Term 1 – Week 3
Tuesday 12th February 2019

Our students of all ages seem to have settled seamlessly into the rhythm of the new school year. We have already had the heart warming experience of watching Bronwyn and Class 1 out and about, hand in hand, singing beautifully together. It is quite noticeable as one walks around the school how many of the children appear so happy and engaged in their work and play. Just seeing the eager faces going into class in the mornings is a wonderful reminder of what a special privilege it is to be part of this unique education system and specifically, our school.

Class 7 have kicked off our outdoor education programme for the year, with Simon and his class away on their sailing camp last week. With a new teacher at the helm and new students that have joined us this year, the camp early on in the term gives everybody an excellent opportunity to meet one another and build a strong class culture. Class 9 will follow with a short camp later this week, and Class 4 will head off to Walkerville next week.

This year marks a full century since the first Waldorf school opened its doors in Stuttgart in 1919, and it looks set to be a year filled with extraordinary events and experiences. During the Labour Day weekend, we will be hosting the national Student Support conference, with guest presenters from the UK and New Zealand. We will also be showcasing the excellent work that our very own John Elliott is bringing to our younger students.

Our school is justifiably well known for the richness of our music programme, and this year brings two special events in this regard. At the end of this term, we will be performing the Bach in the St Paul’s cathedral in Melbourne and the Little Yarra Ensemble will travel to Europe to perform as part of the international centenary celebrations in Berlin. These are just a few events to look forward to in what looks set to be a memorable year ahead for our school.

BUSHFIRE NOTICE
We are currently in Bushfire season and may experience days of extreme weather this term. Please be mindful that on days of CFA declared Extreme and Code Red Fire Danger days, the school will be closed. Please stay informed by regularly checking the CFA website, as it may not be possible to update our own website should an Extreme or 'Code Red' condition be declared very late. To check the current rating, please visit the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

From Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 20
Thus I first feel my existence,
That far from world existence
In itself extinguishes itself,
And building solely from grounds
In itself, must deaden itself.
## Calendar

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CLASS 12 2018 TERTIARY OFFERS

Bernie

Students in Class 12 have the opportunity to elect to undertake an Independent Project without receiving subject study scores and in connection an ATAR is not provided, or to undertake a scored assessment including sitting external exams; and receiving an ATAR.

We were privileged as a community to receive a wonderful array of Independent Projects from the Class of 2018 and to hear of their incredible experiences at the Oral Presentations in November last year. Tui Hogan successfully completed an Independent Project and has been offered a place studying Visual Arts at RMIT.

We are equally proud of the students who undertook the experience of working towards and receiving an ATAR: Lisann Bonig received an ATAR of 76.7 and has been offered a place studying a double degree in Arts and Science at Deakin University in Burwood. Molly Franzke received an ATAR and has been offered a place studying a Bachelor of Music at Melbourne University. Maia Hanrahan received study scores for English and Biology and she has accepted a place at Melbourne University studying a Bachelor of Music. Gabriella Lee-Sudyatmiko received an ATAR and was offered a place studying Science at Deakin University in Geelong which she has deferred while she completes a Certificate 3 in Commercial Cookery. Lucy Southwell-Hambly received an ATAR of 81.55 and has been accepted into a double degree in science and music at ANU which she has deferred until 2020 and in the meantime she is completing a Certificate 3 in Hospitality, Leadership and Management.

We wish them all the very best and hope to be able to share with you their future successes.

BACH’S ST JOHN PASSION

Damien

This year we have decided to take the main performance of Bach’s St John Passion to Melbourne’s CBD and perform it in St Paul’s Cathedral. It will be incredible to have our students perform this extraordinary work in the setting that it was originally intended for. The performance will be on the last day of school, Friday the 5th April and the students will transported to the venue by the school busses. We will still have a school performance for classes 3 - 6 and parents with young children which will occur on the Thursday 4th at 2 - 3 pm in the Music Hall.

2019 marks the centenary celebration of Steiner Education, so this is a unique opportunity to showcase the magnificent talents of our students. We are really looking forward to this event.

More detail to follow in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Josie

Each year we share relevant school policies through the newsletter. Please find below links to school policies on Anaphylaxis, First Aid, Child Protection and Student Care, Welfare and Safety (which also includes Grievance). Copies of these can also be obtained through the front desk.

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Anaphylaxis Factsheet
- First Aid Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Student Care, Welfare and Safety Policy
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by private car or on one of the school buses.

To be eligible students must

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (attending Prep to Class 12) and reside in Victoria

Application forms are available from the School office. Previous applications are carried forward providing that all details remain correct. You will only need to fill in a fresh form if your address details have changed or you are adding an extra child to your claim.

2018 SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

It has come to my attention that some parents did not receive the Semester Two Reports that were emailed out on December 17th. Please contact me bsharman@lyss.vic.edu.au if you wish me to resend it for you.

ENROLMENT UPDATES

Parents will have received enrolment update forms, both in the post and via email. It is very important that these are filled out and returned to the office as soon as possible, so we have current information for your child and family. These are also particularly important for students of classes 9 & 4 as they have camps leaving over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to receiving your forms. Thank you kindly.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are scheduled this year for Thursday 14th of March. A listing of times for the various photo taking sessions will appear in an upcoming newsletter. Photos will be taken by SchoolPix and we look forward to the gorgeous pictures they will take. School Photo order forms will be sent home with the children soon. Aside from the photo packs that parents are able to purchase, the school uses these pictures on our database, in some of our First Aid documents, for student ID cards for classes 7 to 12 and as an archive collection of the children who attend Little Yarra each year.
REMEMBERING NAOMI

It was with sadness that we heard of Naomi Jarvie’s passing. Naomi was a much loved and respected member of our teaching community who began at Little Yarra as a hand craft teacher in 1993. Handwork was one of Naomi’s passions and under her guidance the children learned to enjoy this aspect of their education. She had a wonderful sense of colour and was not afraid to experiment with new ideas. She always had some craft project under way at home.

Naomi transitioned to the role as a Class teacher with equal commitment and passion in 1998 and taught her first class until they reached Class 8. She then returned for a further 5 years as a class teacher. Her second class graduated from class 12 in 2017. Those students who grew up under Naomi’s guidance loved and respected her. She was kind, compassionate and believed strongly in not crushing a child’s spirit by enforcing too many restrictions on their learning. This may have come from her own upbringing in Tanzania where she was free to play with the local village children. She will always be remembered by many of us by her quiet determination and courage. She was steadfast and loyal and someone who could be relied upon as a friend.

A tree will be planted at the school in honour of Naomi and all that she so graciously gave to the school and to her students on Saturday 16th February at 11.00am. We will meet at the pizza ovens outside the Class 5 & 6 building. It would be wonderful to see past students and families as well as anyone whose life was touched by Naomi there on Saturday. Please bring your memories to share and a blanket to sit on.

RECYCLING OUR LUNCH SCRAPS WITH THE HELP OF WORMS

Now that compost collection buckets have been placed around all school areas, we are ready to feed a lot of worms. We will be building a worm farm out of 3 or 4 recycled bath tubs, so if you have one lying around in a paddock or shed that you do not want please let us know and we will be happy to make good use of it. Please contact me on clhowells@lyss.vic.edu.au Thank you

STUDENT SUPPORT CONFERENCE MATERIALS REQUEST

We are looking for the following materials to help with our "outdoor classroom" conference workshops on the March long weekend.

Old glossy magazines (stapled not glued) for kiln building. Plastic and metal buckets of all sizes for, metal, wool and clay workshops A plastic or tin bath for clay workshop Metal pots for wool dyeing

If you have any of these materials that you no longer need or would like to lend to the school please contact Claudia on clhowells@lyss.vic.edu.au or bring them to reception.
Parents and Staff are invited to join a Study Group exploring Steiner’s 6 Basic exercises and the lectures that relate to them. There is no cost to be part of the group. The book, “Six Steps in Self-development ~The 'supplementary Exercises' is available for $20 from https://www.fishpond.com.au/Books/Six-Steps-Self-Development-Rudolf-Steiner-Ates-Baydur/9781855842373 and elsewhere.

A short video clip can be found here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjo3iy4kfdM

The Study Group will gather in the school’s Library 9:40 – 11 am on Wednesday 13th February, then every fortnight thereafter. We discuss many topics related to Anthroposophy.
PRESS RELEASE – FREE FIELD DAY – INTRODUCTION TO BIODYNAMIC GARDENING, WARRANWOOD, VIC, FEBRUARY, 2019

This field day is an opportunity not to be missed if you are considering growing your food organically and sustainably. The field day will be facilitated by experienced biodynamic practitioners, expert in many facets of growing food using the principles of biodynamics.

It will be held at The Michael Centre in Warranwood, where biodynamic fruit and vegetables are grown for donation to charities. The area is a showpiece of biodynamics, the produce is second to none, and a unique experience awaits anyone who visits.

Come along and meet Atika Rea who, among others, started the teaching of biodynamic growing in Melbourne. The aim of this tuition is to inspire and take people forward beyond organics to really heal the Earth.

So bring your questions, share your experiences and be prepared to network.

Topics to be covered:
- yearly biodynamic schedule for the garden and orchard
- biodynamic preparations and how to use them
- seed raising and planting
- making compost and liquid manures
- pest and disease control
- Moon Planting Calendar

DATE: Thursday, 28 February, 2019
TIME: 9AM – 3PM
ADDRESS: The Michael Centre, 37A Wellington Park Drive, Warranwood, 3134
COST: FREE! – includes morning tea and complimentary Soil Activator
Please register for catering purposes on 02 6655 0566
bdoffice@biodynamics.net.au
End of Release
2019 Student Support Conference

The Outdoor Classroom

Friday 8th - Monday 11th March, 2019 - Yarra Valley

Experience 3 days of immersion and practical activities for children in Nature

Led by Bernard Graves, Pyrites Living and Learning with Nature (UK) with master crafts people John Lawry, Artisan Pathways (NZ), Frances Graves (UK), Adrienne Kneebone (AU) and John Elliot (AU)

Bernard Graves is an internationally renowned traditional craft practitioner combining ancient and contemporary technologies. He facilitates Practical Skills Education in Schools & Teacher Training courses throughout the UK and worldwide. www.pyrites.org

“Each child in every age brings something new into the world and it is our task, as educators, to remove bodily and physical obstacles out of the way; so that this Spirit may enter, in full freedom, into life.”

• for all those working with children in Steiner schools as teachers, assistants, learning support staff and allied health/therapy workers. Student teachers and anyone interested in Steiner education are also welcome.
• to deepen our understanding of Steiner pedagogy and child development in relation to supporting children with extra needs
• This conference focuses on student support and learning through the lens of the outdoor classroom, through immersive practical experience and facilitated reflections/sharings.

Registration from 3.30pm Friday
Conference fee (includes all materials, lunches and Friday dinner) $360
Little Yarra Steiner School, 205 Little Yarra Rd, Yarra Junction VIC
For information/registration, please contact Monique (03) 5967 1953
Email: conference@lyss.vic.edu.au
The Outdoor Classroom: Student Support Conference
REGISTRATION FORM

Little Yarra Steiner School
205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction VIC

8 - 11 March 2019

Led by Bernard Graves, Pyrites Living and Learning with Nature (UK)
and John Lawry, Artisan Pathways (NZ)

Full Name: ___________________________________________________________  
Email: ______________________________________________________________  
Address: _____________________________________________________________  
Phone: ______________________________________________________________  
Emergency Contact and Details: ____________________________________________

How did you find out about this conference? ________________________________

Cost (includes meals* and workshop materials) $360
*Inclusive Friday night dinner, Saturday to Monday lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Workshop preference:
Please choose one for the whole conference – see descriptions on following page
__ Bernard Graves: Ceramics: From Clay to Pot
__ Frances Graves: Wool and Textile: Fleece to Felt
__ John Lawry: Pit Forge and Blacksmithing
__ Adrienne Kneebone: Basketry work using native grasses
__ John Elliot: Whittling and Greenwood work

Direct Debit Payment Details
Account Name  Little Yarra Steiner School
BSB   633000
Account No.  131415010
Description   "Conference" followed by your surname and initial

Please email a copy of the bank receipt with the completed registration form to
accounts@lyss.vic.edu.au
WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Tutors

Bernard Graves   Workshops
Bernard is a master traditional craft practitioner and tutor of children and adults, facilitating workshops in practical skills and activities combining ancient and contemporary technologies as a means to access vital areas of experience and learning. He is currently engaged in writing a craft book: Crafting - Practice, Experience & learning. Bernard is the founder of Pyrites - Living & Learning with Nature - Practical Skills Education in Schools and Teacher Training Courses in the UK and worldwide.

Frances Graves   Wool and Textile: Fleece to Felt
Being brought up on a farm fostered my practical side and I love making things. I brought up four children and worked as a Steiner Kindergarten teacher. I have taught some handwork classes in a Steiner School, and after learning about felting and natural plant dyeing of fleece I have run many adult workshops on felting and included some plant dyeing of fleece.

John Lawry   Pit Forge and Blacksmithing
Artisan Pathways (NZ) is a celebration of the tradition of “making”. John Lawry came and right from the start challenged us not to sit passively and take notes but to be active and really attempt to make a connection to the place we are in. What have we around us? What is the nature of this place, right here, where we are? This is where we work. This is where we teach. This is where we meet the children and help them to find out about the world. John encouraged us to stop, to look, and to listen.

Adrienne Kneebone   Basketry work using native grasses
Adrienne spent 12 years in the Northern Territory mastering the craft of weaving as well as working extensively with women from Western Arnhem Land. She shares skills, knowledge and storytelling and finds enjoyment in the atmosphere of a weaving group. Her skills range from basket twining to native grass cobbling through to bush toy making. She resides by the Yarra river in East Warburton where she has adapted to weaving with the local plant material. Her classes draw the creative spirit from participants.

John Elliot   Whittling and Greenwood work
John is a master woodwork craftsman with many years’ experience teaching at Little Yarra Steiner School and Dandenong Ranges Steiner School in Victoria. In between teaching, John has supported himself as a woodworker making animals, blocks, climbing frames – suitable for Steiner schools and families. In the preschool he devised simple, safe active woodworking for young children and continues to do this in the Primary school.
When

Keynote Address  Friday 8th March at 4pm
Bernard Graves: Hands on Learning in the Digital Age
John Lawry: Experiential Learning: Its contemporary necessity

Conference  Saturday 9 – Monday 11 March 2019
It's helpful if everyone arrives early, so we can start at 9am & make the most of our time together.

Daily Schedule

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Accommodation
Organisation of accommodation is the responsibility of workshop participants.

Catering
Friday night dinner, Saturday to Monday: lunch and morning/afternoon tea will be provided.

What to Bring

Wear suitable clothing for working outdoors – closed toe shoes and wet weather gear advised.

Where

Little Yarra Steiner School
205 Little Yarra Road, Yarra Junction
# The Outdoor Classroom

*Hands on Learning through immersive and practical experiences in Nature*

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**Workshops**

1. Wool and Textile: Fleece to Felt with Frances Graves
2. Basketry work using native grasses with Adrienne Kneebone
3. Ceramics: From Clay to Pot with Bernard Graves
4. Pit Forge and Blacksmithing with John Lawry
5. Whittling and Greenwood work with John Elliot