I am sometimes asked about Rudolf Steiner’s verses that appear at the top of our Newsletters and on our website, especially in regards to the various suggestions for the ‘appropriate’ verse at this time of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. When Steiner wrote the verses, they were reflective of a specific year (and the European seasonal quality as well as of the nation-transcending liturgical year). Steiner also made specific comments about the commencement of the spiritual year (and thus Verse 1) and Easter: as this latter shifts its date each year based on the post-equinoctial Full Moon, Northern hemisphere Verse 1 will shift accordingly… and hence all other verses. There are also specific verses that coincide with the Solstices and Equinoxes, and these, though equidistant relative each other, also fluctuate in relation to the liturgical year, resulting in expanded and contracted periods depending on the year.

In the Southern Hemisphere, we have the additional seasonal inversions to consider. All this results in differing ways of working with the Calendar of Verses. The one we use is as outlined by Brian Keats in his anthroposophically determined Antipodean Astro Calendar. Interestingly, not only has his calendar been used through the years to assist with Bio-Dynamic agriculture, but observations have also been made with regards especially younger children’s mood or behaviour and the differences between root, leaf, and fruit days.

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**Verse 19**

*Mystery-full the newly received
Within my memory to enfold,
Shall be my striving’s broader purpose:
It shall strengthening ego forces
Within me wake
And in becoming give my Self to me.*

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**Calendar**

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**CALENDAR OF THE SOUL**

Jean-Michel

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From *Calendar of the Soul* by Rudolf Steiner

Term 1 – Week 4

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

February 2014
EMA

The start of a new year means EMA applications once again. EMA, or Education Maintenance Allowance, is payment from the government to help with the costs of education. It is available to all holders of a Health Care Card or Pension Card. Please call in at the office and pick up a form if you hold a current valid Health Care Card or Pension Card, so we can get your application in as soon as possible. Please remember that you need to reapply each year for EMA. All forms must be received by February 28th. Late applications cannot be accepted.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

If you live more than 4.8 kilometres from Little Yarra and regularly drive your child(ren) to school, you may be eligible for a State Government Conveyance Allowance. This allowance is not means tested but conditions do apply. Students must be in Prep or above. If a student holds a bus pass, their parent is ineligible for Conveyance Allowance. To claim Conveyance Allowance please collect a form from the school office and return it completed before the end of February.

PLEASE NOTE: If you received Conveyance Allowance last year and your details remain the same, you need do nothing.

PHOTO WEEK

School photos at Little Yarra will be a bit different for 2014 than in years past. Photos will be taken by Angela Rivas, a parent and professional photographer. Angela will be assisted by her daughter Genevieve. Rather than rushing the whole school through a single day of School photos, we have decided to spread photographing the class groups over the course of the four days of that school week starting from Monday March 3rd to Thursday March 6th. (Friday 7th of March is a Curriculum Day.) This will achieve more natural and authentic images of the children within their school environment. Group and Individual Pre-school and Kinder photos will be taken in their classrooms and playground during free play time. A timetable appears below. Please note that only the Kindergarten groups have an allocated time. Angela and Genevieve will come to each class group as time allows on the selected day.

MONDAY: 9, 10, 11, 12, WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO
TUESDAY: Playgroup 9:15 – 9:45 am, Class 1, 2, 3
WEDNESDAY: Playgroup 9:15 - 9:45 am, Class 4, 5, 6
THURSDAY: all Kindergarten groups from approx 9:30 - 12:15 am, Classes 7, 8
FRIDAY: Staff Photo 11 am at the Curriculum Day

2014 ENROLMENT UPDATE FORMS

Every family (Class 1 – 12) will have received an Enrolment Update pack for 2014, which has been brought home by the youngest child in the family. Please make sure you fill these out and return them to the office as soon as possible, so we have the most current information on hand. If you have not received your individualised pack yet, please contact the office or email Josie on jmclachlan@lyss.vic.edu.au. Many thanks for speedy returns. Thank you to all those who have already returned their forms.

THANK YOU

I wanted to thank the music department and helpers for their initiative, tenacity, and willpower to transform the music department during their holiday break - it looks fabulous! Also thanks to Annie and Roberto and their team of parent helpers for transforming class 6 room and foyer.
Thank you to all families who have paid their fees already. Payments will be due on Tuesday next week unless you have elected to pay on a fortnightly or monthly basis. Please also be aware that we are offering a 6% discount for the years fees paid in advance and a 4% discount for fees paid a semester in advance. If you choose to select either of these options, then payments need to be made by the end of February. It is also important to let us know if you have chosen this option so that we can credit the discount to your account. This will show up on your term 2 statement.

Please make any internet banking payment to the below and account and also be sure to include your family code in the reference to allow us to easily match the payment to your account.

Little Yarra Steiner School

Acc. No: 691 622 684
BSB: 083 125

For your budgeting purposes please be aware that Conveyance Allowance will be credited directly to your account (unless requested otherwise), as will Education Maintenance Allowance payments. The new fee schedule also incorporates all excursions (some exceptions may apply to VCE classes).

Please be in touch if have any further questions regarding the payment of fees.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group is still looking for a person, or a group of people, to take over the running of the group. This involves organising a weekly craft activity (although this is not essential) and doing some admin and bookkeeping work to keep the financial side of Craft Group’s activities, namely selling craft supplies and craft items on consignment, ticking over. Craft Group also has a stall at the Little Yarra Market. If anyone is interested in taking on some or all of this, please talk to Hiromi (0466 014 339) or Isabelle (0419 012 239).

In the meantime, anyone who would like to is welcome to come along on Thursday morning as usual for a chat and some craft. Please bring your own project to work on or some craft to show; alternatively, Craft Group has lots of patterns for sewn, knitted and felted things to make that you could choose from. Happy crafting!

ADULT EURYTHMY EVERY FRIDAY

Adult Eurythmy is held every Friday 3:30 – 4 pm in the Eurythmy room. No experience necessary, all welcome. $5 per class with childminding available @ $1/child and a piece of fruit for the children to share for afternoon tea. See you on the day, or phone Kelly 0414 391 039 for more info.

BIODYNAMIC FARM GROUP

Our summer garden is producing an abundance of zucchinis, amongst many other yummy veggies - check out the excess for sale in the office and at the Wednesday Mini-Market. If you would like to be part of our farm group, come and join us on Wednesday mornings 9am down by the tractor shed - everyone gets to share in our produce and we have a lot of fun gardening, working and learning together. All welcome, including children.
WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Wood fired pizzas will start again this Friday 21st of February. We hope the weather may have cooled down a little for our cooks... & less chance of having total fire bans. We have been really lucky in the past, the weather has not stopped us. I would also like to thank the following parents who were part of our team last year, Rachel Ritchie, Lisa Dalboni, Chelsea McNab, Niree Bingham, Max Thurlow, Kym Sinclair & some occasional help from David Digapony & Perry Haider.

Pizzas orders can be left in the baskets outside classrooms or at the office for high school students. 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.

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Special orders are available on whole pizzas only.

I am looking for new parents to join our team for a fun day of making pizzas & feeding the school community please call emma 5967 1638 / 0439 639 497 or email stevejacobson@netspace.net.au or come & visit us at the ovens on Fridays. Thanks emma.

MONDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Every Monday there is Sausage Sizzle with Biodynamic Sausages and Organic Bread for $3 each. As we are now using a thin style sausage we will now be increasing the servings. Please write your order on an envelope, with your child’s name, class, with or without onion and the correct money enclosed. Either give these to the front office or place it in the Class 1 - 6 baskets. High-school students are welcome to also give their order to the office or come to the BBQ and purchase. The Sausage Sizzle is also available for those parents picking up early and teachers needing some lunch. All funds raised go towards the gymnasium floor.

ORGANIC FRUIT ICE CREAMS

Wednesdays after School at the Mini-Market. Very popular last week and back again at this weeks mini-market after school every Wednesday from 3pm. $3 each made with organic fruit. A special line for Ensemble students so they have time to get theirs before Ensemble practice. All proceeds going towards the gym floor fundraising campaign.

To keep this fundraising endeavour going, we need people to help for an hour or two on Wednesday afternoons. You don’t need to commit to every week - if we have enough people, one or two weeks’ help is all that will be needed. Let Lisa or Annette know at the ice cream stall on Wednesday.

BUS DRIVERS WANTED

We are currently needing bus drivers for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon to help with the our Emerald Bus Service. Please be in touch if you would like to apply.
LITTLE YARRA MARKET

Little Yarra Steiner School 205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction

3rd Saturday every month 9am - 2pm all weather market

Upcoming Markets
15th February
15th March
19th April

Enjoy the Outdoor Cafe Style

Quality stalls, crafts & recycled goods
local & organic produce
coffee, chai, great food, massage
wood fired pizza & biodynamic sausages

Entertainment & Buskers every market

Further information: enquiries@littleyarramarket.com www.littleyarramarket.com