

From Calendar of the Soul
by Rudolf Steiner

Reaching for new stirrings of the senses,
Mindful of spirit birth achieved,
Clarity of soul imbues
Bewildering sprouting growth of worlds
With my thinking's creator will.



Dear Parents and Guardians,
It has been a busy couple of weeks and a really great start to the Term. Since the work of Dr Shelley Davidow (Restorative Practice and Stress Proof Kids) and the Respectful Relationships PD in the school, the open conversations and discussions between students, parents and teachers about issues of growth and development, sexuality and gender has been amazing to be hear and see. In the coming months, we will have Shelly and Lisa Romero visit to work with secondary students, staff and parents strengthening our work as a School. They bring a wealth of experience and wisdom about working holistically with Gender and Sexuality.

This week, we finally welcomed back all the Secondary students. Many of the Class 10 students have been on Exchange/Cultural Visits (England, USA, Switzerland and France) while Myfanwy Hunter took a group with Judy Clingham to South Korea and Japan. These experiences and adventures will shape the future of these young people. Their presentations have been insightful, honest and a privilege to witness. International mindedness, openness and courage spring to mind when I think about these students. There was a particularly clear message from all exchange students, "work hard on language learning and take the opportunity if offered". I encourage all the Middle School students and families to speak with Teresa Martin about their future plans for exchange.

Operational News from across the Community

Staffing: Management are in the process of 2018 preparations. This involves cyclical reviews for some staff, annual reviews for others and interviews with prospective teachers for available opportunities. The big question that our Prep parents are asking is 'who will be the Class 1 teacher for our children?' In preparation for the interviews, Rene McKay presented the children to the College of Teachers last week and we have already received applications from within Sophia Mundi and internationally. While these are operational issues, I thought you would like to know that processes are in place and progressing well. As with all schools, there is an air of excitement with the new student and staff interviews. I hope to share the announcements early in Term 4.

Communication: A reminder to all parents that the first point of contact regarding your child is your Class Teacher/Guardian. The next level is the Head of Faculty: Katina Kondos (Primary); Ben Darby (Middle School) and Ashley Dufty (IB Diploma). The final point of contact is the Principal.

Katina Kondos (Primary)

Ben Darby (Middle School)

Ashley Dufty (IB Diploma)



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School Newsletter

Next Newsletter deadline: Wednesday, 23 August.

IMPORTANT DATES Please also see our online website calendar

Tues 01 Aug Tuesday School Tours, 9:30am

Mon 14 Aug Class 8 Parent Meeting, 7pm

Tues 15 Aug Parent Training Workshop, 7-8:30pm
*practicing perception - developing understanding -
enabling decision making*

21 Aug - 01 Sep Class 9 Camp - Nungatta

Mon 21 Aug Class 10 Play, 7pm

Tues 22 Aug Parent Training Workshop, 7-8:30pm
*practicing perception - developing understanding -
enabling decision making*

Fri 25 Aug Curriculum Day (Student free day)
VIC & TAS Steiner PD, 8am-4pm

Sat 26 Aug Barbara Balwin Workshop
Autism and the Soul Quality of the Child
8:30am-4pm

Sat 26 Aug Principal School Tours, from 10am

Wed 6 Sep SIP Whole School Meeting, 7pm

Wed 13 Sep Annual Music Concert/s, 5pm & 7pm

Sun 12 Nov Spring Fair & Open Day

Convent: Building works - all students, parents and staff must enter the Convent grounds via Gate 1. Entering through Gate 2 is a safety risk! Please do not place you or child/ren in this position. The walk along the back path is beautiful & well worth the extra minutes.

Community survey-Themes that Management have picked up are:

- Improving academic standards
- Showcasing our artistic skills in Craft and Music (and improve the standards)
- Presentations that link the Primary to Middle School and to the IB Diploma
- Clearer understanding of the Life Skills Programme (Sexuality, Cyber, Mental health and life changes)
- Educational affordability

**School Improvement Plan Whole School Meeting -
Wednesday 6 September, 7pm**

The current parent goal suggestions I have received so far are:

- 1) continuation of the IT themes in parent teacher evenings;
- 2) continuation of parent evening community conversations and;
- 3) gardening and farming curriculum

Please send me an email with your thoughts or feedback:

principal@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au

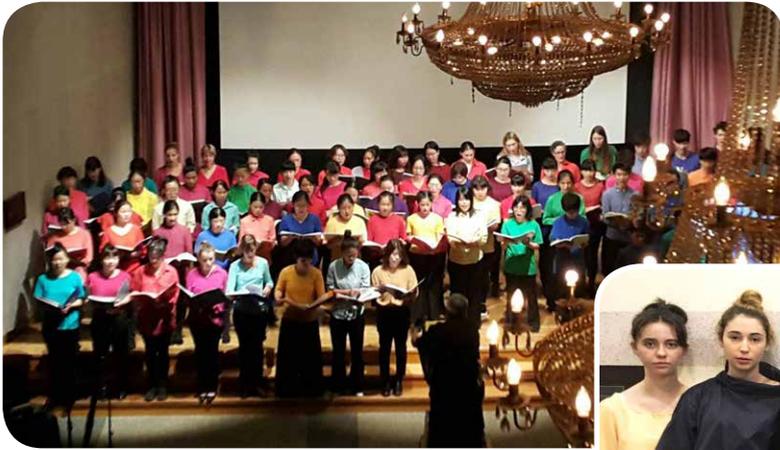
Debating is starting up again soon! Thank you to all students and parents who have supported this initiative by Fiona Couttie. I have appreciated your feedback as we reviewed the programme and looked to the future.

Peace and good wishes,
Fiona Cock - Principal

Music Corner

SEEKING MUSIC EQUIPMENT

The Music Department is seeking donations to our band program. We are currently looking for any amps, electric guitars, old effects peddles, basses, drum kit, cymbals etc. For further details please contact guitar instrumentalist teacher Gerard Mapstone: gerard.mapstone@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au or 0410 170 944.



WAYFARER'S TOUR - JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA 15 JULY - 05 AUGUST 2017

From July 15th to August 5th, our Secondary students Yani Ioannidis, Benjamin Nekvapil, Lola McLean, Claudia O'Dwyer, Claudia Bates, Nadya Korchev, and our Music Coordinator Myfanwy Hunter took part in an international music tour in Japan and South Korea. We met and performed with 100+ Waldorf students, teachers, and alumni from Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, Switzerland, UK, Tasmania, and Canberra.

Waldorf Wayfarer's Director Judy Clingan wrote a musical theatre piece title 'Harmonia Mundi', which featured the trials and tribulations of lead character Sophia on her hero's journey. Benji starred in the role of Oscar. Yani was commended for taking on the role of stage manager, lighting director and choreographer for the Korean leg of the journey. Nadya and Claudia B performed in the orchestra, whilst Lola and Claudia O had singing and movement roles in the play.

All students learned and performed a vast and rich array of choral and instrumental music from very early music through to contemporary Indigenous Australian songs. We stayed in temples, traditional Japanese spa houses, and with lovely host families. Every night in Japan we experienced the traditional hot spring bathing, which was right on the beach in the town of Toyoura, home of the Hokkaido Waldorf School. In South Korea we experienced the bustling night markets and street life. We ate incredible food everywhere and people were so kind and generous. It was an enormous undertaking with long rehearsal days and intense travel schedules.

Our students have all returned with life changing experiences, new friendships, and a deeper broader understanding and appreciation of music and culture from around the world. Congratulations Yani, Benji, Lola, Claudia O, Nadya, and Claudia B for being pioneers in this international musical experience!

Myfanwy Hunter - Music Coordinator

REQUEST FOR A HOST FAMILY SOPHIA MUNDI'S NEXT VOLUNTEER

Tom Eltgen is Sophia Mundi's next German Volunteer who arrived in late July.

We are currently seeking a host family for Tom for Term 4 (or both!)

For more information please contact
Brendan Martin brendan.martin@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au or
John Bradshaw john.bradshaw@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au

WEBSITE UPDATE

We have launched an update to the School's website and hope you enjoy this new, improved version. We would really like to hear your feedback. Please contact Dilys: admin@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au with comments or suggestions.

NEW 2017/18 VOLUNTEER

Hello my name is **Tom Eltgen**. I am 20 years old and I'm from Frankfurt in central Germany. I will be Sophia Mundi's volunteer for the next year until July 2018.

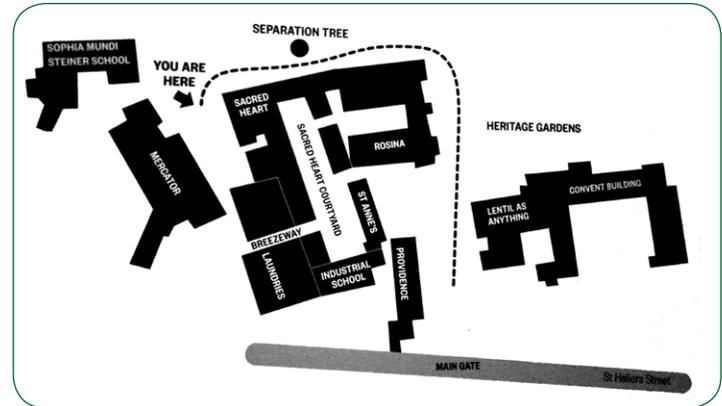
My hobbies include different sports (gym, bike riding) fishing and catching up with friends. I would like to learn the AFL rules – so please come and explain them to me!

I feel honoured to be working at Sophia Mundi and I look forward to a great year ahead with the whole community.



Abbotsford Convent

Abbotsford Convent: Sacred Heart Restoration – Term 3: Access to the Sophia Mundi via Gate I only.



For safety reasons, all students entering via St Heliers Street must access the School via Gate I, then follow the path past the Heritage Gardens, behind the Rosina building, curving around to Sophia Mundi.

We will provide updates in our future newsletters. More information can be found on the Abbotsford Convent's website. Any families with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the School Reception or the Abbotsford Convent Office on 03 9415 3600 or via email: info@abbotsfordconvent.com.au.

PARENT COLLEGE

TUESDAYS 9am-10:30am

Topic discussed next week: Tuesday 15 May
“Heart Coherence”

On 15th August we will be hearing a talk about Heart Intelligence and the emerging field of Heart Coherence as developed by Heart Math. We will also be learning a meditation technique called Heart Rhythm which aims to put the heart into coherence and actively allows you to know and live in your heart and in the world.

This should make for an inspiring discussion and everyone is welcome”.

All welcome, in the Cottage/Aftercare room.

Autism and the Soul Quality of the Child

Saturday 26 August

8:30am - 4:00pm

Keynote speaker:

Barbara Baldwin

MSPA, B.Sc. Speech Pathology, Dip Special Education, Dip Chirophonetic Therapy

Barbara Baldwin is a speech pathologist and special educator of international standing. She has worked with people with disabilities of all ages, in many countries and different settings, which include residential care, education and vocational training.

Barbara will be delivering two lectures "Autism and the soul qualities of the child" and "Revealing Student Capacities"

Workshops: Barbara Baldwin will be facilitating "shared experience workshops" around the topic of Special Needs.

Tickets: \$100/person

Individual bookings are essential via the trybooking link.

trybooking.com/304769

www.sophiamundi.vic.edu.au/special-needs

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**EVENING PARENT WORKSHOPS
TUESDAYS 7:00-8:30pm**

PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

Tuesday August 1, 8, 15 & 22

7:00pm to 8:30pm - Sophia Mundi Hall.

Practicing perception, developing understanding,
enabling decision making

Cost \$15 per session plus \$10 for the course manual.

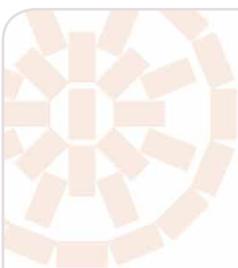
**To register please call 0458 124 088 or
email cherylnekvapil@yahoo.com**

Cheryl Nekvapil and Jennifer West will facilitate these Workshops, following on from the sessions held in Term 1 & 2. The aim of the course (developed by Meineke and Schreiber from Havelhohe in Berlin) is to encourage parents to find confidence and joy in wholistic parenting.

This Term the workshops will explore the topics of:

- What makes one sick and what fosters good health from an early age on? *Finding the balance of challenge vs overtaxing or too demanding.*
- Can one educate towards health? *Rules, rituals, boundaries. The idea of Family: I, you, he, she, the child/children. How do you meet everyone's needs?*

New comers most welcome and encouraged.

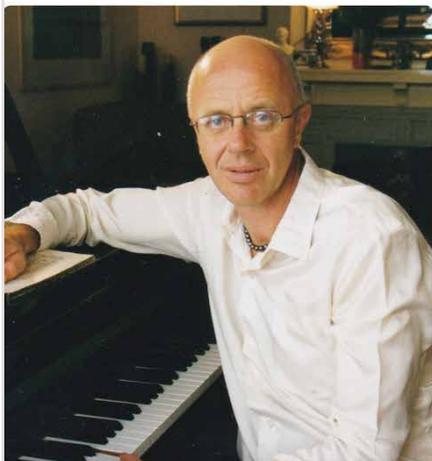


You are warmly invited to a special event:
The Sophia Mundi Community Concert with

Shane Rohde & Friends

Thursday 17th August, 7pm
Sophia Mundi Eurythmy Hall

DONATIONS AT THE DOOR
WELCOME.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
SOPHIA MUNDI MUSIC
DEPARTMENT



Gershwin, Part,
Rachmaninoff,
Liszt, Rohde,
Bach, Messiaen
and Massenet.

Featuring artistic
Eurythmy
performance by
Kelly Papas,
accompanied by
Alexandra Keusch
on violin.

DURATION 1 HOUR, LIMITED
SEATING, PHONE 9419 9229
TO RESERVE A PLACE.

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Annual Music Concert

Wednesday
13 September

Concert 1
5-6pm

Concert 2
7-8:30pm



An intimate
evening of
music featuring
Secondary
School Music
Ensembles,
Solos, & Duos

Bakehouse Studios

25 little Hoddle Street, Richmond

Bookings essential: trybooking.com/297366

No ticket sales at the door or venue



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