



Term 2 – Week 9
Tuesday 18th June 2019

Winter Festival Celebrations

We have reached the last week of this term, and a sense of anticipation is building around the school. Teachers and children are putting the finishing touches to the term's work, preparing lanterns and singing winter songs. Our Preschool students are celebrating their midwinter festival on Monday and Tuesday this week, with lanterns, songs and a beautiful spiral of flowers and greenery. The remainder of the school will come together on Thursday evening for their festival, and you will find more information regarding this event later in this newsletter.



Steiner schools are known for the importance we place on the celebration of the seasonal festivals and our awareness of the great rhythms of the year. Many indigenous cultures still remember that we can be guided in our inner work by our awareness of the outer world around us. An active engagement in the rhythms of the seasons can remind us of our belonging to the vastness of the universe that envelops us.

In the coldest, darkest time of the year, just as we anticipate the passing of the solstice and the lengthening of the days, we too can look forward to the soul warmth expanding once more from the depths of our innermost heart. Whichever part of our school community you and your family belong to, we very warmly invite you all to come and share the kindling of light this Thursday evening together with us.

–John Stewart, Education Administrator

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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

JUNE

16 th – 22 nd	Class 12 Queensland Sea Kayak Camp	
Tue 18 th	Classes 6 – 10 Cross Country at LYSS	Postponed
	Gender Ambassador Workshops	
	Briar Rose Winter Festival	
Wed 19 th	Cl 7 & 8 Shakespeare Incursion	
Thu 20 th	Winter Festival	
Fri 21 st	End of Term Two	School finishes at 12:30

JULY

Mon 15 th	Teachers Conference	Student Free Day
Tue 16 th	Term Three begins	
29/7 – 9/8	Class 9 Nungatta Camp	Nungatta
Tue 30 th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming	
	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	Class 2 – 6 Swimming	
	Class 8 Play	Music Hall 7:30pm
Fri 9 th	Class 9 return from Nungatta	
Mon 12 th	Gender Ambassador Workshops	
	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	
Thu 22 nd	Class 9 & 10 Musical Soiree	
Fri 23 rd	Combined Curriculum Day	Student Free Day
21 st – 30 th	Class 8 Flinders Ranges Camp	Flinders Ranges

SEPTEMBER

Tue 3 rd	Class 2 – 6 Swimming	
	Interschool Sports – Athletics	
Wed 4 th	Parent Teacher Interviews	Cl 9 – 12
Thu 5 th	Primary School Information Morning	Admin 9:15 – 11:15am
	Ring a Rosy Spring Festival	
8 th – 25 th	LYE Germany Tour	
Mon 9 th	Pre School Spring Festival	
Thu 12 th	VCE Drama Solo	
Fri 13 th	End of Term Three	School finishes at 12:30

WINTER FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Tricia

The festival will be held in the gym, starting at 6:30pm.

Shared dinners will begin at 5:00pm. Classes 7-12 will eat together and class 1-6 will share dinner and practice festival songs with families in their classrooms.

The shared dinner will be soup and baked potatoes. The upper school will prepare potatoes for the primary school to bake in their classrooms on Thursday afternoon.

Class 1-6 teachers will organise parents to prepare soup and toppings for the potatoes.

Parents are asked to enter the gym by 6:15pm and classes by 6:30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Barry

This Friday, the 21st of June will be the final day of Term 2 and is a half day. School will finish at 12:30 pm and the buses will leave at 12:45 pm. You can expect your children to arrive at their bus stop two hours and forty minutes earlier than the regular timetabled time.

LOST PROPERTY

Monique

It's that time of term again when the mountain of lost property is awaiting collection. There are socks of varying size and colour, along with windcheaters, beanies, gumboots, winter jackets, lunch boxes and a thermos or two. Please come along and find your family's lost items. Any unclaimed items will be cleaned, stored and available for sale on Fair Day from our Waste-Free stall.

BIODYNAMIC DROUGHT BREAKER KIT

Bernie (Gardener)

I was wanting to invite any parents or staff member that has any time to assist Claudia and I with spraying some BD preparations that make up The Drought Breaker Kit. This involves 3 sequential days of spraying beginning on **Sunday the 19th till Tuesday the 21st June**. As directed by the moon phases and earthly rhythms. Day 1 Sunday needs to be stirred and applied in the early evening. Day 2 on Monday we need to stir for one hour before sunrise and 1 hour in the evening then apply. Day 3 which is the Tuesday application needs only to be made in the morning and stirred for 20 minutes.

If you have any flexibility and could spare some time please reply to me or Claudia.

We are predicting that the process may take 1 to 2 hours pending on how many hands we have. Starting at 4 in the afternoon sprays and 6 in the morning sprays. Thank you,

LEARNING SUPPORT

In 2019 at Little Yarra we have put in place a revamped and revitalised Learning Support team. Rachel Mager as the Learning Support Coordinator has been working for the past 6 months with her team to bring additional focus and targeted resources to students who need help to overcome obstacles to learning. Our new cow Apple Blossom and her calf Rosie are an important part of the team, where children visit with Julie to feed and milk her. Of course, all the primary school students love to visit Rosie. Our learning support staff include Julie Sale, John Elliot, Janine Thompson-Stokell, Yvette Simpson and Glenn Leembruggen. They bring a variety rich experiences and expertise to their work with the students. Their work is supplemented by therapists, Clare-Louise Hayashi (art therapy) and Kay Burns (extra lesson therapy). Our long standing eurythmy therapist of past 10 years, Imelda Verbraak finished at Little Yarra at the end of last year and we have heard that she is still overseas walking the Camino trail. Eurythmy therapy is now included in the external therapies provided to students through Learning Support. Glenys Evans will be our eurythmy therapist in Terms 3 and 4 this year.



LYE JUNIOR TOUR

Damien



What a fantastic time we had on our 2 day tour last week. Students from class 7 and 8 in the LYE (Little Yarra Ensemble) met early at school at 6:30am Thursday morning, we departed at 6:45.

We travelled to Ballarat Steiner School for workshops and an afternoon school performance. Our students worked really well mentoring the Ballarat children then performed an enjoyable concert in the afternoon. We travelled to our accommodation at a Scout Camp in Ballarat for a truly fantastic meal created

by Francesca Rolands. Much thanks to Francesca, who created beautiful food for us over the 2 days. That evening we attended a performance of Aura at Sovereign Hill, followed by delicious dessert before bed.

We had an early morning start again to travel to Freshwater Creek Steiner School, where we were greeted with beautiful specially prepared signs. This small school just outside of Geelong made us so welcome providing us with a delicious morning tea and lunch. We had a fantastic sharing of music with workshops and an



afternoon concert which many parents attended. What a rewarding day! Our students packed the bus with their adoring new fans from Freshwater to help them. We travelled home arriving at 6:40pm.

We had a wonderful time and I was so proud of the students. They worked tirelessly and were a real credit to the school and their parents -well done! Also Rachel and Jesse did a great job preparing the students for the tour. As they musically mature they will be an amazing LYE. Thanks again Francesca for providing such healthy nourishing food and to our school for their continued support of the Ensembles.



CLASS ONE EXCURSION

Bronwyn

On Monday, Class One went on an excursion as part of their Nature Studies Main Lesson. What a wonderful time we had during our time at Badger Weir!

Thank you to John Elliott and Claudia Howells for accompanying us and to Klaus Kreilaus for driving us there in the School Bus.



CHILDREN'S TENT DONATIONS NEEDED

Angela

The Open Day & Fair Children's Tent preparation is getting underway for 2019. Class 1 and Pre school families please keep an eye out for information from your class carers and also for flyers in the classrooms with further details and positions vacant.

Donations needed! Donations of natural craft materials needed, specifically:

- Wool felt and soft natural fabrics to sew treasure bags
- Matchboxes - all sizes welcome. We need 50 per year!

Co-ordinator: Angela Monahan (Briar Rose), angela@monahan.id.au

WAYFARERS

Damien

Last term I asked for expressions of interest in billeting performers from the Musical/Drama group of Judy Clingan's Wayfarers at the beginning of term 3. They will be arriving on the first Wednesday of Term 3 (17th July) and staying to do 2 days of workshops and an evening performance on Thursday 18th at 7pm in the Music Hall. This ensemble is made up of students and teachers from all over the world. Judy is really creative and the group promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to partake in workshops and for the community to enjoy a fantastic performance on the Thursday evening. I have had many generous offers to billet a number of the performers but am still looking for a few more families. If you have the ability to take 2-3 performers for the Wednesday to the Friday 17 - 19 July please email me at dcallan@lyss.vic.edu.au or phone school and leave a message.

UNIDENTIFIED FEES

Roy

We have received a payment with no identifying information; \$50 on the 9th of April. If you believe this 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 bank 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).

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL REMINDER

Leanne

Please be reminded that written notice of student withdrawal is required at least one full term in advance. This means that if we have received notice after the 23rd April this year, you will be charged full fees for Term 3. If you are leaving for financial reasons but still wish to continue with the school please do come and speak to me as we have options to support you. Email – lsarah@lyss.vic.edu.au or phone 5967 1953

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

Our wonderful Fair (Class) Coordinators are on board! We still need Class 2 & 3 Coordinators for the Craft Stall.

CLASSES	ACTIVITY	COORDINATORS
Kinder, Prep and Class 1	Children's Treasure Trove	Angela Monahan and Team 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	Danielle Kostovski 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	Bill Simpson and Francesca Ronalds This class coordinates the barbeque and drinks stall with healthy biodynamic sausages, veggie burgers and organic drinks
Classes 7 and 8	Children's Activities	Bernie Snell 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.
Rest of School	Waste-free	Claudia Howells Put your name down for the wash up roster, help with recycling set up and monitoring on the day

SCHOOL FEES

Leanne

Thank you to everyone who have been in touch with me and made arrangements to suit your circumstances. Regular communication can help us to help you to keep your children at the school. If you have an outstanding account with the school and haven't contacted me, we will be following up everyone by phone and email before the end of term.

REPORTS

Barry

We will be sending Semester 1 Reports out during the holidays. Please get in touch with the office if you haven't received your reports by the beginning of Term 3.