From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 8
It grows the senses’ might
In bond with the gods’ creation,
It presses thinking’s forces
To dream’s dullness down.
When Divine Being
With my soul wants to unite,
Must human thinking
Humbly still itself to dream existence.

### CALENDAR

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### SEASON FOR MOVING, CELEBRATIONS AND GRATITUDE

Classes have started their final Main Lessons for the year, and the two remaining camps will take place over this week and next. As the end of the year fast approaches, our Music Concerts, Christmas Festivals, and that exciting time for many of our students when they shift into their Classrooms for the ensuing year all take place over the course of the next 13 school days.

I rarely say thank you on this page, but to all parents may I say thank you for your support throughout the school year. Support comes in numerous ways, and it is especially appreciated in the small positive voices of encouragement and the heightened sensing into those incredible achievements your children have made in their growth and transformations. These need not be spoken, but knowing they are valued makes an enormous difference.

A thank you also for the fees paid on time. I am aware that it can often involve a sacrifice to make timely payments but the fees are essential to supplement the grants we receive from both the State and Federal Governments.

Next year, independent schools will be seeking to have earlier enrolments as attendance reporting to government departments will start from the beginning of the year. All schools are of course in the same situation. I encourage you to encourage others who are considering enrolling their children to LYSS to do so sooner rather than later (in classes where spaces exist - a number of classes will have waiting lists). Please do not hesitate to contact Larissa, our Enrolment Officer, for information, and also please note that our final prospective parents’ School Tour for 2012 is coming up next week.
IS THE TOBIAS CLASS THE BEST KEPT SECRET? - JIM & JEAN-MICHEL

Who or what is the Tobias Class? Every child learns in their own way. For this reason teachers present work which meets different learning styles and different stages of intellectual, emotional, physical and social development. Every child is at a different place within this field of variables. Little Yarra, through the work of Julie Sale, has established the targetted and focussed approach of the Tobias Class as an annexe to supplement the education of those children who have needs that are more difficult to meet in the context of a larger classroom. These children continue to spend most of their time with their class mates in the larger classroom, especially for lessons that have a high social education aspect. The Tobias program is an adjunct with the ultimate aim of developing the competencies allowing a better integration into the whole school program.

The conversation will continue tomorrow (Wednesday) in the Main building at 9.00 am. Join us and feel free to add your own topic or question to the conversation.

VACANCIES - DANA

The School is currently advertising for the right person to lead Front of House as Barry will be taking on a new role in Administration next year. If you know of someone brimming with warmth, positivity and who has a happy to help disposition, please encourage them to apply. Shortly to be advertised will also be two very part-time vacancies for a Percussion Teacher and PE Assistant. All applications are available from www.lyss.vic.edu.au/employment.

WET-FELTING ON THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER - ISABELLE

Come along next Thursday, December 6th when Felting Circle will be joining Craft Group to make Christmas decorations from wet-felted balls. Please note that this will replace the timetabled Felting Circle on Friday November 30th. We will be making colourful wet-felted balls, which we will later be decorating with embroidery or dry felted embellishments to make unique and beautiful Christmas decorations. Come and have some fun with felt, everyone welcome!

CRAFT GROUP - HIROMI

We are making Christmas items such as felt stockings, lanterns and animals like sheep and donkeys. We meet on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12noon in the main building. The profits from our group go to the Community House project. Children are welcome and morning tea is available.

NO BOOKS ON THE SLATE - NICK

We are delighted to report enthusiastic interest in Lawrence de Varga’s book of short stories Albert and Others — perhaps a little too enthusiastic. Some people were so keen to get reading that they picked up the book from reception and forgot to pay. The book is a very reasonable $10. If you have one of these hot volumes, please drop by reception and make sure Lawrence is paid.

SCHOOL MEAT SALE - FRANCIS

More home grown meat from the school farm is available. Please complete an order form at the front office or email fklugman@lyss.vic.edu.au. Orders will be available for collection from Sam Failla’s Butchers Wednesday next week, December 5th.

BIODYNAMIC FARM GROUP - ANNETTE

An exciting Wednesday this week - the Cow Horns and 500 we buried in the Autumn have had all winter to absorb the forces of the earth and cosmos and this week we will be unearthing them! Come and join us this Wednesday 9am down by the tractor shed - everyone, including children of all ages welcome.

LOST TO THE WASH - COREY

Lost property washing will be starting Friday 30th. If you are missing anything, or even not sure but might be, please check the baskets before we spirit everything away for the end of the year.

Washed lost property will be available to purchase at a small cost at the end of term market. Proceeds raised will benefit the Parents & Friends.

END OF TERM MARKET - BARRY

There will be an end of term market on Friday, December 14th from 12 noon. Interested stall holders please contact Barry in the school office.
The Term 4 Music Concerts are a celebration of the progress made by each student on their chosen instruments.

Concerts for Classes 4, 5, 6, 8 & Upper School will be on Wednesday, December 5th. (Please note that the Class 7’s will be on camp at this time, so all Class 7 students will have their instrument concert on Wednesday December 12th within school hours).

This term will also see the Class 3’s holding their inaugural performance in a daytime concert on Monday, December 3rd between 9:00 am and 10:30 am in the Eurythmy Room. This is a smaller concert with a nurturing environment as for many of the Class 3 students it will be their first performance. Parents and family are welcome to attend this concert.

Please see below for concert lists for Wednesday, December 5th. Students need to bring their instruments and music, arriving before the concert start time to have their instrument tuned.

**5:15 pm LECTURE THEATRE – Rita, Katya, Celia**

Class 4:

Class 5:
James H, Ashley K, Perry L-J, Laura M, Felice P, Mathilda W-L.

Class 6:

Class 8: Audrey D.

Upper School:
Tom K, Symon MA.

**5:15 pm EURYTHMY RM – Jenny, Damien, Michael**

Class 4:

Class 5:
Ambrose D, Kester M, Zem S, Jade T, Savanna W.

Class 6:
Millicent G, Isis J.

Class 8:

Upper School:
Ryan W, Sage S-R, Seumas R.

**6:30pm LECTURE THEATRE – Rita, Katya, Celia**

Class 4:
Safin C, Tali H, Max M, Lachlan S, Renee S.

Class 5:
Isabella G-H, James H, Dylan N, Alice S, Gabrielle S, Rory S.

Class 6:

Class 8:
Kingston R-L, Rainbow W, Rubi W.

Upper School:
Emily G-H, Ellicia K.

**6:30pm EURYTHMY RM – Jenny, Damien, Michael**

Class 5:
Maya F, Evanna D, Gabrielle C, Adam B, Eleanor A.

Class 6:
Lucinda W, Jack B, Balin B-S, Winona F, Marc G, Tui H.

Class 8:

Upper School:

**CLEAN STRAW, BUT NOT FOR NOTHING**

We still have bales of pea straw available following the Fair and Open Day. Ideal for mulch. This has been a dry month and it is past time to get the garden covered to keep the moisture in the soil. Please order and pay at the office $11 per bale.

-BARRY
Aurora Australis
Anthroposophical College of the Art
Melbourne Eurythmy School

End of the year Performance

By
Students and Teachers

Orlando Gibbons
W.A. Mozart
Franz P. Schubert
Frédéric F. Chopin
Bela Bartok

Rudolf Steiner
Soul calendar
Christmas
Michael

Date:  1st December Saturday
Time:  7pm sharp
Fee:  $15 / $10 (Cons.)
Please join our supper after the performance
Venue:  2 Union Street Kew (MelRef 45 D6)
Parking at Kew Library or
along side of Alexandra Gardens
Opposite Union Street
2013 Adult Education Course at LYSS

TOWARDS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF FORM

In Search of the Spiritual in Art & Architecture

Do you have an interest in Art & Architecture -- from a Spiritual / Anthroposophical perspective?

If you do you may be interested in this course next year:

- Where: at Little Yarra, (English room)
- When: Tuesdays after school (3.45 – 5.30 pm).

*On the basis of Rudolf Steiner's Spiritual Science we look at the spiritual nature of the Creative Process and explore the question of "moral transformation" through the arts. Along the way we begin to identify a "Universal Language of Form", capable of creating a meaningful link between the forms of nature and the forms created by human hands.*

Classes are both, theoretic as well as practical and range across the areas of Art, Science and Spirit. The course was offered last year to LYSS staff as professional development. In 2013 it will be offered again at the school, open to anyone interested.

In the past two years the course has been attended by people with varying degrees of Anthroposophical background, ranging from longstanding experience to those new to anthroposophy. Pending on your prior background, this work may deepen your Anthroposophical understanding in Art & Architecture and the spiritual foundation of the world, or it may give you a first introduction into Anthroposophical thinking.

For more information pick up a brochure at the front desk or go to my website and click on 2013 courses: [www.biosculpturalArchitecture.com](http://www.biosculpturalArchitecture.com)

Please book in advance so I have your contact details in case of last minute time or venue changes.

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**Johannes** is one of the Little Yarra Steiner School’s co-founders and was the first Class teacher and a longstanding administrator of the school. During the first two decades of the school's life he also designed and project-managed its early buildings (the white roofed ones).