ANNUAL FESTIVITIES

Jean-Michel David

Last Sunday marked one of the three great annual Christian festival - that of Pentecost. In The Festivals and their Meaning, during a lecture Rudolf Steiner gave in Christiana in 1910, he describes the festival's importance thus:

The Spirit of freedom holds sway in that Spirit which poured itself out over the first understanders of Christianity in the first Christian Pentecostal festival, the Spirit whose most significant characteristic was indicated by Christ Himself: “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!” People can become free only in the spirit. [...] A person can become free, only when they find themselves again in spirit[...]. “To become free” presupposes the discovery of oneself as a spirit within oneself. The true spirit in which we can make this discovery is the universal human spirit, which we recognise as the Pentecostal power of the Holy Spirit entering into us, and which we must bring to birth in ourselves and allow to come to manifestation.

Given the importance Steiner placed on Freedom, (not only his Philosophy of Freedom, but also this festival). It becomes easier to understand how it is that schools grounded in Steiner's pedagogical
principles place such an importance in establishing the foundations that will later more easily permit our young people to emerge as adults who are deeply self reflective, creative, and develop a passion for truth and integrity.

On a more mundane matter, please ask your Class teacher or guardian if you’re not sure how to check and treat for lice. It’s not only inconvenient and uncomfortable for the children carrying these little beasties, but also their peers. A simple conditioner lather and fine comb applied on a regular basis helps to prevent their hatching and spread.

JOURNAL FOR YOU

Carita

The latest volume of the *Journal for Waldolf/Rudolf Steiner Education* has arrived at LYSS. Interesting and informative articles include "The Impact of Television on Child Development", "Behaviour and Boundaries", and Preparing to be a Teacher", to name a few. A limited supply is available for purchase at the office. The cost of the journals is $10.00.

CRAFT GROUP

Isabelle

Last week we marvelled at the wonder of wool and the processes involved in taking wool from a sheep and turning it into a wearable item. First the wool is carded, and then spun into singles; then the singles are plied to make yarn. The yarn is put into skeins then washed and (often) dyed, and then rolled into balls. This dyed wool is then ready to be knitted or crocheted into something wearable. It’s quite a journey! These age-old processes connect us with the past, with the land, and with other cultures across the globe.

This week we are continuing with our wool story. As well as continuing to spin, we will start knitting. We are extremely fortunate to have Kath Borondy sitting in with us – thank you, Kath! She has been knitting since she was little and she knits up all her husband Pete’s beautiful hand-spun wool. This is a great opportunity to learn to knit, and if you are already a knitter, to dig out those unfinished projects and bring them to completion. We have a variety of patterns available, including simple knitted animals and beanies, but if you have an interesting pattern you want to try, please bring it along. You can buy wool from Craft Group, (half balls available for beginners for $2.25), or bring your own. As always, morning tea is available and children are welcome.

CHILDREN'S TREASURE TROVE

Corey

The first meeting for the Children's Tent/Treasure Trove was a fantastic success. We have a fairly firm idea of where we are heading and have a regular group meeting on Thursday mornings in the back room in the main building after drop off. If you would like to get involved please drop in, there is always plenty to do. If this time doesn't suit you there will be planned working bees on other days and kits that you can take home: your class carer can point you in the right direction.

We are looking for some items to get us going. If you have any of the following please drop them into the basket in the main office or hand them onto a class carer: feathers (peacock, lyre bird, fancy rooster), match boxes (empty preferably), inners from plastic wrap or aluminium foil, single plastic seedling tubes, beautiful river pebbles, pine cones (mainly the smaller ones), Banksias, shells and catkins (for making bees). As you can guess, we are focussing more on the wonder of the natural world this year. Thanks for all your support (in advance).

LYE FIRE WOOD RAFFLE WINNER

Heather & Damien

We are pleased to announce that Sally Banks, School Violin Teacher has won the LYE fundraiser wood raffle! Many thanks to everyone who supported our Senior LYE Tour to New Zealand, and we will have another trailer load of wood to raffle as winter approaches.
**CLASS 1 2014 AND GERMAN PRIMARY TEACHER VACANCIES**  
Dana

The process has begun for finding our next teacher for Class 1 2014. This position has now been advertised and you can access the job advertisement via our school website.  

Also advertised is a part-time position for a primary German Teacher to commence in Term 3 this year, to complement the work undertaken by André in the later years. Please encourage anyone you feel would make a valuable contribution to these roles to access the advertisements and apply.

**WOOD FIRE PIZZA**  
Emma

This term with winter on its way, we are introducing a new pizza. Garlic, Cheese & herbs will be available from this Friday 24th May. 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 a bag or envelope & correct change please. We cannot give change. Term orders can also be placed at the office.

- Pizzas available –  
  - Margherita – Tomato base with cheese: ½ $3.00, full $6.00; w/olives: ½ $3.50; full $6.50  
  - Pepperoni – Tomato base with cheese, salami, feta & olives: ½ $4.00; full $7.50  
  - Veggie – 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  
  - Garlic – Garlic & parsley base with cheese: ½ $3.00; full $6.00

Special orders are available on whole pizzas only. 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.

**OUR SCHOOL BEES NEED YOUR HELP!**  
Annette

Did you know that we have Bee Hives on our school farm? We want to make our bees happy, and we currently need thyme or lavender plants to provide our bees with some more flowers to turn into honey. If you have any spare plants or cuttings, we would love some. Or if you would like to be more hands on, come and talk to the farm group on Wednesday morning down at our garden, or phone Annette on 5967 3693 to find out how you can become involved.

**HONEY FOR SALE**  
Antoinette

We have some very delicious honey for sale in the foyer of the Reception area. The honey is $5 per jar and is sourced from a combination of the LYSS biodynamic farm, as well as local hives. The honey was extracted by our Class 3 children with the generous assistance of Tobias Mager. It’s proving to be very popular, and we shall be restocking our supplies very soon. So do come and treat yourself to a jar of this golden deliciousness.
Little Yarra Steiner School VCE Drama class 2013 presents

Vanessa & the Vanguard

by Anton Krueger

23, 24 & 25 May, 7pm
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Entry: $10/$5
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