



Education for the whole child

One of the fundamental tasks of a Steiner teacher is to seek to know the children in their care. It is this deep intention to understand each child that drives each of us to find the gesture, experience or words that will truly meet them. This emphasis on the development of the whole human being and unfolding the potential that lies within each child is what distinguishes our education from those approaches that don't extend much beyond curriculum content. An education that focusses mainly on facts and figures in isolation from their human context can only recreate existing forms, but one that has the whole child at its centre will prepare them for whatever the future may hold.

Last night, we had an enthusiastic audience for our Senior Secondary information evening that filled the lecture theatre. We were fortunate to hear from one of our alumni, who addressed the audience on the ways in which our education prepared her for her life beyond Class 12 and her tertiary study in Architecture. Apart from the many parents in attendance, what particularly stood out was the number of students who came with interest and thoughtful questions. Please be sure to read Bernie's article later on in this newsletter.

Many of our students in several classes across the school are currently busily preparing for a play. The strong focus in our curriculum on performance in general and on the annual class play in the Primary years presents a valuable learning and developmental opportunity for our students. Apart from the benefits of developing a love for spoken language and self-confidence on stage, the collaboration required during rehearsals and performances is excellent for honing social skills too.

Leanne and I have been pleased to have our first meeting with our new Parents and Friends chair, Jane Davis, parent of Hannah, Ethan, Peta and Rufus. We are looking forward to continuing the excellent work done by our previous P and F, as well as bringing some new initiatives. Jane is hoping to hear from our parent community about how we can better support the children and teachers in their work, and contribute to an environment where all can continue to flourish. She is also particularly interested in building more effective communication within the broader school and would like to hear about the ways in which parents would like to engage with the school and access information.

John Stewart—Education Administrator

Term 3 – Week 5
Tuesday 13th August 2019



Class 1 students building huts during Main Lesson

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

AUGUST

Tue 13 th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming		
	Briar Rose Parent Evening	Briar Rose	7:30 – 9pm
	Mother Holle Parent Evening	Mother Holle	7:30 – 9pm
Wed 14 th	Class 7 Parent Teacher Evening	Class 7	7 – 8pm
Thu 15 th	Class 9 Excursion Eel net weaving		
Mon 19 th	VCE Studio Art Excursion	Tarra Warra Gallery	
Tue 20 th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming		
	Class 5 Play	Drama Studio	
Thu 22 nd	Class 3 Play - Matinee	Class 3	11:45 – 12:45
	Class 4 Play	Curative Eurythmy	5:30 – 6:30pm
Fri 23 rd	Combined Curriculum Day	Student Free Day	
21 st – 30 th	Class 8 Flinders Ranges Camp	Flinders Ranges	
Mon 26 th	Class 3 Play	Class 3	6 – 7pm
Tue 27 th	Class 2 – 6 Swimming		
Wed 28 th	End of Term Music Concerts		
Thu 29 th	Class 9 & 10 Musical Soiree	Music Hall	

SEPTEMBER

Tue 3 rd	Class 2 – 6 Swimming		
	Interschool Sports – Athletics	Cancelled	
	Class 12 Biology Excursion	GTAC Parkdale	
Wed 4 th	Upper School Parent Teacher Interviews	Resource Centre	1 – 8pm
Thu 5 th	Primary School Information Morning	Admin	9:15 – 11:15am
	Ring a Rosy Spring Festival		
Fri 6 th	LYE Farewell Performance	Memo Healesville	7:30pm
8 th – 25 th	LYE Germany Tour		
Mon 9 th	Pre School Spring Festival		
Thu 12 th	Class 2 Play		
	VCE Drama Solo		
Fri 13 th	End of Term Three	School finishes at 12:30	

OCTOBER

Mon 7th **Term 4 Begins**
Mon 7 – Fri 11 **Class 6 Horse Riding Camp**



SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Bernie

The Senior School Information evening held last night was an opportunity for many students and parents to view the work of our Class 11 and 12 students and to listen to information on our Senior School program. In Class 11 and 12 we provide Main Lessons in a broad range of subjects alongside the VCE. In addition to this the class 12 students have the option to undertake a year-long Independent Project or to elect to receive an ATAR inclusive of sitting external examinations.

In recent years we have also included an option for students undertaking the Independent Project to receive a single study score in English. This has resulted in our senior students receiving a broad education along with opportunities for strong academic endeavour resulting in commendable ATAR results as well as successful completion of the VCE. This also allows students the option to pursue their interests through independent research and investigation.

Our thanks to Rebecca Andre, one of our alumni who spoke to us about her experiences in the Senior School and her pathway into a Bachelor of Architecture at Melbourne University. Rebecca also gave much practical advice to our audience on selecting VCE subjects and managing their workload.

Class 10 students will shortly make their VCE subject selections to begin their Senior School journey and Class 11 students will be considering their options for Class 12. We all look forward to supporting them through this exciting time.

UPPER SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Barry

Upper School Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 4th September between 1pm & 8pm. Interviews will be conducted in the Resource Centre. In the Mac Lab and Library.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=qfbn4>

Upper School Students are encouraged to attend these interview with their parents. Parents may also wish to refer to their child's Semester One Report beforehand or bring it along with them to the interviews. Any questions, please contact us at School.

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CLEANING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Monique

Little Yarra offers parents the opportunity to clean areas of our school as a way of contributing towards their School Fees. If you would be interested in becoming a cleaner at school, please let me know and I will put you on the waiting list. mpercy@lyss.vic.edu.au



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

Our wonderful Fair (Class) Coordinators are confirmed. Please welcome them and give them lots of support!

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	Jane Davis and Shannon Ellis 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, vegie 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

WEEKLY OPEN DAY & FAIR MEETINGS

Monique

Weekly Fair meetings have commenced. These meetings are 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 are held on Thursday at 9 am in the Admin Building. Morning tea provided.

CHILDREN'S TENT

Angela

Thank you to everyone who attended our sessions this term! Crafting sessions have changed to: **Monday 9–11:30 am** and **Friday 1–3 pm** in the Wattle Bee room for the rest of term 3.

PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Leanne

We are participating in the Independent Schools Victoria LEAD surveys this year, a comprehensive, best-practice survey which gives valuable information to the school. A link has been sent from the Research Department of ISV to each family which will only be able to be used once. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Leanne in the office.

CLASS ONE DREAMTIME MAIN LESSON

Bronwyn

Our Dreamtime Main Lesson has been wonderful. We are learning so much about the Wurundjeri people and their dreaming. We have built a humpy, made damper, sculpted our totem animals, thrown a boomerang and played the Didgeridoo!



HANDCRAFT

Jessica

Here are some of the completed handwork projects from Term 2 and 3.



Class 1 Chickens



Class 2 Rainbow Balls



Class 6 Dolls



Class 5 Elephants

CLASS 9 EXCURSION

Cath

Class 9 will participate in an Eel net weaving project on Thursday 15th of August, at the Footscray Community Arts Centre. Created in conjunction with Boon Wurrung artist, Mitch Mahoney and Mutti Mutti/Yorta Yorta and Boon Wurrung/Wemba Wemba artist Maree Clarke, *Eel Trap* is a 10-metre installation made of biodegradable materials. Exploring how indigenous knowledge, science and art can contribute to sustainability, the eel trap will be released into the Maribyrnong River upon completion. We will travel by school bus, leaving at 8:45am and returning by 3pm.

Students will need to bring morning tea and lunch.

CAFÉ FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL – THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

Yvette

A small group of year 9 and 10 students would like to invite the children of Classes 1 - 6 to purchase their morning tea and/ lunch from a café that they will run on Thursday 22nd August. Children will need to pre-order and pay.

Menu

Muesli bar/slice	\$2.50	Muffin	\$2.50
Soup and roll	\$3.00	Pizza	\$2.50
Soup	\$2.00	Roll	\$1.00

Gluten free, dairy free and vegan options available.

If you would like to order, please put your money in an envelope or paper bag with your name, class and order written on it. Please specify if you would like gluten free, dairy free or vegan.

Orders will need to be brought to school and given to your class teacher by this Friday, 16th August.

FAREWELL CONCERT FOR LYE IN THE HEALESVILLE MEMO

Damien

We are so excited that in a little over a month we will be departing for our first Little Yarra Ensemble tour to Europe. We are the only representatives from Australia to be chosen to play in the musical celebration of 100 years of Steiner/Waldorf education in the Tempodrom in Berlin on September 19th which is a great honour.

In Preparation for this event the Little Yarra Ensemble will perform in the Healesville Memo hall on the 6th of September at 7:30. It will an excellent entertaining evening of a variety of exciting musical genres. Tickets will be \$15/\$10 concessions and children under 16 will be free.

We really hope to see many of the school community at this event to support the students only 3 days before they depart for Germany.

END OF TERM MUSIC CONCERTS

Julie

Below is the list for the end of term music concerts for **Wednesday 28th August** (this is earlier than usual due to P/T conferences in week 8). Please note that the first concert starts at 5:30pm.

Music Hall 5:30pm

Class 4 – Daisy, Summer, Zoe, Finny

Class 5 – Archie, Dusty

Class 6 – Banjo, David, Daylan, Viola, Thomas, Olivia, Elke

Class 7 – Sunny, Ella, Raphaella, Lily

Class 10 – 12 – Ben, Pearl

Music Hall 6:30pm

Class 5 – William, Seren, Katya, Malachy, Banjo

Class 6 – Elyssa, Emma, Isla, Lilian, Tessa

Class 7 – River, Giles, Ryder, Riley, Amber, Ruby

Class 9 – Tamara, Maya

Class 10 – 12 – Jordan, Ochre, Lucas

Curative Eurythmy Room 5:30

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

Class 5 – Gabriel

Class 6 – Xander, Audrey

Class 7 – Jevan, Fleur, Jazzlyn, Stella, Malaika

Class 9 – Adrianna, Maya, Orlando

Class 10 – 12 – Jocelyn, Valentina

Curative Eurythmy Room 6:30

Class 5 – Bella, Imogen, Miles

Class 6 – Angus, Ochre, Alex

Class 7 – Remmi, Marlowe, Hamish, Peppa, Ruby F, Gabriel

Class 9 – Fujina, Esther, Edana

Class 10 – 12 – Sofia, Jasmena, Tali, Safin, Adam

Lecture Theatre 5:30pm

Class 4 – Toby, Peta, Ashley, Asher, Oliver

Class 6 – Rufus, Maleka, Isabella, Amae, Calista

Class 7 – Anouk, Frankie, Ruby S

Class 9 – Chiara, Luka, Sophia, Ruby

Class 10 – Finn

Lecture Theatre 6:30pm

Class 4 – Lia, Manu

Class 5 – Aislin, Maiya, Elijah, Annika, Maeve, Matilda

Class 6 – Indigo, Mani, Sage

Class 7 – Giselle, Pearl, William

Class 9 – Ruby S



Little Yarra Ensemble

FAREWELL CONCERT

Friday 6th September

The Memo - Healesville

7:30pm

Featuring the
stunning Little Yarra
Ensemble music
students performing
a broad range of
world, folk, rock and
classical music, before
leaving for their first
European Tour

Tickets

\$15/\$10

Under 16 Free

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