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SAILING TO MARKET

For those who had the opportunity to come to our monthly Market last Saturday, it was wonderful to see that though still a recent development, it already feels long and well established. A thankyou to all who make this possible.

Last week, Class 7s were out on what was, by all accounts, a wonderful sailing camp - and no doubt a blessed timing given the weather! Some Class 12s are this week hiking in Cape Otway, and next week will see Class 4s by the beach at Walkerville.

The revamped P.E. programme in the secondary years, that sees students in 7 & 8 together on Thursday afternoons, and 9 & 10 on Tuesday afternoons, is certainly showing that far more opportunities now exist for exciting engagement. The work that John, together with Renate and Lilli are developing is encouraging, and in turn encourage parents to ensure that all students have appropriate clothing.

For parents of younger children, please keep in mind the impact exposing young children to some of the ‘vampire’ films and television programs has on not only their imagination and sleep, but also on other children around them. I understand that external pressures exist for parents, the images and media are, however, having a detrimental impact and ask that you maintain sensitivity to the influence this has on the development of your child and his or her peers.

I would also like to remind parents eligible to apply for the EMA to do so - more details in this (and next) Newsletter. Included in this issue is also a reminder that a 5% discount applies for those parents able to pay their annual school fees in full by the end of this month.
NEW AND REPLACEMENT BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

We are replacing worn books and adding to our library. A list of the books we either need to replace with a fresh copy or would like to add to the library will again be included in next week’s Newsletter. The enthusiastic response to our request for donations is much appreciated! Thank you especially to Jonathan & Antoinette for the beautiful books they have donated.

SEWING MACHINES FOR CLASS 8 - FRANCIS

This year class 8 will be making teepees in craft and we are needing to replace some of our existing fleet of machines. If you have a spare one in a cupboard somewhere that you would be happy to donate, we would gratefully receive it.

VCE CREATIVE SHOWCASE 2013 (REMEMBER) - DANI

The VCE creative showcase is on again. This exhibition at the Memo Hall Gallery presents some of the best VCE artwork of 2012 from across the Yarra Ranges, including work from a number of past students of the Little Yarra Steiner School. Opening night is this Wednesday and will include talks and entertainment from past and present Little Yarra students. This is a great opportunity for current students to see and be inspired by the work of their fellow students. Everyone is invited.

Where:

The Memo Gallery, Memorial Hall, Healesville.

When:

Open until Sunday March 3rd.
**EMA - FORMS DUE**

You are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance if:

- your child is under 16 years of age and enrolled at school AND;
- on the 29th January 2013 you held one of the following cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card; Health Care Card; Pensioner Card; or
- you are a foster parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner (TPI).

EMA forms need to be **returned to Larissa** by the **28th February** 2013. A copy is attached to this newsletter and copies are also available from the office. The Department of Education and Early Childhood states that late applications will not 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.

**WELCOME BRIAN**

It is with pleasure that we welcome Brian Elbl to our school staff this term as he takes on Music Technology Production to fill in for Dawn Holland whilst she is on leave. Brian comes to us with an Associate Degree of Audio Engineering and Sound Production. We wish Brian all the best for this term.

**CRAFT GROUP**

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. We are currently making a coil basket with sea grass and colourful yarn. 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.

**BIODYNAMIC FARM GROUP**

We are now meeting on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to help work in with everyone’s school activities. If you are interested in learning about Biodynamic gardening, want to be part of a community garden and weed alongside a great group of people, come on down - by the Farm Tractor Shed, 9am every Tuesday or Wednesday. Children are more than welcome!

**DROP OFF ZONES - IMPORTANT REMINDER**

As you are probably now aware we have two drop off zones at the front of the school. These are for cars to drive through rather than park in, however, on many mornings there is often just one car using the area for angle parking and this then stops the system from working. We will be installing new signage over the coming weeks and ask you in the mean time to please not park in any area other than the parent car park.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE (DIFFERENT TO EMA!)**

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 Anita, Trudy or Barry in the Office and we will assist.
**STUDENT STUDY GROUP**

Class 9 - 12 students are invited to attend a weekly study group on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Upper School Art Room. Teachers 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 have been distributed and sent home with students. 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](http://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.

**WOOD FIRED PIZZAS ON FRIDAYS**

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:

- 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 with 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.
Take advantage of a 5% discount* by paying your 2013 fees in full (see discounted fee column below) by Thursday 28th February 2013.

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*Families with more than two children please contact Mathew for your discounted total.

Full fee payment can be made by EFTPOS, cash or cheque at the school office or via Internet transfer to NAB BSB# 083 125 Account# 69 162 2684. Not only does paying in full earn you a 5% saving, it also assists the school financially.
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

SURNAME
FIRST NAME
ADDRESS
TOWN/SUBURB STATE POSTCODE
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

CENTRELINK PENSIONER
CONCESSION / HEALTH PENSIONER
CARE CARD NUMBER (CRN) OR PARENT (*) OR VETERANS AFFAIRS

* 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  Please TICK the box below for your nominated EMA payment method

☐ Direct Deposit to parent
Payment will be made to your bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer (provide bank account details below)

☐ 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

ACCOUNT NAME (e.g John Smith)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (e.g Westpac) AND BRANCH

BSB No. BANK ACCOUNT No.

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

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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 __/__/____