Dear Parents,

Today is the day that we say farewell to the Yr 12 students and that they say farewell to the school.

They step across from student to Alumni. This is always a significant moment in the senior student’s lives as they move out of the protective environment of the school and step into the world. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours and thank them for their contributions to the narrative of Sophia Mundi.

While we talk of the uncertain future and how schools prepare students for that unknown future we can reflect on the human qualities that we have developed over the years and how we can rely on these qualities to carry us confidently into our life story.

A special thank you, to the parents of these wonderful young individuals, who have invested in their educational journey and who have carried the trust in the school to facilitate this life experience.

Thank you also to the students themselves for their dedication and contribution to the nature of the school and the personal investment that they have made in their own abilities, talents and efforts.

Well done and congratulations on an incredible journey.

Go Well.

Goodbye Class 12!
The school has received official notification that the Government has raised the National Terrorism Public Alert from MEDIUM to HIGH based on the increased likelihood of a terrorist attack. In the light of this notification there are several things that the school needs to do to ensure the children’s safety and the communication of any changes to the emergency procedures.

**What does this mean for Sophia Mundi?**
- Changes to the Emergency Management Plan.
- Re-evaluation of Risk Assessment.
- Re-defining Risk Management.
- Induction processes for students, staff (including contractors) and parents

**When do these changes happen?**
- The process of accommodating these changes has begun
- There will be notifications of any procedures added to the Emergency Management Plan, published in the school newsletter.

When changes are introduced they will be communicated to the parent body via the school newsletter, the school website or a direct letter to the community.

In general I would ask everyone to just remain vigilant and report anything that may seem out of the ordinary. Any reports can be directed to myself or the front desk.

Norman.

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**School Raffle**

A special Thankyou to Cherie and Lisa for organising the Raffle, Cherie for all her time and effort in creating the beautiful Steiner toys for the first prize and Janet and Andrew for the fantastic second prize.

All the proceeds for the raffle go towards the farewell occasions for Class 12 (this year and future years).

Please help us to make these send offs as special as possible by supporting this wonderful fundraising opportunity. Happy Selling!

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**Class 9 Mt Stirling practice walk**

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**Donations needed!**

The school would like to call for any un-used gym equipment. Please see Norman for info.

As you all may know the school’s costumes have been relocated to their new home, but they are still lacking a few storage boxes. If you have any spare please donate them to the costume room, where they will live cosily and merrily amongst the colourful costumes. Thank you for your collaboration, Debi

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**Watch for snakes!** They are out and about on the bike path so please take extra care.
School Helper’s Corner

Please refer to previous newsletters for ongoing ways to help us!

Parent and Friend Association

Looking for a dynamic and energetic person to take on the role of school community activities co-ordinator for the PFA.

This role would see you planning, delegating and/or organising community activities for the school.

Activities held each year: Welcome BBQ/Picnic, Yr 12 PFA Luncheon, Children Christmas stall. Any other community activities that you would like to run that would benefit the community.

If you are interested or would like some more information about the role contact Deneille at pfa@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au or call 0412 275 782

The Transformation of Thinking, Feeling and Willing Through Steiner Education

Wednesday 29 October

7–9pm at Sophia Mundi Steiner School

Join us and share in light refreshments afterwards

About the Speaker: Lakshmi Prasanna (MBBS, DCH) has an Indian cultural background, where she spent 20 years practicing as a paediatrician and school doctor. She is now an international speaker on child development, education, health promotion through parent education and the benefits of the Steiner curriculum.

About the Speaker: Norman Sievers, Principal at Sophia Mundi School, grew up on a Bio Dynamic farm in the Bega Valley. His connection to Anthroposophy goes back three generations and he has been involved in Steiner schools in Australia and California over the passed 40 years, teaching both in primary and high school. Norman’s particular interest are in promoting and developing Steiner pedagogy in a modern and relevant context.

This event is sponsored by the Parents and Friends of Sophia Mundi to promote Health and Wellbeing in the community.

For further information contact:

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Spring Fair 2014

Please refer to the email from Jane for in depth details of the Spring Fair.

Only two weeks to go to the Fair - and plenty to do..... We need:

Your time - rosters are up on the canteen boards, as is the student performance timetable; please make sure you put yourself down for an hour, or more, if you can.

Frozen lemon juice - to make yummy lemonade

Cake, biscuits and slices - scrumptious home baked goods for our Coffee & Cake Stall

Donations for the Silent Auction - this can be a great fundraiser, but we need your contribution ASAP. If you have a business or know of a business that we could contact for donations, please let us know. We will have a display board for business cards & info at the fair and will also circulate a catalogue to the community before the fair. Should be a great promotional opportunity.

White Elephant - please start bringing in your high quality, used goods.

Silent Auction

We have an array of exciting things to be auctioned this year, including Yani’s hand-reared, twin Amazonian Pineapple Conure parrots, Winston and Charles.

See Reception or Evie for more info.

Positions Available

Administrative Coordinator

Maternity Leave Position

Minimum 6 months (with the possibility to be extended)
Approximately 20-25 hours per week
Beginning 12th January 2015

Must have Working With Children Check & First Aid
Experience Coordinating or Managing a Centre an advantage
(Certificate 3 or Diploma preferable)

Sessional Kindergarten Teacher

Long Service Leave Position – Terms 2 & 3

16th March to 18th September
Monday to Friday – 35.25 hours per week
(Monday preparation, Tuesday – Friday Programs)

Ideally we would like someone to work each Friday during Term 1 to get to know the children, kindergarten and program.

Must have a Department Recognised Kindergarten Teaching Qualification
Working with Children Check, First Aid

Applications Close Friday 31st October 2014

For more information and a position description please contact Kristy on 9417 2537
admin@littlesophiakindergarten.org.au
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Creative Speech in the Curriculum

3.30 – 5.00pm
Saturday the 25th of October 2014

A course for teachers, parents and those interested will take place once per term at Sophia Mundi Rudolf Steiner School.

Based on the work by Rudolf Steiner and Marie Steiner–von Sievers

Annika Andersdotter Jaensch

Annika graduated in Creative Speech and Drama from the Section for Oratory and Musical Arts at the Goetheanum 1973 and completed the Eurythmy Training at Aurora Australis, Melbourne in 2003.

She has worked continuously in the field of Creative Speech and Drama in Rudolf Steiner Education both therapeutically and artistically.

Venue: Sophia Mundi
Cost: $20

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Babysitter Available

Tess (Ella’s Sister!) is available for babysitting.
She is very flexible, can travel and is experienced.
Call her on 0450 251 452