



Term 3 – Week 2
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Mobile Phones in Schools

There has been some debate in the media recently about the move to ban the use of mobile phones in Victorian state schools as of next year. In an effort to reduce distractions and cyber bullying, and hopefully improve education outcomes, students will have to switch off their phones and store them in lockers during school hours. The only exceptions to the ban will be where students use phones to monitor health conditions, or where teachers instruct students to use their phone for a particular classroom activity.

This will sound familiar to our parents, who will be well aware of our school's stance on exposure to screens and media, a view consistent with that held by approximately a thousand other Steiner schools worldwide. Our schools have supported families to make informed decisions in this regard for some years now, and it is interesting to see how this thinking is increasingly being adopted by mainstream education systems.

The proposed ban on phones has drawn impassioned arguments across a wide ranging spectrum of opinion. The education minister has been quoted as hoping that the ban will remove the distraction that phones present to students, but perhaps of most concern should be the statistic he shares that half of all young people have experienced cyberbullying. This is being borne out in other countries too, with a recent article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal presenting a similar situation there.

Our young people are using their cell phones way too much and are consequently putting their mental health at risk. Research is showing that children today are more anxious than ever before, with alarming rates of mental and emotional health issues. Although championed as a technology that can connect people, phones and social media have been shown to increasingly isolate them. The social and educational experiences provided to our students every day are tremendously rich and varied, designed to promote social health and connection as well as individual strength and resilience. All this can take place without reliance on mobile phone technology. I am pleased to see that mainstream education is looking to implement a similar approach.

John Stewart, Education Administrator

Calendar

TERM DATES 2019

Term 3 16/7 – 13/9
Term 4 7/10 – 13/12

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 28/1 – 27/3
Term 2 14/4 – 19/6
Term 3 14/7 – 11/9
Term 4 5/10 – 11/12

JULY

Wed 24th **LYE Senior to Mornington Park Steiner School**
Thu 25th **Class 4 Parent Teacher Evening** **Class 4 7 – 8:30pm**
29/7 – 9/8 **Class 9** Nungatta Camp Nungatta
Mon 29th **Class 8** Shakespeare Excursion
Tue 30th **Ring a Rosy Parents Morning Tea** Admin 8:45 – 10:30am
Class 2 – 6 Swimming
Ring a Rosy Parent Evening Wattle Bee 6:30 – 8pm

AUGUST

5th – 9th **Class 10** Work Experience
Mon 5th **Class 8** Play - Matinee Music Hall 2pm
Tue 6th **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**
Class 8 Play Music Hall 7:30pm
Thu 8th **Class 3 Parent Teacher Evening** **Class 3 6:30 – 8pm**
Fri 9th **Class 9** return from Nungatta
Mon 12th Gender Ambassador Workshops
VCE information Evening **Resource Centre 7 – 9pm**
Tue 13th **Briar Rose** Parent Evening Briar Rose 7:30 – 9pm
Tue 13th **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**
Tue 20th **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**
Class 5 Play
Thu 22nd **Class 9 & 10** Musical Soiree
Fri 23rd **Combined Curriculum Day** **Student Free Day**
21st – 30th **Class 8** Flinders Ranges Camp Flinders Ranges
Tue 27th **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**

SEPTEMBER

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

STUDENT MOBILE PHONE USE

Louise

On behalf of the Upper School Faculty, here is a list of the guidelines around use of mobile phones at school. We believe there is value in creating a transparent list of guidelines that all adults connected to the school can be aware of and therefore support. Thank you.

1. Mobile phones may only be used on school grounds with the explicit approval of a teacher under an exceptional situation. Students who otherwise need to make a phone call can do so from the front office or from the staffroom with teacher permission.
2. Mobile phones otherwise used on school grounds will be confiscated and safely secured at the front office for collection at the end of the school day.
3. If a phone is confiscated 3 times within a term then the situation will be dealt with by the class guardian or a member of management.
4. Phones will also be confiscated if students have head phones in and are listening to music before, during or after school.

REPORTS

Barry

Semester 1 Reports were emailed to parents in the first week of the School holidays. Please contact us if you have not received your child's report. 03 5967 1953

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING

Louise

This year junior school swimming lessons will run weekly throughout Term Three, instead of for an intensive week at the end of Term 4. Classes 2, 3 & 4 will have a 30 minute lesson and classes 5 and 6 will have a 45 minute lesson, both on Tuesday afternoons at the Yarra Centre in Yarra Junction.

The lessons will run every Tuesday afternoon from 30th July (week 3) until 3rd September (week 8). Your child/ren will therefore be required to bring their BATHERS, TOWEL, GOGGLES and WARM CLOTHES every Tuesday for six weeks. Please label your children's items. If there are any concerns or if your child is not able to swim one week, please write a note addressed to their class teacher. May the lessons be a truly rewarding experience where the children gain confidence in the water and ability in their swimming techniques.

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).

CHILDREN'S TENT

Angela

Crafting sessions are every Monday and Friday afternoon 1-3pm in the Wattle Bee room for the rest of term 3. First session is this Friday 26 July. For people who are not able to attend craft sessions we will have take home packs available from Week 3 and also require the following items if you are able to collect or make:

Matchboxes

Drawstring bags made from colourful fabric - any sizes

Knitted squares

Pressed dry leaves - large flat gum leaves that we can dot paint in our workshops (by Tue 6 August please)

CHILDREN'S TENT - SPECIAL EVENT WORKSHOPS

Angela

We are so lucky to have talented and generous crafters in our community who share their skills with us each year. Please support us by attending one of these special events to learn new skills and contribute to our Tent.

Sarah Hunnisett will share her stunning eco dyed wool felt with us to create crowns, treasure bags and more.

Thursday 1 August, 9 - 11am

Admin Building

All welcome

Vicki Basdeo will guide us again this year using story to inspire our craft as we explore dot painting. This year Vicki will extend us from rock painting to include leaves and feathers.

Tuesday 6 August, 9-11am

Admin Building

All welcome



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