



Term 1 – Week 1

Tuesday 28th January 2020

A Warm Welcome to a New School Year

Welcome to the beginning of the 2020 school year to all in the Little Yarra community. I hope that everyone has managed to have a peaceful break filled with nourishment for both body and soul. Our thoughts go out to all who have been affected by the bushfires that became such a destructive and distressing feature of a festive season that ideally should have been a time for rest, inner reflection and celebration with family and friends. It has been heartening to see the collective spirit of humanity shine so brightly through our fellow Australians and so many others around the world, who have poured their care and support into bringing healing to the inhabitants of our scorched land.

A special welcome to all the new children, parents and staff who have joined us this year. We trust that your time at our school will be a long and happy one, and look forward to our community growing richer and stronger as a result.

Class 1 will have their first day of 'big' school tomorrow morning with a beautiful ceremony in which they will be guided to their classroom by the Class 6 students, where they will join their teacher, Yun-Hsuan Liu. After the children are settled in class, their parents will be welcomed to a morning tea provided by the Class 2 parents and our P and F.

As you can imagine, the break is not necessarily a holiday for our staff. Our teachers take the opportunity to research the curriculum and plan their programme for the following year, as well as engaging in a range of learning experiences of their own. During this holiday break, our staff participated in the High School intensives at the seminar at Warranwood, the Glenaeon intensives in Sydney and even online study from the USA.

Closer to home, Leanne and I have been focussing on the physical environment that meets and holds our students. Our plans to build a new, purpose designed Kindergarten building are progressing steadily, with the hope that we may begin to build as soon as March this year. Watch this space for more details to come.

If the start of this year is anything to go by, 2020 looks set to be a year of renewal, growth and development. All the very best to everyone in our community as we travel this journey together.

- John Stewart, Education Administrator

Calendar

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

JANUARY

Thu 23 & Fri 24	Staff conference		
Mon 27	Australia Day Public Holiday		
Tue 28	Term One begins		
Wed 29	Welcome Morning Tea	Admin	9:30 -11am
Thu 30	Class 7 Parent Teacher Evening	Class 7	6:30 – 8pm

FEBRUARY

Mon 3 – Fri 7	Class 7 Sailing Camp		
Sat 8 Feb	Working Bee		
Thu 13 – Fri 14	Class 9 Kolora Camp		
Tue 18 – Fri 21	Class 4 Walkerville Camp		
Thu 20	Class 8 & 9 Eurythmy Excursion	Collingwood College	
Tue 25	School Tour		
Wed 26 – Fri 28	Class 9 Waratah Bay Hike		

MARCH

Wed 4 – Fri 6	Class 6 Walhalla Camp		
Mon 9	Labour Day Public Holiday		
Thu 12	Photo Day		
Mon 16 – Fri 20	Class 11 Rock climbing Camp	Grampians	
Thu 19	School Tour		
Wed 25	Parent Teacher Interviews	Classes 1 - 12	
Fri 27	Bach Performance		
	End of Term One		

APRIL

Tue 14	Term Two begins
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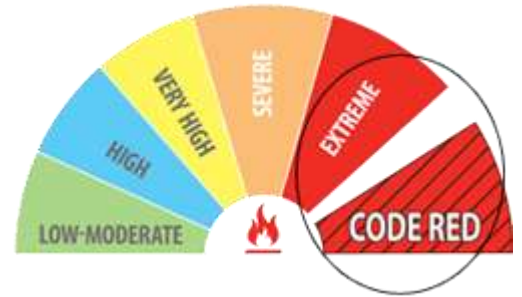
WELCOME MORNING TEA

Existing parents are warmly invited to welcome our new families and our new Class 1 parents on Wednesday 29th January at 9:30 am in the Admin building. The objective of the morning tea is for existing parents to welcome new parents and Class 1 parents hosted by Class 2 and P&F. Existing parents are also invited to bring a plate to share. This will also be an opportunity to hear from and meet some of our very helpful parents and staff.

BUSHFIRE NOTICE

John

We are currently in Bushfire season and may experience days of extreme weather this term. Please be mindful that on days of CFA declared **Extreme** and **Code Red** Fire Danger days, the school will be closed. Please stay informed by regularly checking the CFA website, as it may not be possible to update our own website should an Extreme or 'Code Red' condition be declared very late.



To check the current rating, please visit the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

REPORTS

Barry

Semester Two Reports were emailed to Parents on Monday 16th December. If you have not received your child's report, please contact me. bsharman@lyss.vic.edu.au

CLEANING OPPORTUNITIES

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 member of the cleaning team at school for 2020, please let me know. mpercy@lyss.vic.edu.au

CALL FOR INSTRUMENTS FOR MUSIC REGISTER

Barry & Melinda

Thankyou to everyone who has submitted instrument listings for our final Music Register for 2019. There are lots of great second hand instruments in varying sizes available.

The Music Register is displayed on the noticeboard outside the Music Studio and included in the Parent Community newsletter Sweet Porridge.

<https://lyss.vic.edu.au/parents-community/sweet-porridge/>

Please remember to email Melinda melinda.whyman@gmail.com if you sell an instrument so we can keep our list current.

iMACS FOR SALE

Barry

Last year we upgraded the student Apple iMac computers at School. The old iMacs have been formatted and are now available for sale to students and our community at \$300 each. They are in used condition and are sold as is.

Specifications are as follows :

iMac 21.5 inch (1920 x 1080) late 2011 model
Processor 3.1GHz Intel Core i3
Memory 8GB 1333MHz DDR3
Graphics AMD Radeon HD 6750M 256 MB