



Term 2 – Week 10
Tuesday 16th June 2020

Anticipating the Winter Solstice

We have reached the last week of this most unusual term, and it is interesting to observe the mood permeating our school as we prepare to celebrate our midwinter festival.

Our students have readjusted to being physically back in their classrooms and are feeling very settled in their daily routine. So there is a palpable sense of calm and happy familiarity with the work, teachers and friends, which is interwoven with a building sense of anticipation of the end of term and our upcoming festival.

Teachers and children are putting the finishing touches to the term's work, preparing lanterns and singing winter songs. Our Preschool students will be celebrating their midwinter festival together on Thursday this week, with lanterns, songs and a beautiful spiral of flowers and greenery. The remainder of the school will celebrate their festival by walking a spiral in separate class groups, also on Thursday. We will certainly miss the presence of our families this year, and hold hope for the possibility of gathering as a whole community in the not too distant future.

In the coldest, darkest time of the year, just as we anticipate the passing of the solstice and the lengthening of the days, we too can look forward to the soul warmth expanding once more from the depths of our innermost heart. Whichever part of our school community you and your family belong to, we would like to wish you all the kindling of inner light and warmth this midwinter, and a restful break until we meet again.

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

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1	27/1 - 1/4
Term 2	19/4 - 18/6
Term 3	13/7 - 10/9
Term 4	4/10 - 10/12

June

Fri 19 End of Term Two Half Day - School finishes 12:30pm

July

Mon 13 Staff Conference Student free day

Tue 14 Term Three begins

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Barry

A reminder that this Friday, the 19th of June will be the final day of Term Two and is a half day. School will finish at 12:30 pm and the buses will depart at 12:45 pm. You can expect your children to arrive at their bus stop two hours and forty minutes earlier than the regular timetabled time.

TERM DATES 2021

Barry

Please note that the Term Dates for 2021 are as follows

Term 1	27/1 – 1/4
Term 2	19/4 - 18/6
Term 3	13/7 - 10/9
Term 4	4/10 - 10/12

COME AND JOIN OUR CLEANING TEAM

Monique

If you would like to join our awesome cleaning team then now is the time to do it! Our school offers cleaning to our parent community as a way of assisting parents to pay their school fees. We currently have a few shifts available on various days throughout the week for the remainder of Term 2, with many more shifts to become available from the beginning of Term 3. If you would like to join our cleaning team please email cleaning@lyss.vic.edu.au

SWEET PORRIDGE

Barry

There is a fresh edition of Sweet Porridge available on the website.
<https://lyss.vic.edu.au/parents-community/sweet-porridge/>

If you have a music instrument to add or remove from the Music Register, please email to Melinda melinda.whyman@gmail.com

REPORTS

Barry

We will be emailing Semester 1 Reports out next week. Please get in touch if you haven't received your reports by Friday 26th June. reports@lyss.vic.edu.au

BON VOYAGE JOSIE

Admin

We would like to acknowledge Josie McLachlan, who has held the role of Registrar here at Little Yarra for the last seven years. Josie will be finishing over the winter holidays but will fortunately remain a part of our community. Her welcoming warmth and radiant smile, her ability and willingness to take on the tasks that need doing, have all been valued greatly among the Admin staff as Josie has consistently offered her best to Parents, Students and Staff.



Taking on the role of Registrar we welcome Rachel Sinclair. Some of you know Rachel from Ring-a-Rosy and we look forward to having her as a part of the Administration team.

SCHOOL FEES

Leanne

Thank you to everyone who are keeping up with their school fees. The Term 3 fee accounts will be sent out on Tuesday 30th June and are due on the first day of Term 3, Tuesday 14th July. Please email me at lsarah@lyss.vic.edu.au if you have any queries or concerns about paying your fees and we will do our best to help you.

WINTER LANTERNS - MOTHER HOLLE

Shar'lee

We have been very busy gnomes in Mother Holle preparing for our amended Winter Festival this Thursday. Our second week back we drew a winter picture although clearly some children were feeling the return to kindergarten was a more Spring time feel as there were many flower gardens drawn as well.

We then painted over our lanterns with our warm vermillion red and golden yellow. Once dry we carefully painted them with rice bran oil from the sky all the way to the ground below, to help them shine even more brightly. While all was drying the Fairies made twisty ties for their handles and the Elves made a plaited or two stranded finger knitted handle.

We glued our lanterns together, carefully folding over the top up to the line first and then glueing it down and around. Monday afternoon the Elves helped cut out the bases for themselves and the Fairies and we glued theirs in and the night Elves competed the rest while the children rested their heads beneath the starry winter sky.



We are looking forward to sharing our festival with the children on Thursday!



Making Winter Festival Lanterns in the Preschool

