From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner
Verse 10

To summery heights
Rises sun lucent being itself;
It carries my human feeling
With it into widths of space.
Divine a stirring within me
Perception, dimly calls to me,
In time you will realize:
A godly being feels you now.

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SEASON FOR MOVING, CELEBRATIONS AND GRATITUDE - JEAN-MICHEL

As this is the final Newsletter for 2012, I wish, on behalf of the school, each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a most blessed year ahead.

A brief reminder that on Thursday we shall have a brief Christmas festival. The Music hall will be open from 5:30 pm to allow everyone to be in for a prompt 6:00 pm start. There will be a brief introduction, a short gift of Eurythmy by staff and some students, a carol, a Christmas story and tableau, completed by us all joining to sing Christmas carols supported by the Class 5 Orchestra.

Over the coming weeks, you may notice that work on the new buildings for classes 7 & 8 will begin afresh. We aim to have these completed as early as possible during the course of next year, hopefully before term 4. It is an exciting time as this phase of the building endeavours enters its phase of completion.

Again, I wish each and everyone a most wonderful and restorative Summer, and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2013.
WHY NO CLASS ASSISTANT IN CLASS 3? - JIM & JEAN-MICHEL

Little Yarra has classroom assistants in Class 1 and Class 2. Why does this stop and not continue to Class 3?

Classroom assistants were introduced into the school as a contribution Little Yarra could make towards the training of Steiner teachers. The assistants do of course bring enormous benefit to the school. When we ask where the assistants would bring most benefit, it is clearly Class 1 and 2. In Class 3 the child experiences the nine-year-old crossing and parents, teachers and other children often experience the consequences of that crossing. The child leaves the hitherto dreaming world and becomes conscious of themselves as an individual. This can bring a feeling of aloneness, and uncertainty about whether parents and teachers are aware and caring for them. Parents may notice changes of behaviour. In particular children cease to play as a group together and start to identify some children as friends and others as not friends.

In this context the authority of the teacher is highlighted and supported. The child needs confidence that there is solidarity in the adults. The Old Testament stories in Class 3 provide models of strong leaders such as Moses leading the children of Israel out of the Egyptian captivity and through the wilderness towards the promised land. The long axis in the Class 3 room works to support the hierarchical authority of the teacher. A casse can be made for having the Class 3 teacher as the single strong ego presence in the room.

There will be no Conversation, this, the last week of term.

CHRISTMAS TO BE DELAYED! - JIM

No, we can’t do that, but please note that the Christmas Festival will start at 5.30 pm this Thursday, and not a 5.00 pm as it was in the Newsletter Calendar last week. My apologies for any confusion.

CAMP DATE SWITCH - OLGA

The optional week listed in last week’s Camp Dates sheet next to Class 10 Community Experience in June is incorrect. It actually applies to Class 10 Work Experience in September. The Camp Dates sheet has been reissued in this week’s newsletter.

MORE GREAT RESULTS IN MUSIC EXAMS - ANITA

Another two rounds of AMEB Music Exams were held on Friday 30 November and Monday 3 December, with students sitting exams from Preliminary right through to Grade 7 on Cello, Double Bass, Viola and Violin. Again our talented students have shown their commitment and effort in achieving the following results: 3 A+’s (High Distinctions), 5 A’s (Honours), 3 B+’s and 6 B’s (Credits). Last week I forgot to mention that we also had an A+ on Cello as well! Congratulations to all those who participated!

LITTLE YARRA MARKET CHRISTMAS BONANZA - THIS SATURDAY - FRANCIS

After our very successful grand launch last month, the Little Yarra market returns again this weekend with our Christmas Bonanza! Saturday 15th from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. With over 50 stallholders on board and the funky tunes of local 3 piece Latin / Mexican band “Sin Frontera” to enjoy - there is no better place to enjoy a fun relaxed Saturday morning and buy those last minute Christmas gifts!

Stalls will include organic & local fresh fruit and vegetables, seedlings, craft, clothes, jewellery, candles, artwork, cards and prints, jams and preserves, skin care & eco-lifestyle products, coffee, wood fired pizzas, biodynamic gourmet sausage sizzle, icecream, organic sourdough bread and pastries, facepainting, pony rides and much much more...

Our Food Swap will be happening again at 10am - for a gold coin donation bring your excess garden produce (fruit and veggies, eggs, herbs, plants) or other garden offerings and exchange with others. Bring your family and friends and your picnic rug and smiles and come and support local, sustainable shopping in the Valley!

Next market date - Saturday January 19th.
END OF TERM LOST PROPERTY SALE - SONJA

Is your child’s/children’s cupboard looking a bit bare? Missing that favourite jacket/jumper/socks? Come and browse through the end of term/end of year lost property! All clothing has been washed and will be happy to reunite with its owner (or find a new home) for a small fee.

All jackets and knitwear $2.00. All other tops and bottoms $1.00. Socks and odds and ends 50 cents

Payment in small change would be appreciated. All remaining clothing will be taken to the op shop after school closes on Friday. Lost property sale will be held at the back of the bus shelter on Thursday 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm and on Friday at the end of term market.

END OF TERM MARKET - BARRY

This Friday from 12 noon we will have an End of Term Market near the Admin building. So far we have the P & F Lost Property Stall, Jennie’s Seasonal Treasures, Mim’s Leafy Imports Clothing & Jewellery and Etienne de Lavaulx & his beautiful Zither music. If there are other interested stall holders, please contact Barry or Trudy. A market stall is $10 or $5 for students. All proceeds raised are used to buy plants for the School grounds.

CURRENT ADDRESS DETAILS - BARRY

Other the summer holidays, it is quite likely that some within our parent community may move to a new residential address or get a new landline or mobile phone number. Would you please remember to advise the School when we return in 2013.

OFFICE HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAYS - BARRY

The School Office will be open until midday Friday 21st December and will reopen on Thursday 24th January. We wish you all a safe and restful holiday break.

TWO MORE CHANCES TO BUY CRAFT ITEMS - ISABELLE

Craft Stall Left Over Items will be on sale at the end of term market and also at the Little Yarra Market this Saturday. We’ve got lots of crafty things to keep hands busy over the holidays, including clay blocks, weaving looms, wet-on-wet painting sets, dry-felting kits, wet-felting kits, sewing kits, knitting kits, candles and decorating wax.

CRAFT GROUP - HIROMI

We will finish making Christmas items this week and prepare for the coming markets. Craft Group will be at both the End-term Market on Friday and the Little Yarra Market on Saturday. There will be Christmas items and other crafts and kits ideal for presents. Also, do not miss our clearance sale on many items! We meet on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12 in the main building.

FAREWELL - FROM THE RICHTER FAMILY

Dear friends at Little Yarra. It’s been an absolutely wonderful 7 years in the valley. We are now on a new adventure in Tasmania where we are living 20 mins south of Hobart at the beachside, so it’s quite an exciting change. However, we will miss you all, more than you can imagine and look forward to keeping in touch, so please don’t forget us, you can reach us at vmrichter@gmail.com. We tried to say farewell to as many friends as we could, but in case you were missed, apologies and please drop us a line soon.

Lots of love, Veronica, Matt, Harrison, Emily & Tabitha.

REPEATS AND REMINDERS

WHATEVER YOU’VE READ CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE STILL APPLIES - JIM

The Victorian Government has abandoned its plans to means-test transport subsidies for rural students. Families living more than 4.8 kilometers from the school may still be eligible for Conveyance Allowance. Look for more information in the Newsletter at the start of next year for details of how to apply.

HOST FAMILIES FOR VOLUNTEERS - LARISSA

Fabian, our volunteer from Germany will require a new host family starting between the 10th and 16th January 2013. The placement would ideally be for 3 months. Host families receive $150 per week from the School and need to provide 3 meals a day and a room for the volunteer. If you are interested please contact Larissa at llemon@lyss.vic.edu.au or on 5967 1953.
# 2013 TERM DATES

## TERM ONE  
**Thursday January 31st – Thursday March 28th (8 weeks)**

- Saturday January 26th – School Working Bee
- Monday March 4th - Photo Day
- Monday March 11th - Labour Day
- Wednesday March 20th - Music Concerts
- Wednesday March 26th - Classes 9 – 12 Parent teacher interviews (full day for all students)
- Thursday March 28th – Bach Easter Performance

*Easter occurs at the beginning of the holiday break with Good Friday on March 29th.

## TERM TWO  
**Monday April 15th – Friday June 21st (10 weeks)**

- Thursday April 25th - ANZAC Day Holiday
- Friday May 17th - Curriculum Day
- Monday June 10th - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- Wednesday June 12th - Music Concerts
- Thursday June 20th - Mid Winter Festival

## TERM THREE  
**Monday July 15th – Friday September 13th (9 Weeks)**

- Friday August 2nd - Classes 1 -12 Parent teacher interviews (half day classes 1-12)
- Monday August 12th - Curriculum Day
- Friday August 30th – Annual School Music Concert
- Thursday September 12th - Spring Festival

## TERM FOUR  
**Monday October 7th – Friday December 13th (10 weeks)**

- Friday October 18th Fair Preparation Day
- Saturday October 19th - Fair and Open Day
- Sunday October 20th – Fair clean up day
- Saturday November 2nd – Tuesday November 5th - Melbourne Cup Weekend
- Saturday November 16th – Sunday November 17th - Class 12 Presentations
- Monday November 18th – student free day classes 9 - 12
- Friday November 22nd – Class 12 Festival (half day classes 9-12)
- Wednesday November 27th – Music Concerts
- Thursday December 12th - Christmas Festival

***Please note that reports days will be scheduled for term 2 and term 4***
2013 CAMPS / COMMUNITY EXP. / WORK EXP. / TOURS, BY CLASS
CLASS 3 – NOVEMBER
CLASS 4 – END OF FEB. / BEG. OF MARCH
CLASS 5 – OCTOBER
CLASS 6 – END OF APRIL / BEG. OF MAY, OCTOBER
CLASS 7 – FEBRUARY, DECEMBER
CLASS 8 – MARCH, AUGUST
CLASS 9 – FEBRUARY, MARCH, MAY, END JULY/ AUGUST, NOVEMBER
CLASS 10 - JUNE (COM. EXP.), SEPTEMBER (WORK EXP.), NOV
CLASS 11 – MARCH, NOVEMBER
CLASS 12 – JULY
VCE CLASS 12 – FEBRUARY, OCTOBER,
LYE – JUNE (JUNIOR), SEPTEMBER (SENIOR)

2013 CAMPS / COMMUNITY EXP. / WORK EXP. / TOURS, BY MONTH
FEBRUARY
Class 9 Yarra Hike – 7th - 8th
Class 7 Sailing Camp – 11th- 15th
VCE Unit 3 Grampians Hike – 18th – 22nd
Class 4 camp – Walkerville – 27th – March 1st
MARCH
Class 4 camp – Walkerville continued – 1st
Class 9 Warattah Bay – 6th – 8th
Class 8 – Bike Camp – 13th – 15th
Class 11 Rock Climbing Camp– 18th – 22nd
APRIL
Class 6 Horse Riding Camp – 29th - May 3rd
MAY
Class 6 Horse Riding Camp continued – 3rd
Class 9 – Hattah Lakes – 9th – 17th
JUNE
Junior LYE tour (class 7) – 6th – 9th – To be confirmed
Class 10 Community Exp.– 8th – 21st
JULY
Class 12 Whitsunday camp 15th – 20th
Class 9 Nungatta Farming Camp – 29th – August 9th
AUGUST
Class 9 Nungatta Farming Camp continued – August 9th
Class 8 camp – Mutawintji – 14th – 23rd
SEPTEMBER
LYE Tour (class 8-10) – 7th – 16th –To be confirmed
Class 10 Work Experience 9th – 13th (plus optional week 16th-20th)
OCTOBER
VCE Unit 4 Camp – 7th – 11th
Class 5 Grampians Camp – 14th – 18th
Class 6 Kooyoora Camp – 30th – November 1st
NOVEMBER
Class 9 High Plains Hike – 6th – 15th
Class 3 Balnarring Camp – 19th – 21st
Class 10/11 Surf/ Canoe Camp – 25th – 29th
DECEMBER
Class 7 Canoe camp – 2nd - 6th
LITTLE YARRA MARKET
Little Yarra Steiner School 205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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.

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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).