

LITTLE YARRA NEWSLETTER



Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School

Term 2 – Week 1
Tuesday 23rd April 2019

From *Calendar of the Soul* by Rudolf Steiner

Verse 27

*. Into my being's deeps penetrate:
Stirs a divining filled yearning,
That self contemplating I find my Self,
As a gift of seed from summer sun
Warmingly living in autumn mood
As my soul's driving force.*

A warm welcome back to school for the start of Term 2 to all in our school community. I trust that everyone has had a restful break and found a moment to pause and reflect on the mood and pictures of Easter so beautifully shared by our students' performance of the Bach that took place in Melbourne city centre on the last evening of the first Term.

We had an estimated thousand people join us in St Paul's cathedral to share the experience, drawn from not only our own school families, but from all over the wider Anthroposophical and Steiner educational community. It was quite moving to be approached afterwards by so many people expressing their gratitude and what a wonderful gift the performance was. Damien and our students from Classes 7 to 12 ought to be extremely proud of their achievement.

Autumn has very clearly made its appearance at school, with the children arriving to a cool and cloudy first morning of term. The leaves are just beginning to change colour as the trees begin to withdraw their forces into the roots. Our teachers and students are currently busily engaged in preparing for our Autumn festival, which will be celebrated by Classes 1 to 12 in a fortnight's time.

Steiner education is, by design, intended to be deeply child centred and supportive of their development into the adults they are destined to become. This is perhaps most visible in the curriculum, but also finds its reflection in many other areas of the school, including the buildings and grounds. A lot of work was put into the school over the holidays, with the property truly radiating all the love and care that has been poured into it by Chris, Bernie, Ollie, Claudia, Semi and Felix. A big thank you to you all!

John

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 23 rd	Term Two begins	
Thu 25 th	Anzac Day Public Holiday	Student Free Day

MAY

2 nd – 10 th	Class 9 Hattah Lakes Camp	
Tue 7 th	Autumn Festival	
Fri 10 th	Inter School Sports – Cross Country	Lilydale Lake
13 – 15	Class 6 Camp	Walhalla
14 – 16	NAPLAN	
20 th -24 th	Dave Garb visiting	
Mon 20 th	High School Information Evening	Lecture Theatre 7 – 9pm
Wed 22 nd	Class 10 Play	
25/5 – 8/6	Class 10 Community Experience	Imanpa NT
Thu 30 th	VCE Drama Performance	Drama Studio 7 – 8:30pm

JUNE

Wed 5 th	Music Concerts	
Fri 7 th	Report Writing Day K – 12	Student Free Day
Mon 10 th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Student Free Day
Thu 13 th	Ring a Rosy Winter Festival	
16 th – 22 nd	Class 12 Queensland Sea Kayak Camp	
Mon 17 th	Mother Holle Winter Festival	
Tue 18 th	Briar Rose Winter Festival	
Thu 20 th	Winter Festival	
Fri 21 st	End of Term Two	School finishes at 12:30

JULY

Mon 15 th	Teachers Conference	
Tue 16 th	Term Three begins	
29/7 – 9/8	Class 9 Nungatta Camp	Nungatta
Tue 30 th	Swimming Class 2 – 6	
	Ring a Rosy Parent Evening	

AUGUST

Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th	Class 10 Work Experience	
Mon 5 th	Class 8 Play - Matinee	Music Hall 2 pm
Tue 6 th	Swimming Class 2 - 6	
	Class 8 Play	Music Hall 7:30 pm

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION

Damien

On behalf of the Music Department, I would like to congratulate the students from classes 7 - 12 on their amazing performance of Bach's St John Passion in St Paul's Cathedral last term. It was a very long day and the students worked with fantastic focus and dedication. They were a real credit to the school. We were so proud of the mastery they displayed of this incredibly difficult work. Well done!

We would also like to acknowledge the school for its support of the Bach and also for the extra work of taking it into the city and performing it in St Paul's Cathedral. Also a big thanks to Carita Merilainen for organising and coordinating the food / clean up for such a large contingent of hungry young people.

LYE PARENT MEETING

Damien

Tomorrow, Wednesday 24th, at 4:30 pm we will have an LYE meeting for the parents of the Senior ensemble. The meeting will be a chance to give a progress report on the tour and will be in the Music Hall directly after the LYE rehearsal.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

Leanne

We have some spare firewood if any families would like to come and collect it from the school. Please contact Leanne to arrange pick up.
lsarah@lyss.vic.edu.au



UNIDENTIFIED FEES

Roy

We have received three fee payments recently with no identifying information; \$100 on the 11th March, \$150 on the 23rd March, and a further \$150 on the 22nd April. If you believe any of these might be intended for your parent account please contact Sara or Roy in finance.
accounts@lyss.vic.edu.au We will require proof of payment, a screen shot of your statement will suffice in order to credit them to your account. To avoid this situation please always use your invoice number as a reference for your payment (five digit number included in your invoice/statement).

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