

Yarra Valley's Independent K-12 Steiner School

Term 1 – Week 2

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Growth and Change in the Early Years

Our students of all ages seem to have settled seamlessly into the rhythm of the new school year. We have already had the heart warming experience of watching Yun-Hsuan and Class 1 heading up to their first Eurythmy lesson, hand in

hand. It is quite noticeable as one walks around the school how many of the children appear so happy and engaged in their work and play. Just seeing the eager faces going into class in the mornings is a wonderful reminder of what a special privilege it is to be part of this unique education system and specifically, our school.

Class 7 have initiated our outdoor education programme for the year, with Larissa and her class away on their sailing camp at Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula. With some new students that have joined the class this year, the camp early on in the term gives everybody an excellent opportunity to meet one another and build a strong social culture. Class 9 will follow with a short camp at Waratah Bay next week, and Class 4 will be exploring Walkerville in the following week.

We are very excited by the growth and change taking place in our Preschool this year, beginning with two lovely playgroups held by Jules and a beautiful Ring a Rosy programme presented by Rachel and Jess. Mother Holle and Briar Rose are already full this year, guided by Anita and Shar'lee and ably assisted by Erin, Robyn, Ingrid and Jess. Perhaps the biggest news in this part of our school is our new architecturally designed Preschool building, which is due to start construction this March. For more details, please see the article inside this newsletter.

Many thanks to our P and F, who together with the parents of Class 2, put on a morning tea last week for the new families in our school. A big thank you also to those existing parents who came along and so warmly welcomed the new members of our community. If you would like to know more about our P and F, or perhaps become involved, please keep an eye on the Newsletter for the details of their next meeting.

- John Stewart, Education Administrator



New Preschool design

SOUTH ELEVATION

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

FEBRUARY

Mon 3 – Fri 7	Class 7 Sailing Camp		
Tue 4	Class 2 Parent Teacher Evening	Class 2	6:30 – 8 pm
Wed 5	Class 10 Parent Teacher Evening	Mac Lab	7:30 – 9 pm
Sat 8 Feb	Working Bee		
Tue 11	Class 8 Parent Teacher Evening	Class 8	6:30 – 8 pm
Wed 12	Class 10 Teen Mental Health First Aid Training	Class 10	
Thu 13 – Fri 14	Class 9 Kolora Camp		
Thu 13	Class 4 Parent Teacher Evening	Class 4	6:30 – 8 pm
	Class 11 Parent Teacher Evening	Mac Lab	7 – 8:30 pm
Tue 18 – Fri 21	Class 4 Walkerville Camp		
Thu 20	Class 8 & 9 Eurythmy Excursion	Collingwood College	
	Class 10 Teen Mental Health First Aid Training	Class 10	
Mon 24 – Wed 26	Class 8 Bike Camp		
Mon 24	Class 10 Teen Mental Health First Aid Training	Class 10	
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		

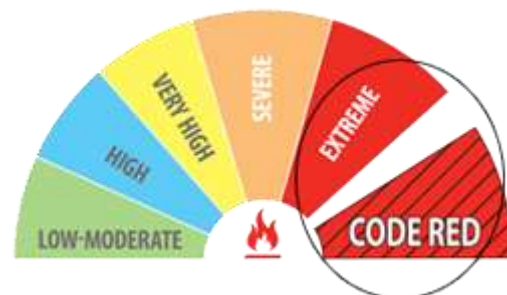
APRIL

Tue 14	Term Two begins		
Mon 20-Fri 24	David Garb visiting Upper School Students		
Tue 28	School Tour		
30/4 – 8/5	Class 9 Hattah Lakes Camp		

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

New School Year Working Bee this Saturday

Claudia

Our school gardens would appreciate many loving hands this Saturday to keep them beautiful for our children

Our gardens have survived the summer thanks to regular watering by parent volunteers over the holidays thank you. However the weeds have also kept up their growth!

If you are able to come along, please help with weeding and mulching in any of the following areas:

- ❖ Around class 1 and 2 classrooms and playground
- ❖ Paths and garden beds between class 3-4, 5-6 and primary faculty building
- ❖ Bush garden between admin building and learning support
- ❖ Paths and garden beds between admin and wattle bee, class 7 and class 8
- ❖ Garden beds around high school buildings and the resource centre

Thank You

A shared lunch will be provided for participants from 12.30 on the class 8 veranda

SINGING EXPERIENCE FOR PARENTS

Damien

Each year students from class 7-12 sing Bach's St John Passion and do an amazing job. Would you also like to challenge yourself and a part of this amazing experience. I will be running a 30 minute session every Tuesday Morning from 9-9.30 where you can learn some of this beautiful work. It is an opportunity to learn some of the chorales giving you the opportunity to join in with the choir for the performance. We will rehearse in my room (number 4) in the music department starting next week 11th February, all welcome.

MOTHER HOLLE - KINDERGARTEN/ PREP

Shar'lee

We had a lovely first week reuniting with old friends and making new ones. On Thursday we started learning some names as we rolled our bread rolls along the table to our friends: "rolling, rolling, all the way to".

On Friday we only had a very small group because of the heat. We started with beeswax, which is a will strengthening activity - made much easier by the heat of the day. We warmed our hands in some warm lavender water and then set to making our beeswax as thin as

possible and looking to see what we could find inside - what message did the bees leave for us! We then kept cool with fairy spray (hose on mist) outside and angel mist (spray bottle) inside and some nice cold water after outside play. Both days the children explored their surroundings. We had cubby houses, floor play, a bakery, pulleys and lots of knots tied among other play. The children enjoyed flocking (rolling) barley for our Apple crumble next Tuesday

and grinding rye for our bread. Outside we washed some sheep's fleece in the big trough - it was very dirty! This is the first stage in the Mother Holle Prep craft where they will be making their own rest time pillow. The kindergarten children who were in Ring a Rosy last year enjoyed catching up with old friends in the garden and they showed their familiarity with the garden they had visited at the end of last year but still found many new places to explore.



JOB VACANCY at LYSS

Leanne

Our treasured colleague Hiromi is leaving at the end of next week and we are looking for a new Daily Organiser 5 mornings per week. Details on the SEA website.

<https://www.steinereducation.edu.au/jobs/daily-organiser-part-time-0-4-fte/>

NEW STAFF

Leanne

We welcome the following new staff to our school: Jessica Hull (assistant) in the kinder, Rachel Sinclair (kinder teacher), Jessica Aggainis (assistant) in Ring a Rosie and Claire Gilbert (gardening). We also welcome back Robyn Medling (assistant) in Briar Rose and Dani Fischer (Art teacher) in the Upper School. Shar'lee Northover is replacing Annetee Cameron as the kinder teacher in Mother Holle for the next 12 months, and Belinda McGrath (Upper School) is replacing Cath Dimsey while she is on leave this term.

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

Little Yarra Steiner School

Please join us for a

New School Year CLEAN-UP MORNING

This Saturday 8th February
from 9am-1pm

Please bring tools and gloves to help with
weeding, mulching and cleaning
around your children's play areas
or the wider school

A shared lunch will be held
for participants from 12.30pm

A jobs list will be posted up on the day

Thank you