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**From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner**  
*Verse 19*  
Mysteriously the newly received  
To enfold within my memory,  
Shall be my striving’s broader purpose:  
It shall strengthening ego forces  
Rouse within me  
And in becoming give my Self to me.

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**Yarra Valley’s K-12 Steiner School**

**Welcome back!**

2013 appears to already be fast moving! Firstly, a very warm welcome to our new families - students their parents, and staff. It’s also wonderful to start the new year with the sprucing-up classrooms received - with a grateful thankyou to all the families that were able to participate in the working bee on the Saturday prior to the beginning of term 1.

This year marks a significant milestone as we enter the second decade our school offers the VCE. Core subjects continue to be offered ranging from History, Drama and Geography, through to Studio Art, Product Design, Music, English and German, to Mathematics and the three core science areas of Chemistry, Physics and Biology. In addition, students in Class 12 may undertake our highly esteemed Independent Project.

As you may be aware, some of our Classes are developing waiting lists, whilst a small number of classes have vacancies that may be filled over the course of the next few months: we currently have an unusually small Class 11 for which we shall specifically advertise for prospective students.

One of the resources we will be working on bringing up to date are our library books: to this end, in this Newsletter is the beginning of a list of books that we would like to either replace (some are a little worn) or include. If you would like to choose a title or two and donate a copy, it would be much appreciated.

It appears that we may experience some very warm weather over the next month or so. Please be prepared for days of declared Extreme or Catastrophic/Code Red days, on which the school will be closed. Details are also in this Newsletter.

Fee statements will be sent by the end of the week. Please ensure that if making your payment by bank e-transfer, an indication is made as to whom it applies - we have been receiving some funds from someone we are unable to identify. Please contact Mathew if this is you - this should only need a phone call from one person!

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**CALENDAR**

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

- DANA

It is with pleasure that I welcome our new staff to Little Yarra in 2013. Jessica Arlidge joins us from New Zealand after having graduated from her Steiner teacher training course to begin the journey as Class Teacher with Class 1. She is supported by Clare Tomlinson, a former Steiner student who has just finished her teaching qualifications and is looking forward to a supportive role in the classroom before embarking on her own teaching career. Dean Wood who has a Science Degree majoring in Mathematics and Chemistry, is very excited to join the Upper School and deliver Maths and Chemistry lessons that are hands-on, fun and most importantly, challenging. Renate Andersons, one of our parents, and Lilli Walker, one of our graduates, will be supporting John Houghton as he coordinates and delivers the sports program with our new model of combined classes. Both Renate and Lilli are looking forward to supporting John in getting all students actively involved and having a great time in sports lessons! John will also be taking on an additional role supporting Ben Reed with Class 7. Tammy Borg, who has previously assisted us in the Kindergarten, now takes on her own position as Kindergarten Assistant in the Wattle Bee Kindergarten working with Jenni Mills as teacher. Trudy Nisbet and Anita Holman, both parents at our school, were the successful applicants for the Front of House position. Together they will job-share this position with Barry still working in the big seat one day a week. Barry has taken on a new role in administration coordinating First Aid, IT and the database amongst several other things, however, you can still see Barry in reception on Mondays. Anita will still continue her role as Music Secretary in addition to her role in reception.

For me, it is very exciting to welcome so many wonderful people to the staff of Little Yarra. They bring with them many talents, skills and passions which I look forward to seeing the effect of, as the year progresses. I wish each of them a wonderful year and invite all parents to warmly welcome them to our beautiful school.

CRAFT GROUP

- HIROMI

Craft Group is a parent-run group sharing craft skills and knowledge. We meet on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12 in the main building. We make two items for free, one for you to take home and the other for Craft Group to sell. Our first group project for 2013 is making a coil basket with sea grass and colourful yarns. You can make a small basket with a lid, or a nest to place Easter animals or a beehive for the spring table.

Craft Group also sells all sorts of hand-made items: dolls, animals, wooden toys, soaps and craft materials, including hand dyed fleece, felt, yarns wooden beads, pipe cleaners, glue and dry-felting needles. The profits from our group go to the Community House project. Children are welcome and morning tea is available.

GERMAN VOLUNTEERS

- LARISSA

As many of you are aware, we have three German volunteers who do a great deal to help maintain the school grounds and classrooms, and support our German programme. This year we have Alina, Sarah and Fabian. These young adults have finished their secondary studies in Germany and have committed a year to Little Yarra where they learn new skills and immerse themselves in another culture. Hosting a volunteer is a wonderful way for LYSS children and adults alike to have a cultural experience of their own. Volunteers stay with families of the school for up to 12 weeks at a time and host families provide a room and three meals a day their volunteer. The school provides these families with financial support in the form of $150 per week. If you are interested, please contact Larissa at llemon@lyss.vic.edu.au or 5967 1953.

FIRE DANGER RATINGS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE

- JEAN-MICHEL

Please be aware that on days of CFA declared extreme or catastrophic (‘code red’) fire danger, the school will be closed. Should this occur, the website will be updated, and an SMS sent to your mobile, as early as we are able to confirm closure, usually on the day prior.

Should you wish to ascertain fire danger ratings and any other information that may be useful to help your family prepare for the season, the CFA website is located at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

LOST READING GLASSES

- ANITA

At the end of 2012, some items were misplaced, belonging to Morgan Klumpp (Class 9 2013), including his reading glasses. If you know of their whereabouts, please contact Kate 5964 6831. Thank you.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) FIRST INSTALMENT  - LARISSA

You are eligible for EMA if:

- you are a parent of a child at a school in Victoria who is under 16 years of age;
- that student is enrolled on 28th February;
- On the 29th January 2013 you held one of the following cards:
  Veterans Affairs Gold Card; Health Care Card; Pensioner Card;
- you are a foster parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner (TPI).

EMA forms need to be filled out and returned to Larissa before the 28th February 2013. There is one attached to this newsletter for your convenience. Forms are also available at the office. The Department of Education and Early Childhood states that late applications cannot be processed. If submitting your form at the office please bring your relevant Centrelink Card with you so a copy can accompany your application (this is not mandatory but can be helpful if, for some reason, your claim is rejected).

Please note that the more successful EMA applicants amongst our parent body, the more financial support the school receives through government funding. This impacts directly on our annual Fee Schedule reviews.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE  - BARRY

Conveyance Allowance is available for parents transporting their children to School who live more than 4.8 klm from School and attending Prep and above. If your details remain the same from your application last year, then this would be carried forward to 2013. If you have any questions please visit Trudy, Anita or Barry in the Office and we will assist.

WELCOME  - LARISSA

We have had a flurry of activity in enrolments as 2013 gets underway, with new students ranging from Playgroup to Class 11 starting this term. On behalf of the school I would like to extend a warm welcome to the many new families who have recently started their respective journeys at Little Yarra. I am sure it will be a rich and rewarding experience.

FAREWELL  - LARISSA

To those students and families whose path leads them away from Little Yarra, we wish you every success and happiness in the future.

SCENES ON THE YARRA PERFORMANCE  - BARRY

Following is a link to the photos for Jemina Reidy, a former Little Yarra Student, showcasing her amazing art installation she created on the banks of the Yarra River in Warburton recently: www.scenesontheyarra.weebly.com

LITTLE YARRA BIODYNAMIC FARM GROUP  - ANNETTE

Time to plan for the coming year ... if you are interested in gardening with us this year and sharing in the produce we grow, we will be meeting this Wednesday 9am down by the tractor shed to plan the coming term. Children are welcome - they have as much fun as we do! Bring something to share for morning tea and we’ll see you there.

END OF YEAR REPORTS  - BARRY

Semester Two Reports for 2012 were printed and posted home for all students from Class One through to Class Twelve on the 19th December. If you have not received your child's report then please contact Barry to arrange a replacement.
NEW AND REPLACEMENT BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

We are replacing worn books and adding to our library. Here is a list of the books we either need to replace with a fresh copy or would like to add to the library. If you would like to donate from this list, it would be gratefully received! (more will be added over time)

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Lindgren, Astrid

Pippi Longstocking (I-III); Emil of Lonneberga (I-III); The Children of Noisy Village (I-III); Karlson on the Roof (I-III);
Ronia the Robber's Daughter; The Tomten; Mio my Mio; The Brothers Lionheart

Melville, Herman

Moby Dick

Nordqvist, Sven

Pancakes for Findus; Findus goes Camping; Findus and the Fox; When Findus was Little and Disappeared; Findus at Christmas; Findus Moves Out

Nöstlinger, Christine

Fiery Federica; Fly Away Home; Conrad: The Factory-Made Boy

O’Hara, Mary

My Friend Flicka; Thunderhead; Green Grass of Wyoming

Perel, Solomon

Europa, Europa

Pratchett, Terry

The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents; Discworld novels

Preussler, Otfried

The Little Witch; The Little Water Sprite; The Little Ghost; Krabat; The Robber Hotzenplotz

Pullman, Philip

Northern Lights; The Subtle Knife; The Amber Spyglass

Remarque, Erich Maria

All Quiet on the Western Front

Richter, Hans Peter

Friedrich

Rhue, Morton

The Wave

Salinger, J.D.

Catcher in the Rye

Schlink, Bernhard

The Reader

Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Lord of the Rings (I-III); The Hobbit; The Simarillion

Tuckermann, Anja

Mano; The Lost Boy

Verne, Jules

A Journey to the Centre of the Earth; 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea

Wynne-Jones, Diana

Crestomanci (I-V); Howl's Moving Castle; Castle In The Air; House of Many Ways

Zusak, Markus

The Messenger; The Book Thief

WOOD FIRED PIZZAS ON FRIDAYS - RESUMES FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

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:

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Special orders are available on whole pizzas only.
STUDENT STUDY GROUP

Upper School students are invited to attend a weekly study group on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Upper School Art Room. Staff from the Upper School will supervise and assist students with their schoolwork and provide a quiet environment for group or individual study. Subject teachers will let students and parents know if they consider it necessary for a student to attend in order to complete work that is either current or overdue; however, all Upper School students are welcome.

PHOTO DAY

Photo Day is approaching fast and will be on Monday 4th of March.

Playgroup children will not be included in this years School photos as a way of assisting them with settling into the routine of School life without the overwhelming inclusion of Photo Day early in the year as well.

Briar Rose, Mother Holle and Wattle Bee children who are not attending school as one of their session times on Monday the 4th of March are invited to come at the appointed time for their class, so that they may be included in their class photograph. Scheduled times for photos are approximate and are as follows:

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Personalised Schoolpix envelopes will be sent home with the children within the next two weeks. Replacement order forms are available from the Office if by chance yours has not made it home. These identify the various photographic packs available and the associated prices.

There are two options available for ordering and payment of photos.

Option 1 – is to return the envelope with payment enclosed to the Office any day up until Photo day.

Option 2 – Packs are available to order via the internet www.schoolpix.com.au
You will need to quote the order number and internet ID number supplied on the order envelope. Payment this way is by credit card only.

2013 TERM DATES - OVERVIEW

Term 1: Thursday the 31st of January until Thursday the 28th of March (Teachers’ Conference 29-30th Jan.)
Term 2: Monday the 15th of April until Friday the 21st of June
Term 3: Monday the 15th of July until Friday the 13th of September
Term 4: Monday the 7th of October until Friday the 13th of December
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Parent/Guardian Application Form - 2013

The following details must be completed by the applicant (the concession card holder). EMA is payable by Direct Deposit (EFT) to the applicant, Direct Deposit to the school, or as a cheque payment.

**SCHOOL NAME**

**APPLICANT / PARENT DETAILS**

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**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:**

- CENTRELINK PENSIONER
- CONCESSION / HEALTH
- CARE CARD NUMBER (CRN)
- PARENT (*)
- PENSIONER

* Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Courts, etc.

**EMA PAYMENT METHOD**

- Direct Deposit to school
  - Payment will be made to school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses.
- Cheque
  - Payment will be made as a cheque which will be posted to the school
- Direct Deposit to parent
  - Payment will be made to your bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer (provide bank account details below)

**ACCOUNT NAME (e.g John Smith)**

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (e.g Westpac) AND BRANCH**

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* If you are unsure of the above details check your Bank Statements or enquire at your Financial Institution.

**STUDENT DETAILS**

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development collects your personal information for the purpose of administering the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment. Some personal information may be disclosed to other Victorian Government departments, such as the Department of Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development may disclose some of your personal information to Centrelink to confirm that the details provided matches Centrelink’s records. This is to be used for testing eligibility for EMA applications for 2013.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will provide the above bank account details to Westpac Bank for the sole purpose of making the EMA payment into your nominated bank account. The bank account details provided will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

**DATE**