



Indigenous Immersion

Term 2 – Week 7 Tuesday 4th June 2019

A vital component of the Steiner curriculum is its focus on the cultural epochs during the second seven-year developmental phase, between the ages of approximately seven to fourteen. Throughout this time, our students experience an imaginative picture of many of the major cultures that have shaped the world. These impressions are initially delivered through mythological, fairy tale and dreamtime story, and as the child develops, they experience each culture through song, music, food, craft, language, dance and more.

Human endeavour is a powerful learning tool for our students who are preparing to take their own place in the world. As the children enter the middle school years, they are faced with deep and sometimes challenging pictures of humanity arising out of their studies of the Roman Empire, the Crusades, the Spanish conquest of South America, the Chinese, American and French Revolutions and the World Wars.

Class 10 are in the midst of one of the most significant learning experiences we offer at our school – the Community Experience camp in Central Australia. This is an opportunity for our students to directly experience a culture that, at well over 50 000 years old, is unimaginably ancient in comparison to all the others they have come across in their previous years of schooling.

While they have certainly heard the dreamtime stories before and learned the history of Cook and the settlement of Australia, this is the first time that our students gain a direct experience of being immersed in the current reality of the life of indigenous Australians. It is an enormously rich and sometimes emotional experience for our young people, guided carefully and thoughtfully by the staff who accompany them on this journey.

In the weeks that follow, parents and teachers of these students always report that they have returned somehow changed – more compassionate, wiser, more aware of the world and the people who share it with them, and just a little closer to becoming all that they were born to be.

–John Stewart, Education Administrator



Pic: Class 10 students painting a mural last week at Imanpa Community, 200km south west of Alice Springs

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

JUNE

Tue 4 th	Class 1 Parent Teacher Evening	6.30-8.30pm
Tue 4 th	Class 11 Geography Excursion	Upper Yarra Reservoir
Wed 5 th	VCE Top Arts and Top Design Excursion	NGV and Melbourne Museum
Thu 6 th	Class 6 Parent Teacher Evening	6-7:30pm
Fri 7th	Report Writing Day K – 12	Student Free Day
Sat 8 th	Class 10 Community Experience Return	Imanpa NT
Mon 10th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday	Student Free Day
Tue 11 th	Class 5 Parent Teacher Evening	7.30pm –
9pm		
12 th – 14 th	LYE Junior Tour to Castlemaine, Ballarat & Geelong	
Wed 12th	Music Concerts	
Thu 13 th	Ring a Rosy Winter Festival	5:00pm
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	Classes 6 – 10 Cross Country at LYSS	
	Gender Ambassador Workshops	
	Briar Rose Winter Festival	
Thu 20th	Winter Festival	
Fri 21st	End of Term Two	School finishes at 12:30

JULY

Mon 15th	Teachers Conference	Student Free Day
Tue 16 th	Term Three begins	
29/7 – 9/8	Class 9 Nungatta Camp	Nungatta
Tue 30th	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 6th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming	
	Class 8 Play	Music Hall 7:30pm
Fri 9 th	Class 9 return from Nungatta	
Mon 12th	VCE information Evening	Resource Centre 7 – 9pm
Tue 13 th	Briar Rose Parent Evening	Briar Rose 7:30 – 9pm
Tue 13 th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming	
Tue 20 th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming	

CLASS ONE HANDCRAFT

Jessica

Class 1 were very lucky to have **Flo Flood** from Healesville come visit on her 86th birthday last week. Using our own Merino Sheep's wool, shorn in the first term, she made a skein of wool ready to be washed and botanically dyed. Flo shared her years of experience with spinning wool with the class, who had many questions that she very generously answered.



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/>

AN INVITATION TO HELP WITH SCHOOL TREE PLANTING

Claudia

Tuesday June 11th from 9am.

ALL WELCOME.

Come and see how all our hard work looks two years on!

Please come and join in our tree planting activities and share some soup and cake afterwards.

In September 2017 we began to tackle the erosion behind our gymnasium. With fantastic help and 1,500 plants so far, we are well on the way to creating a stable embankment and one day a wildlife habitat as well.



We have 100 plants to add along the top of the embankment and in some bare patches so please come along with gloves and a pick or trowel if you have one.

We look forward to planting with many helpers. Please let Claudia know if you can come for catering purposes at clhowells@lyss.vic.edu.au.

Please sign in at the front desk and come down to the gym area where we will be planting behind the building.

2019 OPEN DAY AND FAIR SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 10am – 4pm

Leanne

Parent Coordinators are still needed for the following class-run Fair activities. We need to hear from you **before Tuesday 11th June** in order for these activities to go ahead. We have everything ready in the office for you to do the job and we would love to have your input, expertise and energy on board. Contact Monique in the office if you can be the coordinator for your class this year.

Email fair@lyss.vic.edu.au phone 5967 1953

CLASSES	ACTIVITY	PARENT TEAMs WITH 2 or more CO-ORDINATORS
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.
Rest of School	Waste- free	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

END OF TERM MUSIC CONCERTS - WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE

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

Class 7: Hamish, Remmi, Peppa, Jevan

Class 8: Nina, Erica, Indi

Class 9: 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

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.

MARIMBA CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Damien

Marimba classes for parents have started. They run 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 rehearse 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 if you wish to join the class at dcallan@lyss.vic.edu.au.

CLASS 6 BENCH BALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday the 24th May, Warranwood Class Sixes came to Little Yarra Steiner School to participate in a bench ball tournament. They arrived at one o'clock and we went down to the gym with them. We were all separated into four groups, The Red Team, The Green Team, The Yellow Team, and The Plain Team.

We knew the Class Sixes quite well as they are our pen pals and we had already met them another two times. Once at the Grampians national park camp and once at the Greek Olympics. The first match was with the Red Team and the Green Team. The Red team won and later they versed the Plain Team in the finals as they had won against the yellow.

We all ate lunch together in the gym as outside was pouring rain and after that the two losing teams versed each other, the Green Team won. Then the two winning teams versed each other and the Plain Team won. It was a very fun experience and we got to meet lots of new people.

By Viola

My experience with Warranwood was so, so fun. My team was the yellow team, there were five people from my school and seven from Warranwood. The game we played was bench ball. In class five Warranwood were actually our pen pals.

The kids from Warranwood are so cool. I like all of them but if I have to choose a few friends it would be Orlando, Ben and Nathan. The sport teachers were called Lou and Dawn.

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