Friday will be our annual school concerts, with participation from students from Class three through to class 12. Paraphrasing Goethe's statement that “Music is liquid architecture; Architecture is frozen music”, Steiner talks of the vital importance of each in not only human development, but also of the healthy development of the ear and its social value. We all very much look forward to the gifts of our students will bring on Friday. More details in this Newsletter.

Also a brief and final reminder that the parent LEAD survey ends at the end of the week, and encourage all our current parents to participate and complete theirs: http://research.is.vic.edu.au/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/516411/lang/en
FAIR AND OPEN DAY - SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

Francis

The LYSS Fair and Open day is a fantastic event where we get to show off everything that makes this school special and hopefully raise some funds at the same time. Last year we had a fantastic event that would not have been made possible without the very generous help, guidance and support of many parents and community members. The 2012 Fair also raised funds that were reinvested into the school such as; gazebos, 3 phase power, shade sails and many other items that will make this year’s event easier to run and increase our ability to raise funds.

Much of this infrastructure is also used on a monthly basis at our craft and produce market.

This year we will also be hoping to raise funds and in order to do this we will be seeking help and support from the community to create a vibrant festival. In the past the Fair has raised in excess of $10,000 and most of this income is derived from parent run initiatives like the food stalls, Craft Tent, Children’s Tent, and activities. Over the coming weeks I will be in touch with class carers to discuss the areas that each class will be in charge of, however, I am also happy to hear from anyone who is willing to help out in any of the above areas.

This year the funds raised from the Fair will go towards improving resources in the Library and improving infrastructure in the Sports area.

KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT VACANCY

Dana

The School is looking for the right person to assist in the Mother Holle Kindergarten commencing Term 4 this year. This is a part-time role with a 0.7 EFT allotment. Job sharing would be considered for the right applicants. To view the full job advertisement, please visit our website: www.lyss.vic.edu.au/employment .

CRAFT GROUP

Isabelle

Thank you to all those who turned up last week to help with Craft Stall preparations: we got a lot done and had some fun! This week Craft Group is back to normal, and we will be making root children for the season table. This involves making a simple formed doll’s head and a felt sack body. Everyone is welcome, no previous sewing experience is necessary.

Craft Group is a parent-run group that meets every Thursday morning in term time from 9 until 12 in the main building 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 knitting yarns, hand-dyed fleece and felt, modelling wax, wooden beads, and threads. Morning tea is available and children are welcome.

OFFICE SMS SERVICE FOR ABSENT CHILDREN

Anita & Antoinette

A reminder to let us know at front desk if your child is absent from school... If your child is absent and you have not notified the school, an SMS text message reminder is sent to your mobile phone, with the option then for you to respond via SMS. The ability to send text messages to the school office number is only possible when responding to the SMS we have sent to you. If you send an SMS to our office number at any other time, it will not be received or show up in our system. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your communication to Front Office when your child is absent. Feel free to leave a message if you need to call after hours (5967 1953 option #1), or email through to office@lyss.vic.edu.au and we will do our best not to send you unnecessary SMS texts!
LYE ENSEMBLE FAREWELL AND RETURN CONCERT  

On Friday 6 September from 5:30pm-7:00pm LYE students will be performing in the Music Hall in preparation for their New Zealand tour. The performance is structured as a Dress Rehearsal, to allow the Ensemble to hone their skills as they will be departing for New Zealand on Sunday 8 September. This is a free event and we welcome everyone to attend!

The return concert is a celebration of the success of the tour and it is always amazing to see how much the Ensemble has advanced during their time away. This concert is also free, but will be held in the Mechanics Hall, at the Upper Yarra Arts Centre in Warburton on Thursday 19 September at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT: 6:45PM FOR A 7PM START. FRIDAY 30th AUGUST  

On Friday 30th of August we will be holding our Annual School Music Concert. Students from Class 3 to 12 perform on the night. For Class 3’s this will be their first public performance; they will be showcasing some of the pieces they’ve been learning in the Marimba Ensemble. (Class 3’s will not be performing on their string instruments until later this year).

Class 2 will not be singing at the Annual School Concert this year, but they will most likely perform on Fair Day.

All students from Classes 3-12 are in some way involved, therefore they will all be expected to attend on the night. Rehearsals happen during the day on Friday 30 August so students from Class 4 upwards must bring their musical instruments on this day. We look forward to this event, it is always an exciting showcase of our multi-talented students!

CHILDREN’S TENT  

A big thank you to all of the helpers who have picked up kits, and returned them. We have put some more there for anyone who hasn’t yet had a chance to complete one. We are still meeting on Thursday mornings behind the Craft Group and would love to see you if you are free.

BIODYNAMIC FARM GROUP  

This week is our Tree Pruning Day, so bring your pruning saws and clippers and come help prune the farm groups apple, pear and plum trees. If this is something you want to have a go at, come and join us - down by the tractor shed 9am Wednesday. Stay as long or short as you want and if you're there around lunch time, we've starting cooking up a shared lunch fresh from our winter vege garden. Children welcome.

SCHOOL DESKS FOR SALE  

There is a cleanup happening in the Farm Shed and we have some excess School Desks for Sale
Wooden Desks with opening tops $20 each

Metal Framed desks, with wooden tops and adjustable legs $20 each

If you are interested, phone Corey 0405 223 940 or Annette 0407 993 159. - limited numbers of both available.

We also have some Weaving Looms in questionable condition open to responsible offers.
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY...

SPRING FAIR RAFFLE

Our wonderful Spring Fair is coming up - if you own a business and would like to show the community how much you care, donate a prize! We will be having both a Main Raffle featuring our wonderful Yarra Valley plus a Raffle Table showcasing local businesses owned by our very creative and enterprising parent body to help raise money for some much needed new library books.

Thankyou to the following for their generous donations: Byronshop Organic Skincare Hamper, Francis & Greta's Philip Island Beach House, Yarra Valley Innate Chiropractor, Giant Steps Healesville, Yarra Valley Produce to Platter, Rambilende Farm Soap, LYSS Craft Group, Wedgetail Rides, Under The Juniper Tree, Killara Estate Wine, Yarra Valley Chocolate,….contact us with your generous offer to add your business to the list...

SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

We would like to help you with your spring clean up & to create more space in your home. We are looking for good condition books for our Book Stall on Fair Day. Some we will select for our library, excess we will sell to raise money to buy other new books. Contact us or bring your books to the office.

Contact Annette 0407 993 159 (Class 7 & Playgroup) or Maria 9736 1996 (Class 7 & 10) - no matter how big or small your generous donation, we'd love to hear from you.

BIODYNAMIC GARDEN GROUP

We are looking for a keen person to run our Biodynamic produce market stall at the monthly LYSS market. Please contact Kym Sinclair or Annette Batchelor if you are interested.

COW POO

If you would like some cow poo, please come down on Wednesdays between 9-11 am to the Biodynamic Vegie Garden behind the school.. Bring bags, gloves and enjoy a wander in the paddock.

MUSIC REGISTER

We are looking for a volunteer parent to take over co-ordinating the music register. The music registered is a service offered to parents, present and past, to buy and sell second-hand music instruments. The register takes very little time to compile and it involves putting buyers and sellers in touch with each other. Please contact Heather if you can spare a few hours per term. Ph: 5967 4441 – H or 0407 000 559 – M

EARN AND LEARN 2013

A very big thankyou to the LYSS community for participating so enthusiastically in the Earn and Learn program! We appreciate your efforts greatly, and thanks to you we have been able to purchase musical instruments, sporting equipment, and stationery supplies. This is such a fantastic thing for our school! We look forward to receiving these goodies in the next few weeks; and are certain that our students will put them to good use.

WOOD RAFFLE – FUNDRAISER FOR LITTLE YARRA ENSEMBLE

It’s only a matter of days before the Senior LY Ensemble travel to New Zealand for their International Tour! One of our final fundraisers is raffling a trailer-full of split wood. This is being kindly donated by the Brennan family – and the trailer on loan from Ralph and Barb Skendzic.

The raffle will be drawn on the final day of term, so make sure you pick up a ticket from the Front Office - $2 per ticket or 7 tickets for $5.
CLASS 3 FOOD STALL, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Hiromi

Class 3 is having a spring food stall fundraiser at pick-up time on Friday, 6th of September. We will sell lots of cakes and sweets and savoury dishes. Also, Thai Massaman Curry, Pad Thai, Japanese sushi and Tempura Udon dinners will be available! If you would like to preorder, please talk to Hiromi. Don’t forget to come and get your afternoon tea or supper at the bus shelter!

FEVERS

Annette

It is that time of the year again as winter moves into spring - children are getting sick and fevers become a common discussion topic. There are different ways to treat a fever; Annette Batchelor will be talking about how to support a fever to assist the development of the immune system for your child at that time as well as the other benefits of nursing your child from home. This will be the first in a series of talks on child health that Southern Aspirations has organised at LYSS:

29th August - Caring for your sick child at home

17 October - First Aid and home remedies

31 October - Wrapping your child in a protective cocoon. These sessions will be in the Wattle Bee room from 7-9pm. The cost will be $10 per session or $25 for all three session if you pay at the first one. Please contact Corey Flynn on 0405 223 940 or Annette Batchelor on 0407 993 159 to register your interest.

WOOD FIRE PIZZA

Emma

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

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

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.
Little Yarra Steiner School
Annual School Concert

Friday 30 August 2013
6.45pm for 7:00pm start
Music Hall
205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

Classical ~ Contemporary
Orchestras ~ Class Ensembles ~ Solos
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