THANK YOU

A most grateful thank you to each one who participated or supported the wonderful feast of musical gifts we received last Friday evening at our annual music concerts. An essential characteristic of our education is that of awe, reverence and rhythm, qualities that are often easier to sense in musical engagement. The manner in which our students are able to enter the quality of music with that resonant reverence nourishes not only the developing individual gifting their music, but also us as listening partakers.

Next week marks the end of term three, with our Little Yarra Ensemble by then already on their way to New Zealand. If you would like to have a foretaste of their accomplishment, they will be performing this Friday (6th) at 5:30 pm in the Music Hall. We wish them all a fantastic and delightful tour.
FAIR AND OPEN DAY - SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

This wonderful Spring weather is a reminder that our Fair and Open Day is coming soon and this year it will be one week earlier than in previous years and on a Saturday, to coincide with our monthly markets. Continuing on from last year, we want to increase parent involvement with the Fair so that it can once again become a fundraising event for the school; as well as a fantastic opportunity for us to show off everything that is great about this school. All funds raised this year will go towards the further development of Library resources and also towards sports precinct – hopefully including a beach volley ball court amongst other improvements. To this end we have attached a list of the areas within which each class group will be working:

- Play Group and Ring a Rosy: Children’s Café
- Kinder, Prep, Class 1 and Class 2: Children’s Tent
- Class 1: Wood Fired Pizza
- Class 3 and Class 4: Craft Tent
- Class 5: Indian Curry Tent
- Class 6: Bio-Dynamic Sausage Sizzle
- Class 7: Raffle and Book Fair
- Class 8: Children’s Activities
- Class 9 and Class 11: Fruit Ice Creams
- Class 10 and Class 12: Fair Café

We will also be asking that each family bakes a cake for the Fair Café. Thank you all in advance and I look forward to this fantastic day of celebrating our school.

SPRING FESTIVAL TALK - THIS THURSDAY AT 9AM

This Thursday, at 9am in the Multi-purpose Room, adjacent to Wattlebee, Martin Sampson will be giving a talk on Spring and the working of Raphael in the healing rhythms of our life.

KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT VACANCY

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. Applications close September 8, 2013. To view the full job advertisement, please visit our website: www.lyss.vic.edu.au/employment.

CRAFT GROUP

If you have a little time to spare this Thursday morning, come along to Craft Group to give us a hand rolling up balls of yarn for the weaving loom sets. We will also be continuing with our root children project: this week we will be working on the hair and face.

Craft Group is a parent-run group that meets every Thursday morning in term time from 9 am until 12 pm 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.

BIODYNAMIC FARM GROUP

Last week we pruned our vineyard the biodynamic way. This week we will prune our fruit trees...so bring your pruning saws and clippers and join in the fun! We will be down by the tractor shed at 9am on Wednesday. Stay as long or as little as you like, and if you’re there around lunch time, we’re starting cooking up a shared lunch fresh from our winter vegie garden. Children welcome.
LYE ENSEMBLE FAREWELL AND RETURN CONCERT

Damien

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!

LITTLE YARRA ENSEMBLE LYE NZ TOUR HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

Naomi

The High Tea at Amanda’s Café was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in the Yarra Valley. Thankyou to Amanda for creating such an enjoyable day. Thankyou also to Simon Oats, Woody Clark, LYE Students; Tom, April, Matt, Emily, Amanda, our helpful parent volunteers and Steve Little’s kind donation. Appreciation also goes to Domain Chandon, Seville Hill and Killara Estate for their generous donations of bubbly and wine packs. Congratulations to the Croydon family for winning the raffle for LYE students who helped with selling tickets.

LITTLE YARRA MARKET & LYSS FAIR DAY

Melinda

Planning for our next market on September 21st is well underway!

With the weather warming up again, we'll be welcoming more new stallholders to come and trade and Santha and Kofi will be coming to facilitate singing and drumming workshops.

Be sure to pencil this date into your calendars - we'll look forward to seeing you there.

Our October 19th market will be run as a combined event with the LYSS School Fair Day. We’re offering 3 x 3 marquee spaces ($30) or Umbrella & Table sites ($20).

We welcome stallholders from our LYSS community of parents and friends so please be in contact with me ASAP if you’d like to book a site.

Email enquiries@littleyarramarket.com or phone 0414 258 490

SCHOOL DESKS FOR SALE

Annette

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 are available.

We also have some Weaving Looms in questionable condition open to reasonable offers.

PARENTS’ LIBRARY

Cloe

The parents library is still opening on Mondays from 12 - 12:30 and on Friday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15. A maximum of three books may be borrowed for up to 4 weeks. There is a yearly membership fee of $6 per family; which goes towards the purchase of new books and maintaining the library. The library is located between Mother Holle and Briar Rose Pre-school rooms and returns may be dropped off into the box next to the door at any time. Do you have any library books at home loitering on book shelves? I am in the process of cataloguing the library and kindly ask if you could please return them.
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY...

SPRING FAIR RAFFLE

Our Main Raffle will be unveiled next week ... with tickets available to sell over the holidays to all you come across to help us all raise money for our library...

We are still accepting prizes for our Raffle Table which will showcase 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 Philip Island Beach House, Yarra Valley Innate Chiropractor, Giant Steps Healesville, Yarra Valley Produce to Platter, Rambilndeene Farm Soap, LYSS Craft Group, Wedgetail Rides, Under The Juniper Tree, Killara Estate Wine, Yarra Valley Chocolate, RACV Club, Argyles Aveda DaySpa, Bodhi Tree, East End Fish & Chips, Yarra Valley & Ranges County Life Magazine, Rikki's Bikkies, Yarra Valley Crumbs Gourmet Biscuits, Yarra Valley Coffee, Yarra Valley Tea Co, Yarra Valley Gourmet Foods, Australian Harvest Fine Foods, Cunliffe & Waters, Dana's Honey....contact us with your generous offer to add your business to the list.

Phone Annette on 0407 993 159.

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.

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

CLASS 3 FOOD STALL, SEPTEMBER 6TH

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!
THE OBERUFER SHEPHERD'S PLAY

A gift from the staff of Little Yarra Steiner School to the children and community at Christmas.

Sometime in the 16th or early 17th century, a group of German farmers from an area around Lake Constance migrated to the little island of Oberufer on the Danube, near Pressburg, close to the frontiers of Austria and Hungary. They took with them a cycle of religious plays, which were handed down by oral tradition through the generations.

For centuries, peasants preserved these plays – both the text itself and the tradition of acting – in their unaltered and original form. It was Karl Julius Schroer, a professor who studied German folklore of the region, who discovered these plays in Oberufer. Dr. Schroer was a teacher and friend of Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf education.

During the 1850’s and 60’s Schroer lived in Pressburg and learned that these plays were performed by the “Haid Bauern” who had immigrated to Oberufer centuries before. He saw the plays several times and was very enthusiastic about them; transcribing the dialogue from the farmers who were the performers. It was Schroer’s intention to preserve this spiritual inheritance from ancient times. The Oberufer plays are now performed each year in many languages in Waldorf schools all over the world.

The roots of the Oberufer plays are lost in medieval times, but they have evolved to incorporate a unique mix of broad peasant humour and deep reverence in their celebration of the birth of Jesus. The shepherds’ play sets a beautiful mood for the Christmas festival.

We have had the opportunity to experience this ‘beautiful mood’, through our own participation as ‘players’ in the Shepherd’s play on several occasions and would like to bring this to our community again this year. I say ‘Players’ rather than actors, as we do not aspire to ‘professional performance’, but rather a sincere and humble gesture in the mood of Christmas.

The play is delightfully musical, comical and reverent. If you would like to be part of this year’s production, please attend our next ‘Shepherd Gathering’ on Wednesday 4th August at 3:30 pm in the Admin Building.

Rehearsal Schedule:

- Weekly singing: Tuesday 8:20 am & Thursday 3:35 – 3:40
- Weekly Shepherd Gathering (study, casting & rehearsal): Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30
- Full rehearsal (attendance essential) Sunday 1st & Sunday 8th December 10am – 12:30

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.
END OF TERM MARKET

The end of term is nearly upon us, and so too is the end of term market, (outside the Main Building on the last day of term). The market runs from 12.30 pm, when school finishes, and provides an opportunity for the school community to sell handmade goodies, second-hand clothing, and yummy treats. If you would like to hold a stall at the market please contact Antoinette at Reception.

As part of the market, Class 4 and Class 6 will be holding a combined cake stall; and there will also be a bric-a-brac stall run by children as well.

FEVERS

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:

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

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.
A Year 12 Independent Research Project
By Lydia Chalmers

This project is based on the psychological effects of music. The project tells many stories and experiences with music, both personal and observational reflections. I spent the last year working closely with music and even had the opportunity to work in the music therapy sector of an aged care facility. The two main aspects of this Project are a CD of cover songs (each song is there to create a different emotional response from the listener) and a book with stories I have written throughout the year.

Official Opening
Date: Saturday 5th October 2013
Time: 2:00 pm sharp
Location: Mechanics Hall
Upper Yarra Arts Centre
3409 Warburton Highway
Warburton, Victoria, 3799
LITTLE YARRA MARKET

Little Yarra Steiner School 205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

Saturday

21st September

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