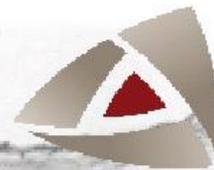


LITTLE YARRA NEWSLETTER



Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School

Term 2 – Week 5
Tuesday 21st May 2019

Our week began with a high school information evening last night, which was well attended by an audience made up of current parents, parents of other Steiner schools and local families. I would like to acknowledge the work that went into the preparation for the evening by Bernie and the staff, who arranged an inspiring display of student work and spoke with dedication and passion for our unique education. A highlight of the evening was Adam's performance of his original song, which will appear on his album as part of his independent project this year.

Classes 3 to 7 were treated to a wonderful performance yesterday by the visiting ensemble from the Mansfield Steiner School. Our junior and senior ensembles joined them for an afternoon of shared workshops that culminated in a barbeque dinner and performance. Thank you to those families who lent their support to our young musicians. I would strongly encourage all those in our school community who missed out to come and experience the very high standard of music that is showcased at these events.

Dave Garb has returned to our school this week. Some of our longer standing families may remember Dave and his excellent work with our teenaged students in the past. We were fortunate to re-establish our relationship with Dave last year, and look forward to many more years of working together. Dave is an experienced Steiner teacher and counsellor, who has been facilitating adolescent workshops over the past 20 years in New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, USA and Canada. Dave will spend a whole day with each of the classes from 8 to 12, with early feedback from the students being very positive.

Julie's annual tree planting day will take place this Thursday. In her absence, Claudia has done a fantastic job of co-ordinating the site preparation, obtaining plants and liaising with teachers to pair up the classes for a day spent giving back to the land we are so fortunate to share. We look forward to working together to create a beautiful and healthy environment for our children to enjoy.

John

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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

MAY

20 th -24 th	Dave Garb visiting		
Wed 22 nd	Class 11 Parent Teacher Evening	Mac Lab	7 – 8:30pm
Thu 23 rd	Tree Planting Day		
	Class 3 Parent Teacher Evening	Class 3	6:30 – 8pm
	Class 10 Play The Happy Knight	Music Hall	7:30 – 9pm
	Postponed		
Fri 24 th	Class 6 Bench Ball		
25/5 – 8/6	Class 10 Community Experience	Imanpa NT	
Thu 30 th	Class 9 Excursion – Reconciliation Week	The Memo Healesville	
	VCE Drama Performance	Drama Studio	7 – 8:30pm

JUNE

Tue 4 th	Class 11 Geography Excursion	Upper Yarra Reservoir	
Thu 6 th	Class 6 Parent Teacher Evening		6-7:30pm
Fri 7 th	Report Writing Day K – 12	Student Free Day	
Mon 10 th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Student Free Day	
Tue 11 th	Class 5 Parent Teacher Evening		
12 th – 14 th	LYE Junior Tour to Castlemaine, Ballarat & Geelong		
Wed 12 th	Music Concerts		
Thu 13 th	Ring a Rosy Winter Festival		
Fri 14 th	Gender Ambassador Workshops		
16 th – 22 nd	Class 12 Queensland Sea Kayak Camp		
Mon 17 th	Mother Holle Winter Festival		
Tue 18 th	Gender Ambassador Workshops		
	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

5 th – 9 th	Class 10 Work Experience		
Mon 5 th	Class 8 Play - Matinee	Music Hall	2pm
Tue 6 th	Swimming Class 2 - 6		
	Class 8 Play	Music Hall	7:30pm
Fri 9 th	Class 9 return from Nungatta		
Mon 12 th	VCE information Evening	Resource Centre	7 – 9pm
Tue 13 th	Briar Rose Parent Evening	Briar Rose	7:30 – 9pm

2019 OPEN DAY AND FAIR – HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Leanne

Put it in your diary. Saturday 19th October 10 am to 4 pm.

It's time once again to plan and organise our wonderful Open Day and Fair. Parent coordinators and helpers are vital to every aspect of the day's success. We start with inviting a core group of parents to be our Fair Coordinators representing their Class. There are at least two classes for each area of responsibility so ideally two or more parents will work together to coordinate their parent groups. The areas involving parents are:

- Children's Café
- Children's Treasure Trove
- Craft Stall
- Curry Kitchen
- Sausage Stall
- Children's Activities
- Parking
- Zero Waste/Recycling

The Music Department will provide the program to parents as early as possible so that parents can help each other run their activities as well as see their children's performances.

Any questions ? Need further info ? –

Contact Monique in the office – fair@lyss.vic.edu.au phone 5967 1953

Who	What	How to be involved
Playgroup & Ring-a Rosie	Children's Cafe	Helping to create a quiet space in the Kinder Grounds for young children on Fair Day. Somewhere to relax and have a simple snack.
Kinder, Prep and Class 1	Children's Treasure Trove	Sourcing and making handmade crafty treasures with love for a Children's Tent. Exclusively for children under-8 to discover and explore the treasures with reverence and wonder.
Classes 2 and 3	Craft Stall	These classes lovingly create a craft stall selling craft wares made by parents and the wider community, by organising an array of beautiful, natural craft supplies and craft items.
Classes 4 and 5	Curry Kitchen	These teams coordinate the curry kitchen on the day. The school's kitchen becomes the hub for this popular and much loved food stall.
Class 6	Sausage Stall	This class coordinates the barbeque and drinks stall with healthy biodynamic sausages, vegie burgers and organic drinks.
Classes 7 and 8	Children's Activities	This team chooses and organises the rides and activities for young and older children including Rope Ladder Challenge, Rock Climbing Candle making, Circus skills, sand treasure hunt, donkey rides, face painting, boomerang throwing, and garland creation. Artisan workshops can also be included.
Whole School	Zero Waste/ Recycling	Put your name down for the wash up roster, help with recycling set up and monitoring on the day
	Parking	Volunteer for a parking shift of 30 minutes earlier in the day to help coordinate and direct the traffic

TREE PLANTING DAY

Claudia

This Thursday 26th of May is our annual tree planting day.

Classes 1 to 7 as well as our Prep children will be helping to plant over 500 reeds, shrubs and trees to continue the growth of our wildlife corridor that runs down the creek line through our school property, down to our wetlands and the Little Yarra River.

Children will need to bring boots that day and if you have a hammer, spade or pick please send it along labelled so that it can be returned.

Time	Classes	Site	Getting there
9 – 10am	Class 3 & 4	Site 1 Wetlands bank at the end of the boardwalk	Please meet Claudia at the far end of the boardwalk with your tools at 9am
10 - 11am	Class 1 & 6	Site 2 The gully behind Briar Rose and Mother Holle Kindergartens	Class 6 pick up class 1 from foyer and meet Claudia at 10am
11:30am -12:30pm	Class 2 & 7	Site 3 The gully behind primary school playing fields	Class 7 pick up class 2 from foyer and meet Claudia at 11:30am
1:45- 2:45pm	Prep & Class 5	Site 2 The gully behind Briar Rose and Mother Holle Kindergartens	Class 5 pick up preps from kindergarten playground and meet Claudia at 1:45

Thank you to the Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater indigenous plant nursery for growing the local plants and to Yarra Ranges Council Ribbons of Green program which is supporting this planting and similar projects throughout the Yarra Valley.

BACK TO EARTH, COMPOST TO GARDENS

Claudia

The Back to Earth Initiative is run by the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) in partnership with 26 Victorian Councils, to support the successful operation of green waste and organics processing facilities.

We have applied for a grant to support sustainable land management practices and education by extending our compost and worm farming system into the upper school and establishing gardens around the Class 7 and 8 area. Funding will purchase an insulated double chambered compost tumbler, metal buckets and additional compost bins for the upper school, and soil, seedlings and timber for Class 7 and 8 garden beds.

A condition of this grant is that the project with the most votes will receive the funding. Voting can be done via the Back to Earth website by the 9th June (one vote per day). Here is the link to support this application: <https://competitions.backtoearth.vic.gov.au/> Thanks

MANSFIELD STEINER SCHOOL VISIT

Damien

Yesterday (Monday) Mansfield Steiner School's Ensemble came and visited us here at Little Yarra. Students from both Junior and Senior Ensemble joined with their fellow Steiner School Students to participate in a workshop before lunch followed by an afternoon school concert for classes 3-7. All the students and staff then enjoyed a meal together before a short sharing of music from all the group and finishing with a selection of pieces from the workshops. It was a great musical exchange and we'd like to thank the Mansfield Ensemble and teachers for visiting our school.



CLASS 9 EXCURSION

Cath

Class 9 will be attending the Shire of Yarra Ranges Reconciliation Week event at The Memo, in Healesville, on Thursday 30th of May. The theme of the event is "Walking the line – Exploring the dynamic between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people at the interface of reconciliation", and will include a range of very interesting speakers and a performance. The class will travel by school bus during school hours, and return in time for lunch and afternoon classes.

LITTLE YARRA JUNIOR ENSEMBLE

Rachel

LYE Junior rehearsals will now extend to 5 pm each Wednesday until the Regional Victoria Tour as we will need extra time to prepare and practice before we visit the Steiner Schools in Castlemaine, Ballarat & Geelong. Thanks for your support.

BLACK ROCK BAND

Damien

This week class 7-12 students had a visit from the Black Rock Band, an indigenous band from Kakadu. The five strong band are touring Southern Australia, they shared some traditional and modern songs that are part of their performance, also giving us an insight into life as an indigenous Australian in Kakadu.

They are recording an EP at Chris Young's Barra Shed in Gladysdale and will be performing this Thursday night at 7pm. Entry is \$10 and all are welcome, it would be great to support this wonderful event.



ATTENTION HEALTH CARE OR PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS Josie

The government offers an annual subsidy to all Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card holders with school aged children (from Prep to Class 12) called the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund). Eligible Primary school students (Prep – 6) receive \$125 and eligible Secondary students will receive \$225 off their fees, as our camps and excursions are included in your school fees.

To be eligible, your Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card needs to be valid on the 23rd April this year. If you have either of these cards, and have not already submitted a CSEF form this year, please let the school know as soon as possible. Looking forward to hearing from you.

MARIMBA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Damien

Marimba classes for parents have started. They will be running on Tuesday morning from 9:00 until 9:30. We already have a small number of keen parents but are looking to expand the class. We will be rehearsing in the old Class 7 room which is next to the Drama Studio. You don't need to have any musical experience/understanding to partake in the class. The class will be a unique experience 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 dcallan@lyss.vic.edu.au.

TALK WITH ANNETTE BATCHELOR

Jules

Little Seeds welcomes Annette Batchelor back on Wednesday 29th of May to present

Understanding Fevers and Caring for the Sick Child at Home

Practical ways to care for your sick child at home, including Onions for Ear Ache, Lemon Foot Socks for Fevers and the wonders of Chamomile Tea. As part of this session we will deepen our understanding of Fever and learn practical Fever Management skills to add to your home help tool chest.

Time 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Wattle Bee Room. Cost \$10 for the talk Morning tea provided.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Bernie

Class 10 leave for Community Experience this Saturday - Donations of warm clothing and football boots gratefully accepted - As part of our giving to the Aboriginal community at Imanpa we are able to take some items of clothing and footwear to donate. If you would like to be involved there will be a box at reception in which you can leave jumpers or hoodies and football boots; beanies are also welcome. Please do not leave items other than this.

It becomes very cold at night in Imanpa from this time of year and the residents, having come through the extreme heat of Summer, can sometimes find themselves unprepared for the coming Winter. The boys and young men love to play AFL Football on the dirt oval and having a pair of footy boots instead of bare feet brings them great pleasure. We also bring sports equipment to donate and the girls and young women play a lot of softball so if you happen to have any softball equipment to donate they will make good use of it.

END OF TERM MUSIC CONCERTS

Julie

Below is the list for the end of term music concerts. Please note that the date has changed to **Wednesday 12th June** and the first concert will start at **5.15 pm**. There will also be a band concert following the 6:30pm concert in the Music Hall.

Curative Eurythmy Room 5:15 pm

Class 4: Daisy, Finny, James, Zoe, Summer

Class 5: Annika

Class 6: David, Elke, Daylan, Olivia, Thomas, Banjo, Tessa, Viola

Class 7: Ella, Raphaela, Sunny,

Class 8: Valeska, Oscar, Lucas

Class 10: Ben, Christopher, Lucas, Pearl

Curative Eurythmy Room 6:30pm

Class 5: Seren, Katya, William, Malachy

Class 6: Isla, Lilian, Elyssa, Emma

Class 7: Giles, Ruby H, Amber, Riley, Ryder

Class 8: Lily, Will, Ella, Ethan, Stephanie, Matilda, Liam

Class 9: Tamara, Maya

Class 10: Katharina, Jordan

Lecture Theatre 5:15pm

Class 4: Molly, Cianna, George, Rei, Hakea

Class 5: Emersyn, Gabriel

Class 6: Xander, Audrey

Class 7: Gabriel, Ruby F, Fleur, Jazzlyn, Malaika, Stella

Class 8: Jayda, Oscar

Class 9: Adrianna, Ruby McNeil

Class 10: Jocelyn

Class 11: Valentina

Lecture Theatre 6:30pm

Class 5: Bella, Dusty, Imogen, Miles

Class 6: Angus, Alex, Ochre

Class7: Hamish, Remmi, Peppa, Jevan

Class 8: Nina, Erica, Indi

Class9: Esther, Edana, Fujina

Class 10: Brielle, Sofia

Class 12: Adam

Music Hall 5:15pm

Class 4: Toby, Manu, Peta, Oliver, Asher, Lila, Ashley

Class 6: Rufus, Sage, Isabella, Maleka

Class 7: Frankie, Marlowe, Anouk

Class 8: Ronan, Grace, Lizzie, Kiera

Class 9: Luka, Sophia, Chiara

Class 10: Jasmena

Music Hall 6:30pm

Class 5: Aislin, Elijah, Maeve, Maiya, Matilda

Class 6: Amae, Indigo, Mani, Calista

Class 7: Lily, Giselle, William

Class 8: Katelyn, Edyn, Julie

Class 9: Ruby S

Class 10: Karuna, Jessica, Finn, Nisha