudolf Steiner Education.
• Enjoy an artistic and social experience.
• For your own inner development.

Enquiries or to confirm your attendance email: office@steinerseminar.com or tel. 9876-5199. For information on this course or our part-time courses visit: www.steinerseminar.com Where: Melbourne Rudolf Steiner Seminar at the Michael Centre, 37A Wellington Park Drive, Warranwood, less than 10 minutes from the Ringwood exit of the Eastern Freeway.

CHUTNEY FOR THE FAIR - NICK

Apples are cheap and very local and this chutney is a beaut flavour with cheese or in a sandwich. So have a go at this recipe and pass half the jars on to the school office for the FAIR. Also great to have in your pantry for homemade gifts.

A GOOD APPLE CHUTNEY.

Ingredients:

1.25kg peeled cored and chopped apples
625g chopped onions
2 chopped lemons
2 cups raisins
2 cups cider vinegar
2 cups dark brown sugar
1tbsp salt
1 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground tumeric

Instructions:

Put apples, onions, lemons, raisins, and vinegar in saucepan. Bring to boil and simmer 20 mins. Add sugar stirring until dissolved. Simmer 40 min until thick and most of the liquid evaporates. Remove from heat and add salt and spices. Ladle into hot sterilized jars and seal. Ready to eat in one month if you can wait. 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.

Pizzas available:

Margherita – Tomato base with cheese 1/2 $3.00  full $6.00
Margherita w/olives 1/2 $3.50  full $6.50
Pepperoni – Tomato base with cheese, salami feta & olives 1/2 $4.00  full $7.50
Vegie – Tomato base, cheese, pumpkin, grilled capsicum, spinach, feta & olives 1/2 $4.00  full $7.50
The Lot – Everything 1/2 $4.50  full $8.00

Special orders are available on whole pizzas only.
Little Yarra Steiner School
Annual School Concert

Friday 31st August 2012
6.45pm
Music Hall
205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

Classical ~ Contemporary
Orchestras ~ Class Ensembles ~ Solos
Gold Coin Donation Accepted
creation/destruction

Exhibition by Mikaila Hanman Siegersma
Opening night 29 September 5 - 7pm

Exhibition runs September 24 - October 14, 2012
11 - 5pm Wednesday to Saturday, 12 - 5pm Sunday
69 Smith Street, Fitzroy
LYSS invites you to The 9th Annual...

BUSH DANCE

Sat August 25th 7pm

$30 family
$10 single
$5 child

MECHANICS HALL

Warburton enquiries...
5 967 1953

BRING SUPPER HAMPER

Refreshments can be purchased from ART CENTRE BAR
The Little Yarra Ensemble

RETURN CONCERT

Wednesday 26 September 2012
2:00pm Entry is Free
Upper Yarra Arts Centre, Warburton

Featuring the stunning Little Yarra Ensemble plus string ensembles, drummers, jazz ensembles, dancers and more....

"An exhilarating mix of youthful energy & refined sophistication"