From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 38

I feel the spirit child in soul womb
Freed from enchantment.
It has in heart brightness
Begotten the Holy World Word
The heavenly fruit of hope,
That jubilantly grows in world extents
Out of my being’s godly ground.

WINTER SOLSTICE

The Winter Solstice is one of the important celebratory festivals that punctuates the annual calendar. We encourage all to attend if able.

As we approach the Winter Solstice, a variety of activities are planned for various classes, with our main celebration taking place on Thursday evening beginning at 5:30pm in the Music Hall. The evening will open with Eurythmy presented by Class Five and supported by music. You are asked to please bring a candle or lantern to light and, once receiving the light, passing it on to someone near you by lighting their candle. As we did last year, we expect to follow this with the lighting of a powerful Bonfire outside, for which appropriate warm clothing and boots is encouraged. As sparks may fly (and how beautifully magical this can be to both eye and imagination!), wearing synthetics is not recommended. Please be mindful and responsible for your children throughout the evening. The supervision provided for students by the school is during the time of their directed involvement. Also be mindful that as the Bonfire is in the paddock where sheep and alpacas will be resting (at the other end of the yard), please ensure that the gate is shut after leaving or entering.
The school’s annual report (for 2012), containing a summary of important financial summaries that also has had ramifications for this year, has been placed on our website. Should you prefer to have a copy printed for you, please ask at the front desk and a copy will be made available. Also, please do not hesitate to contact Francis, Mathew or myself for any clarification.

Again a brief reminder that this Friday the 21st of June is the last day for term 2, with school finishing at 12:30 pm. Term 3 resumes on the Monday the 15th of July.

Just before term resumes there is the opportunity for families to participate in a St John's family festival (with another Bonfire!). This will be under the auspices of the Christian Community and held on Saturday the 13th July from 3 pm. See the brochure available in the main office for details.

On behalf of the school, I wish each and everyone a most pleasant and recuperating term break and look forward to seeing everyone again in mid-July.

CRAFT GROUP  

This week, sadly, we will finish our spinning adventure. We’ve had lots of fun (and maybe a few frustrating moments!) learning to spin this term. A big thank you once again to Pete and Kath for their generosity and patience in sharing their skills with us. As well as spinning, we will continue with our knitting and crochet. Next term we will take on some sewing projects, starting with making a King Winter using a wood and wire doll base.

Craft Group is a parent-run group that meets every Thursday morning in term time from 9 until 12 to share our skills and passion for craft. Depending on the project we are working on, we either make two items for free, one item for ourselves and the other for Craft Group to sell, or we pay for the materials we use. Craft Group also sells craft supplies every Thursday morning, including hand-dyed fleece and felt, wooden beads, threads and knitting yarns. Morning tea is available and children are welcome.

CRAFT GROUP FUNDRAISER  

There is a box of beautiful, hand-knitted wool beanies for sale in the foyer of the Reception area. The beanies are a fundraiser for the LYSS Craft group, and have been lovingly made by Yvonne Stewart-Howie (the granny of Anouk of Class One). The beanies which come in an array of colours are $15 (small) and $20 (large).

END OF TERM MARKET DAY – THIS FRIDAY  

The LYSS end-of-term market will be on from 12 noon this Friday (21st of June) outside the main office area. This is a great opportunity to sell your handmade, home-cooked, and home-grown wares; as well as catch up with others in the school community, whilst nibbling on some delicious wood fire pizza. So, if you are interested in having a stall ($10 for adults, $5 for children) then please contact Antoinette at Reception. Craft Group and "The Sock People" will be at the end of term market from 12pm this Friday. So please come along and buy your winter woollens for the holidays. Socks, leggings, hats, gloves, leg warmers, etc. hope to see you all there.

CLASS FOUR RAFFLE  

Class Four have been generously gifted with a bike and helmet by Carmen and Manuka. These will be raffled at the next Little Yarra Market on the 20th of July. Tickets are $2 each, or $3 for five tickets, and will be for sale in Reception, as well as at the market. So, please come and buy tickets to support fund-raising for Cath and the Class Four students. Thank you.
WOOD FIRE PIZZA

Emma

Wood fired pizzas will be running the last day of term from 11.30am-1.00pm. No pre-ordering necessary, orders taken at ovens. Thanks.

REQUEST FOR CORKS

Kym

Calling all consumers of fine wine and champagne! The Craft Group would like your corks. We are making lots of little treasures for the Children’s Tent at the Spring Fair, some of which require corks. You may leave any corks in the basket provided at Reception. Thank you!

LITTLE YARRA MARKET

Melinda

Following our unfortunate need to cancel the June market last Sat 15th - we are greatly looking forward to getting back in the saddle with our next market on Saturday July 20th.

This will be the first weekend following our return to Term 3. Pencil the date into your calendar now and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

2014 TERM DATES

Olga

Term 1 Thursday January 30th – Friday April 4th
Term 2 Tuesday April 22nd – Friday June 22nd
Term 3 Monday July 14th – Friday September 12th
Term 4 Monday October 6th – Friday December 12th

PRIMARY GERMAN CLASSES

It is with sadness that I announce that Martina Kuhse will finish with her German classes in the primary school at the end of the term. Unfortunately the travelling distance between her home and the School was too great for the number of classes Martina taught, and so she made the difficult decision to tender her resignation. Martina has done an excellent job bringing a vibrant and engaging German program to our younger years and I am sure her students will miss her. On behalf of the School I would like to thank Martina for all of the wonderful work she has done in the primary years and wish her all the best in finding teaching work closer to home.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Claire Steffen as our new primary German Teacher to replace Martina as of the beginning of Term 3. Having recently moved to Australia from Germany, Claire has a Masters degree in teaching from Germany and has had experience teaching French as a foreign language in a German Waldorf school. We feel very lucky to have Claire join our Primary Faculty. She has a passion for languages, speaking five herself, and a particular interest and training in, Special Education. Please join me in welcoming Claire to our wonderful school.
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at Little Yarra Steiner School
...a midwinter fire!

songs by the fire
storytelling
bring a soup to share

on Saturday July 13th from 3pm

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20th July
9 am – 2 pm

Food swap at 10:00 am

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