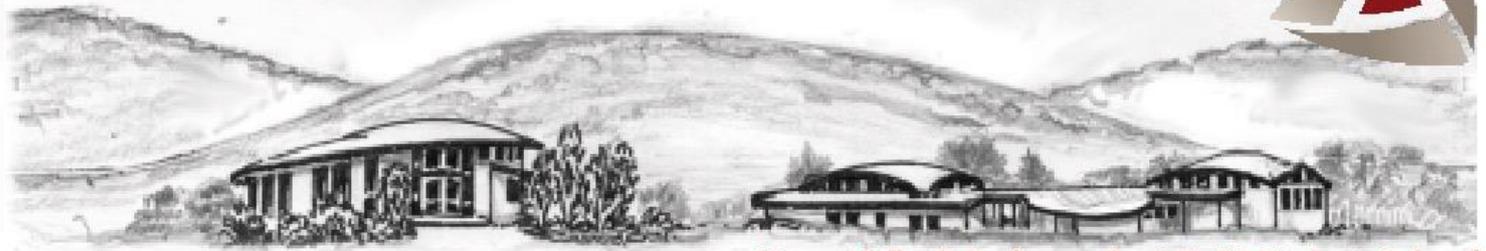
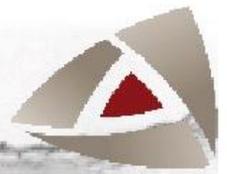


# LITTLE YARRA NEWSLETTER



Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School

**Term 3 – Week 3**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Class Nine started off the week by getting on the road early to begin their camp to Nungatta, which offers an amazing opportunity to experience living a sustainable lifestyle in close connection to the Earth. Blessed as we are to be living in the beautiful Yarra Valley, in many ways our children still feel connected to the pace and technology that life close to a large city brings with it. For the next two weeks, the students of Class 9 will be quite far removed from this as they enter the rhythms of life in rural New South Wales.

Earlier this year, over the Labour Day long weekend in March, our school hosted the national Student Support conference, in which we focussed on the outdoor classroom. Since then, our teachers have been incredibly enthusiastic and innovative in bringing experiences to their students that are away from their desks and outside of their rooms. With the weather warming up and Spring almost upon us, many of the classes will soon be engaging in gardening and farming projects out on our property.

We are currently preparing for our upcoming Senior Secondary information evening, which presents an opportunity for parents to explore the programmes on offer to our students in the last two years of their schooling. This will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, and will cover topics such as tertiary pathways, VCE and the Independent Project. High school staff will also be in attendance to answer any questions relating to the various subjects on offer, so please come along if you or anyone you know are wanting to find out more about our upper school.

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# 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

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> **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

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> **Class 10** Work Experience  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> **Class 8** Play - Matinee Music Hall 2pm  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**  
**Class 8** Play Music Hall 7:30pm  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> **Class 1** Parent Teacher Evening **Class 1** 6:30 – 8pm  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> **Class 3** Parent Teacher Evening **Class 3** 6:30 – 8pm  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> **Class 9** return from Nungatta  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Gender Ambassador Workshops  
**VCE information Evening** Resource Centre 7 – 9pm  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**  
**Briar Rose** Parent Evening Briar Rose 7:30 – 9pm  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> **VCE Studio Art Excursion**  
Tue 20<sup>th</sup> **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**  
**Class 5** Play  
Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> ~~**Class 9 & 10** Musical Soiree~~ postponed till Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Class 3** Play - Matinee Class 3 11:45 – 12:45  
**Class 3** Play Class 3 6 – 7 pm  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> **Combined Curriculum Day** **Student Free Day**  
21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> **Class 8** Flinders Ranges Camp Flinders Ranges  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> **Class 2 – 6 Swimming**  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> **End of Term Music Concerts**  
Thu 29<sup>th</sup> **Class 9 & 10** Musical Soiree Music Hall

### SEPTEMBER

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

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> July (week 3) until 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **LYE THANK YOU**

Damien

I would like to thank the Craft group (particularly Hiromi for coordinating this) for their generous donation toward LYE senior's German tour. For the past two years this group has been meeting and creating beautiful craft items, these items have sold with the funds going toward LYE's tour to Germany. This is a generous and wonderful gift and helps keep the trip sustainable by reducing the costs to families. Thanks again.

## **LYE VISIT TO MORNINGTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Damien

Last Wednesday, the Little Yarra Ensemble senior group travelled to Mornington Park Primary School for workshops and a schools concert. Mornington Park has a strong Steiner stream with many of the students learning strings/woodwind and brass instruments. We had a fantastic hour long workshop with about 60 enthusiastic students. The Mornington school provided our students and staff with a delicious lunch. We finished with an enjoyable schools concert as the workshop students joining in for the first piece Sway. I was particularly proud of the way our students interacted with the younger students in the workshop. They were excellent role models. This is all fantastic preparation for our students as the tour to Germany is only about 5 weeks away.





## CLASS 11 GEOGRAPHY

Louise

Last term, Class 11 Geography students travelled around the Yarra Valley to explore the science and management of bushfires. To begin with, we visited the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre in Cockatoo where we learnt about the Ash Wednesday fire from their informative displays. We were given a presentation from Graham Simpson who was captain of the CFA during 1983. He shared with us his experiences and how he has witnessed the emergency services evolve over thirty years. For example, the means of communication has come a long way. Graham spoke about the legacy the fire left in the Cockatoo community and he also shared some stories about how the fire psychologically impacted individuals. Despite none of us being alive yet in 1983, there was still so much value to be found in hearing Graham's stories.

Back at school, the class were visited by Henry Ween-Lawrence, who graduated from Little Yarra in 2015. Henry has worked for a few years as a summer fire fighter and he shared many of his experiences from traveling around Victoria to eating the catered food and meeting many new people. It was wonderful for Henry to talk to the Class 11 students about this wonderful opportunity where young people can acquire many new skills.

The following week, we travelled with Nigel Brennan (DELWP) to several locations around the valley to discuss bushfire management. We began by standing next to Starvation Creek where Nigel informed us of the different ecological aspects of fire; how our forests and fauna respond and how the water cycle is connected. Kim then drove the bus up the Reefton Spur and we jumped out when we could see the fire scars across the landscape from the local fires in March this year. Nigel told us about back burning from the road and gave us an insight into the life of a season fire fighter. At the Upper Yarra Reservoir we discussed how the public-free land is managed and the implications of a fire burning in the catchment area. To complete our field trip, Nigel put on a light show as he injected a chemical into a table tennis-like ball which is what they drop out of a helicopter to 'self-combust' and light fires in the burning off season.

## CLASS 11

Cath



Class 11 walking the school labyrinth to begin the morning in their Mediaeval History Main Lesson.

## CHILDREN'S TENT

Angela

Thank you to everyone who attended our first two sessions this term!

Crafting sessions have changes to: **Monday 9 - 11.30 am** and **Friday 1 – 3 pm** in the Wattle Bee room for the rest of term 3. We still need:

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

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 – 11 am**      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 – 11 am**      Admin Building      All welcome



## WEEKLY OPEN DAY & FAIR MEETINGS

Monique

Weekly Fair meetings will commence this week. This meeting is an opportunity for coordinators and anyone else who would like to be involved in the creation of our Fair, to meet, discuss the Fair and to start planning for the day.

The meetings will be held on Thursday at 9 am in the Admin Building. Morning tea will be provided.

## 2019 OPEN DAY AND FAIR SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 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
<b>Kinder, Prep and Class 1</b>	<b>Children's Treasure Trove</b>	<b>Angela Monahan and Team</b> 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.
<b>Classes 2 and 3</b>	<b>Craft Stall</b>	<b>Jane Davis and Shannon Ellis</b> 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.
<b>Classes 4 and 5</b>	<b>Curry Kitchen</b>	<b>Danielle Kostovski</b> These teams coordinate the curry kitchen on the day. The school's kitchen becomes the hub for this popular and much loved food stall.
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Sausage Stall</b>	<b>Bill Simpson and Francesca Ronalds</b> This class coordinates the barbeque and drinks stall with healthy biodynamic sausages, veggie burgers and organic drinks
<b>Classes 7 and 8</b>	<b>Children's Activities</b>	<b>Bernie Snell</b> 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.
<b>Rest of School</b>	<b>Waste-free</b>	<b>Claudia Howells</b> Put your name down for the wash up roster, help with recycling set up and monitoring on the day