Dear Parents

The end of term is now here and we can all look forward to a welcome break. This has been a short and eventful term, with a number of changes in staff, illnesses and joys all happening at a fast pace. The sports day for the high school where students competed in a variety of events with Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School and Little Yarra was a great day and our students did really well. Dawn, our fantastic PE/Sports teacher had them all well prepared for their events. We must also congratulate Dawn for breaking yet another world record in pole vaulting for her age range. It is great to have a world-class athlete and fitness expert teaching our students.

Last Saturday a number of parents, teachers and children enjoyed ‘Viva Paella’ in the courtyard, with beautiful paella cooked by Aldo and much organising by Deneille, and help from Brett, Murray and others. Thank you to the PFA for organising this very pleasant evening. Yesterday we were treated to the first of our afternoon music concerts for the year where students shared their work from this term. Thank you to all who contributed to this. Today we had our harvest festival and the bounteous produce was gratefully received by St Mary’s House of Welcome.

Class Five have a new Class Teacher starting with them next term, Margaret Perversi who has been teaching craft in the younger classes. Margaret moved here from Tasmania where she had been a class teacher at Tarremah as well as a craft and music teacher during her many years there. Margaret has a couple of weeks early next term when she will be in China teaching the craft curriculum to teachers from Waldorf Schools there. We are delighted she will be taking the Class Fives as she brings a wealth of experience with her. (Remember last year’s Shepherd’s Play which she and Renuka directed.)

The 2013 School Plan has now been accepted by the Board and is available for reading in the office. The main focus this year is the consolidation of all that
has been achieved over the last several years with the bringing of the whole school on site at the Convent, the introduction of the IB and the re-establishment of our Year 12 class. We are working to build a strong PFA and nurture the whole community through events like ‘Viva Paella’ that give us an opportunity to get to know families across the school.

In closing, I wish to express thanks to our wonderful staff who have stepped forward to help in various situations this term. To Jane Edwards who stepped in overnight to take class Five when Larissa left, and has now decided to move on, to Fiona who then stepped in to carry the class until we found their new class teacher and to Kim Busch who assisted Fiona in this time. To Margaret Perversi who has stepped in to carry Class One during Anthea’s recovery from her injury, to Vicky and Leanne who have stepped in to help Dilys manage the office in the absence of a receptionist and Marketing person, to Ken, our very versatile German volunteer, to Ireland Hall who fills so many gaps and to all our teachers who so generously step in to cover when someone is away. And to Dilys who somehow manages to work the miracle of coordination of it all.

I wish everyone a peaceful Easter and a safe holiday.

Jennifer West

TERM 2 MUSIC CLASS CONCERTS

WEEK 7 - Secondary
Wednesday 29th May
Class 7 5:30-6:30pm
Class 8 6:30-7:30pm
Thurs 30th May
Class 9 5:30-7:00pm
Class 10 7:00-8:30pm

WEEK 8 - Primary
Wednesday 5th June
Class 3 5:30-6:30pm
Class 4 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday 6th June
Class 5 5:30-6:30pm
Class 6 6:30-7:30pm

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY
FRIDAY 15 MARCH Proclamation Park, Ringwood

There was a sense of fun and excitement on Friday as we boarded our bus headed for Proclamation Park in Ringwood. It was a chance for our students to meet students from Little Yarra and Warranwood and to test their athletic skills. We stood out admirably in our blue uniforms and despite our relatively small numbers achieved some amazing results.

In the 1500m race class 7 students Macgreggor finished 2nd in a time of 5.58 and Lydia finished 3rd in her race in a time of 7.39. In class 8 Coco and Rebecca finished 1st and 2nd in their 1500m’s. In class 9 boys Alexander and Ezra also finished 1st and 2nd in the 1500ms. In class 10 girls Brigit was home 1st in a time of 7.34.

In class 7 Nicholas Monotti displayed a great turn of speed winning the 100m’s, 200m’s and 400m’s. Gianni Lacota demonstrated his strength and skill in the shotput winning his event with a put of 8.66m’s. Nicholas also achieved 3rd place in the shotput.

High jump was also an area of excellence. Ireland Hall jumped 1.40m and Alexander Mercier cleared 1.45m. Both students won the event.

There are many other achievements, too many to mention. I am most proud of our students for their energy, excitement and willing to give their best. They participated in an honest and friendly manner and many students are developing friendships with students from the other schools. I can’t wait until next year.

Dawn Hartigan
Sport and Physical Education Teacher

STORAGE SPACE REQUIRED

We are looking for a space around 25 meters to store excess children's desks and chairs. If you have this space in your shed or garage and are willing to store some furniture for us please let the office know.

Many thanks, Fiona
SPRING FAIR ORGANISERS WANTED
The team of girls are back again to plan and organise a great Spring Fair for 2013, but we cannot do it alone.
We would like some more people to join us in the fun, laughter and friendship we enjoy as we create another great Spring Fair for Sophia Mundi. If you are interested in joining us please contact Deneille on 0412 275 782 or delkington@noojee.com.au.
We look forward to working with you all.
Bette, Deneille, Poppy and Tatiana
Spring Fair Team 2013

STALL HOLDERS
A number of people last year organised stalls on the day that reflected their own talents and skills, i.e. massage stall. Anyone wishing to organise a stall for the Spring Fair this year can they please contact Deneille by 20th April on 0412 275 782 or email delkington@noojee.com.au

SOPHIA MUNDI COOKBOOK
Calling all families, staff and teachers …We are now collecting your favourite family recipe and a story/tradition associated with it. If one of your favourites happens to come from a well known chef, show or book please add this reference to your story. We are collecting as many recipes as we can to make a truly delicious cookbook. Recipes can include anything from cakes to preserves, breakfast to treats, snacks, sweets etc. Please email your delights and stories to sophiamundicookbook@gmail.com
Tatiana, Luisa and Paola

TERM 2 ADULT CLASSES AT SOPHIA MUNDI 2013
CRAFT CURRICULUM COURSE FOR ADULTS 2013
Tuesday evenings during school terms, 7-8.30pm $30 per week, materials included
Bookings/enquiries: Margaret Skerry marg.skerry@gmail.com
THE WINGED WORD: SPEECH CLASSES
for Teachers and Parents
with Riana (Eurythmy room)
Wednesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm
Booking/enquiries: Riana thewingedword@gmail.com
EURYTHMY CLASSES
for Parents & Friends
Tuesdays 9.30-10.15am
Commencing in Term 2
Cost: By donation (proceeds to the school)
Bookings: Leanne 0410 823 967

COMMUNITY NOTICES
ANTHROPOSOPHIC THERAPEUTIC TREATMENTS
Including Footbaths, Abdominal compresses and Liver compresses. Available every Friday afternoon during school term. Anthroposophic Treatments are prescribed in a series of 3 or 7 sessions after an initial consultation. The skin is the body’s largest organ of assimilation and elimination and as such the topical applications of substances used in Anthroposophical medicine can have a profound effect on one’s well being. All bookings and enquiries can be made via SMS or mobile call: Janie Bailey on 0412 863 741
Janie is a Division 1 Nurse, a Naturopath and has completed an Anthroposophical Health Consultant Training at the Goetheanum.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT - Walk to School
395 Johnston St (nr school)
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Short or long term
We are currently two Steiner parents occupying office space and we’d love to have more join us to run our businesses so conveniently close to our children, the Convent and parkland. Phone James: 0409 325 943

ABBOTSFORD CONVENT HOLIDAY PROGRAM
During the April school holidays the Abbotsford Convent is hosting a unique program of children’s activities presented by a range of Convent artists and creative practitioners. Children will be able to engage directly with the artists in a variety of creative areas including: Dance, writing, drawing, puppetry, painting, pottery, drumming, art & craft and drama. For a full program of activities please link to our webpage here: http://www.abbotsfordconvent.com.au/whats-on/school-holiday-program For further enquiries or to register please call 9415 3600 or email venues@abbotsfordconvent.com.au

MACHINE SEWING LESSONS
I have been a clothes-maker for 35 years and would be delighted to give sewing lessons to anyone in our school community, be it occasional, throughout term or during the school holidays. $40 per hour. I am also available to do alterations and repairs. Happy holidays everyone! Helen Bakowski (mother of Walter in class 10) 0402 417 538

COSTUME GARAGE SALE!
DATES: Wednesday 10th April & Thursday 11th April TIMES: 9AM - 5PM LOCATION: 23 ALLEN ST, MORELAND, 3058 (Cnr Cameron & Allen Streets, directly opposite the Moreland Train Station). The Children’s Performing Company of Australia is running out of room in its extensive wardrobe so we are having a garage sale. There will be sets of costumes in children’s and adult sizes at fantastically low prices. First in best dressed, cash or card only. No purchase orders accepted. Phone: (03) 9384 1644 Email: wardrobe@cpca.com.au

NANNY WANTED
Our family of four is looking for a nanny to help in our home with the care of our 2 and 6 year old daughters. We are a “waldorf family” and we would like to hire someone who would like to be a valued part of one. Start date is as soon as possible. Please contact us on smay208@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you. With blessings from our family to yours.
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