

# LITTLE YARRA NEWSLETTER



Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School

From *Calendar of the Soul* by Rudolf Steiner

## Verse 26

*Nature, your maternal existence,  
I carry it in my will's being;  
And my will's fire might,  
It steels my spirit's drives,  
So that they birth Self-feeling  
To carry my Self in me.*

**Term 1 – Week 10**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

It certainly feels as though Autumn has been taking its time arriving this year, with the dry heat and bushfires so much a prominent feature of our late Summer. This weekend's blustery wind and chilly rain has brought some respite to the thirsty soil and I believe that there was even a little snow on

Mt Donna Buang. The deciduous trees around the school property are beginning to adopt their Autumn finery and we should be well into the season for our festival early next term.

We have come to the final week of our preparation for the performance of Bach's St John Passion. Staff and students will pour many hours of effort into rehearsals this week, and a beautiful mood of reverent engagement begins to pervade the high school. Working so hard to present such a challenging piece as a gift to the community is an experience that our students are fortunate to have, quite apart from the substantial benefit to their musical and overall educational journey here. The number of past students who fondly remember the Bach and willingly return to participate is testament to their sense of the significance of this.

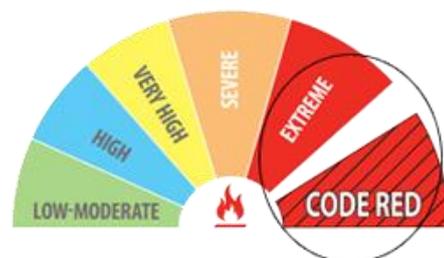
We look forward to welcoming you all to the matinee performance on Thursday afternoon and the evening performance in St Paul's on Friday night. Once again, the matinee will be structured specifically for families with younger children. We are striving to create a deeply reverent atmosphere for the evening, and have invited Lisa Devine to present an Easter picture to set the tone for the performance.

Finally, I would like to wish all the very best to everyone in our community for a blessed and peaceful Easter break.

John

### 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](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)



# Calendar

## TERM DATES 2019

Term 1	29/1 – 5/4
Term 2	23/4 – 21/6
Term 3	16/7 – 13/9
Term 4	7/10 – 13/12

## APRIL

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ring a Rosy Autumn Festival Class 6 Sweet & Savoury Stall	Wattle Bee 9:30 – 11:30am Pizza Ovens 1:15 – 1:40pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews Classes 1 - 12	
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mother Holle Autumn Festival Briar Rose Autumn Festival Class 5 Excursion Matinee Bach Performance VCE Drama Excursion - Robot Song	Mother Holle 9:30 – 11:30am Briar Rose 9:30 – 11:30am Redwood Forest 9am – 1:30pm Music Hall 2 – 3pm Theatre Works 7:30 – 10pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bach Performance <b>End of Term One</b>	St Pauls Cathedral 6:30pm
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Term Two begins</b>	
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day Public Holiday	Student Free Day

## MAY

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Class 9 Hattah Lakes Camp	
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Festival	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Inter School Sports – Cross Country	Lilydale Lake
13 – 15	Class 6 Camp	Walhalla
14 – 16	NAPLAN	
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Garb visiting	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	High School Information Evening	Lecture Theatre 7 – 9pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class 10 Play	
25/5 – 8/6	Class 10 Community Experience	Imanpa NT
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	VCE Drama Performance	Drama Studio 7 – 8:30pm

## JUNE

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Music Concerts	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Report Writing Day K – 12	Student Free Day
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Student Free Day
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ring a Rosy Winter Festival	
16 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 12 Queensland Sea Kayak Camp	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mother Holle Winter Festival	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Briar Rose Winter Festival	
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Festival	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>End of Term Two</b>	

## **BUS TRANSPORT FOR THIS WEEK**

Barry

It is a busy last week of Term One and there a couple of differences to the bus runs this week.

On Wednesday, there will be Parent Teacher Interviews and School will finish at 12:30 for the Primary School students. Students in Classes 7 to 10 will have Bach rehearsals in the afternoon. Class 11 & 12 students will have VCE Classes as usual.

The buses will depart School at 12:45pm to take students in Classes 1 to 6 home. You can expect them to arrive at their bus stop 2 hours and 40 minutes earlier than usual.

The buses will return to School and then depart again at 3:25pm with the High School students.

Friday will be the last day of School and is a half day for students in Classes 1 to 6. Class 7 to 12 students will depart for St Pauls Cathedral at 8:50am in the morning and rehearse during the day in preparation for the Bach Performance in the evening.

The buses will depart School at 12:45pm to take students in Classes 1 to 6 home. You can expect them to arrive at their bus stop 2 hours and 40 minutes earlier than usual. Same as on Wednesday.

Friday night will of course be the Bach's St John Passion performance at 6:30pm. Parents have indicated if their High School child will be travelling back from the Bach in the bus that evening.

We expect the bus to return to School between 10:30 and 11pm.

Have a happy and restful holiday break and we look forward to seeing the students return for Term Two on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **BACH ST JOHN**

Damien

The term is almost at an end. What a way to finish by performing St John Passion in St Paul's Cathedral.

Thank you for returning your form indicating if your child/children will return to LYSS by bus or be picked up at the performance venue. We felt it is important to let you know the procedure for pick up of the children. After the performance the children will go backstage for a quick farewell from staff and collect their items they have had throughout the day. They will then assemble in class groups where we will conduct a roll call and then come back into the main cathedral. If you are collecting them from the venue, as indicated in your correspondence with LYSS, **you will be asked to sign them out by the class teachers or guardians.**

The children who are returning to LYSS by bus will then return to school. We would ask that you are at school at approximately 10:30 to 11pm. It will have been a long day for both students and staff and all will be looking forward to starting their holidays.

**We would like to stress that if you intend to have your child return from St Paul's Cathedral with another family you must indicate this in writing.** The safety of our students is of the utmost importance to all staff and management at LYSS.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and will look forward to seeing the students back at school in Term 2.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Monique

Is your household missing items of clothing, footwear, lunch boxes or maybe a doll? Your missing items could be part of the collection of lost property we have currently outside the office. Please feel free to look through the lost property for your families belongings.

## **POLICY UPDATES**

John

An important part of ensuring the smooth operation of our school and the continued safety of our students is a regular review and update of our policies.

Please note the current versions of the following, which are also to be found on our website :

- [Anaphylaxis Policy](#)
- [Anaphylaxis Factsheet](#)
- [First Aid Policy](#)
- [Child Protection Policy](#)
- [Student Care – Child Safety Policy](#)
- [Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians](#)

## **UNIDENTIFIED FEES**

Roy

We have received two fee payments recently with no identifying information; \$100 on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and \$150 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

If you believe either of these might be intended for your parent account please contact Sara or Roy in finance. [accounts@lyss.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@lyss.vic.edu.au)

We will require proof of payment, a screen shot of your statement will suffice. Thank you.

## **LYE REHEARSALS**

Damien

Please note that there will be NO LYE rehearsals for either the Junior or Senior group this Wednesday due to the Parent Teacher Interviews and Bach rehearsals.

## **STUDENT WELLBEING – YOUR CHILD’S USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

Cath

In the ever-evolving area of digital technology, it can be quite a challenge to keep up with how our children are using electronic devices, and what they may be accessing online. There are some excellent resources produced by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. These are developed specifically for parents and carers, and can be found at <https://esafety.gov.au/parents>

## **PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Barry

Parent - Teacher Interviews for Classes 1 to 12 will take place this Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 to 8:00 pm. The children in Classes 1 to 6 will be dismissed from their class at 12:30; students in classes 7 to 10 will have Bach rehearsals after lunch; however, VCE classes will run as normal in the afternoon. The buses will leave at 12:45 pm for the Primary school students and then again at 3:25 pm for others.

The teachers in classes 1 to 8 will be holding interviews in their classrooms and the Upper School staff will be in the Resource Centre. Kelly will be in the Eurythmy Room. It is important to be on time for your appointment in order to ensure the smooth running of the day.

There are some Class Teachers who have chosen to have interviews on other days as well as Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will have been communicated directly to those class groups and is reflected in the online booking system for those individual Teachers.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW BOOKINGS

Barry

Parent Teacher Interview timeslots have been open for bookings and will close at 1pm on Wednesday.

To make a booking go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

For Class Teachers click here or enter the code

**rmat5**

15 minute interview times  
30 minutes for Class 2

For Upper School Teachers click here or enter the code

**7rpud**

10 minute interview times



Enter your details - Email address, Parents full name, Number of students, and Student name



Choose a Subject and select the Teacher you wish to see.  
+ Add another Teacher for each additional subject



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if your email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You will require it if you need to change your booking times or to check your booking times.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

## MARIMBAS FOR PARENTS

Damien

From the beginning of Term 2 the school would like to offer a musical activity to the parents. Each Tuesday (Term 2) I will run a Marimba workshop for parents. This will be offered on a Tuesday morning from 8:45 until 9:15 followed by a short social gathering for us to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and reflect on the experience. The Marimba Class will be in the old Class 7 room which is next to the Drama Studio and the social activity will be in the main building. You don't need to have any musical experience or understanding to partake in the class. The Marimba class will be a unique opportunity the school is offering to give you, as parents, an insight into some of your children's musical experiences. Please email me your intention to be a part of the class at [music@lyss.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@lyss.vic.edu.au)

*Little Yarra Steiner School presents;  
A musical gift to the community*

# ***St John Passion***

***J.S. Bach***

**Friday 5th April 2019**

6:30pm

**St Paul's Cathedral**

**Cnr Flinders Lane & Swanston St Melbourne**

*Performed by students, teachers and friends of LYSS*

Gold coin donations accepted



**Little Yarra  
STEINER SCHOOL**

Artwork by Madeleine Colt