

# Sophia Mundi Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 8, 2019

*Our vision is to educate individuals who can meet the future out of a sense of inner freedom and purpose.*



Greetings Parents & Community,

Term 4 is a very full term in the life of any school, and at Sophia Mundi there is an atmosphere of purposeful activity as we approach the end of the year. I have never worked at any other school

where the cultural life and outdoor education programme is so full to bursting. It is one of the reasons that I was so attracted to Sophia Mundi for my children and later, to teach. In the past two weeks there have been events on every day (evening and weekend). Some of my highlights have been visiting student on camp, the music concerts for Classes 3-6 and 9-11 and the rehearsals (Classes 7-10) for the eagerly anticipated Les Miserables.

As our wonderful director, Rohan Vicars communicated last night – “...the time has come at last! After a semester of striving, learning, making, building, singing, blocking and rehearsing, the time of the performances is here. Thank you all so much for your support up to now, especially those of you who have given your time regularly to make this mammoth project possible. The show has really brought the Middle School students together, and seeing the different year levels working, connecting, and striving with one another is a delight. If that was the only thing we had achieved, I would still consider the musical a success. We look forward to presenting our show. There are some truly gorgeous moments and I am excited to share it with you.”

Next week we are holding our transition day for new students who will be joining us next year. There are currently almost 40 new students and 12 International exchange students joining us during the course of 2020. Please welcome them into our vibrant community and create the spaces for all to flourish. In the last week of school we shall say farewell to friends leaving to begin their next journey. Once a student has experienced the vitality and love of our teachers, they carry their

Next Newsletter deadline: Wednesday 11 December.

SOME UPCOMING DATES: Please see our online website calendar

27-29 Nov CAMP: Class 3 Balnarring Beach

Thu 28 Nov - Les Misérables: Magdeline Laundries (Convent), 6pm

Fri 29 Nov - Les Misérables: Magdeline Laundries (Convent), 11am

Fri 29 Nov - Les Misérables: Magdeline Laundries (Convent), 6pm

2-7 Dec CAMP: Class 9 Bogong High Plains

Wed 4 Dec - Class 1 French Cafe, 9-9:30am

Wed 4 Dec - Class 7 Music Concert, School Hall, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Wed 4 Dec - Class 8 Music Concert, School Hall, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Thu 5 Dec - Student Transition Day, 8:45am - 3:25pm

Thu 5 Dec - Class 7 Tree Tops Excursion, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Mon 9 Dec - CAMP: Class 9 Beach Day

Mon 9 Dec - Class 4 French Play: Le Ballon Rouge, 10:15am & 3:15pm

Wed 11 Dec - Prep Last Day & Festival 11am - 1pm

Thu 12 Dec - Last Student Day of Term 4 (Cl 1-11)

Thu 12 Dec - Children's Christmas Market, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thu 12 Dec - Staff Christmas Performance, 4:30pm

Fri 13 Dec - All Staff Curriculum Day / Staff Conference

**2020 BOOK LISTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE  
FINALISE ORDERS BY 13 DECEMBER FOR DELIVERY**

Sophia Mundi experiences close throughout their lives. Alumni return with a very special light and affection for their cherished teachers. Human relationships are at the centre of our Steiner education.

Semester 2 Reports will be emailed to parents at the end of this Term.

Finally, this year, Sophia Mundi staff are offering a Community Gathering of singing festive songs rather than the Shepherds Play. Thursday, 12 December at 4:30pm in the School Eurythmy Hall. At Sophia Mundi we see this evening as a gift from the teachers to the children, the community and anyone who would like to attend.

Warmly, Fiona Cock – Principal



**Les Misérables**  
**Sophia Mundi Musical**

**Thursday 28 November, 6pm**

**Friday 29 November, 11am**

**Friday 29 November, 6pm**

[www.trybooking.com/576729](http://www.trybooking.com/576729)

# Spring Fair & Open Day

Our Class 2s did an amazing job organising the Silent Auction this year!

A special thanks to:

Blanka Dudas, Eranthi Kularatne, Ben Smith and Tanya Danaro for their assistance and dedication.

Our thanks must also go to the following sponsors who provided food/Silent Auction donations :



Our Open Day would not have been the success that it was without these donations!

# OPEN EURYTHMY CLASSES: 2-6 DECEMBER

Dear Parents - In Week 9 of this Term, you are invited to a week of Open Eurythmy classes from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th December.

This will be a small sharing of what the classes have been working on over the semester during Eurythmy. I hope that you will be able to join us and see the students moving some beautiful forms.

## Monday 2nd December:

Class 9 (ON CAMP)

Class 10 - 12:05 - 12:55pm

Class 8 - 1:45 - 2:35pm

Class 7 - 2:35 - 3:15pm

## Thursday 5th December:

Class 1 - 11:15 - 12pm

Class 2 - 12 - 12:45pm

Class 3 - 1:40 - 2:25pm

## Friday 6th December:

Class 11 - 10 - 10:50am

Class 4 - 11:15 - 12pm

Class 5 - 12 - 12:45pm

Class 6 - 1:45 - 2:30pm



## VEGGIE GARDEN NEWS

The garden has been a great source of inspiration for many children and teachers alike this term. The lunchtimes have been well spent digging, weeding, planting and harvesting. Our lunchtime Garden

Club has attracted a lot of attention. With all the abundant growth and greenery, it's hard to imagine the soil beneath.

We have undertaken major rehabilitation works and will be re-configuring the compost area. We have had a merry group of will-full students from across the school hacking away at the old posts, levelling off and landscaping (it has been said that a landscape gardener is a poet with a shovel).

Just as there is an art to using a shovel so some of us have become familiar with the art of swinging a pick axe and sledge hammer. The wheelbarrow loads have tested the most enthusiastic children and the new composts promise to bring utility and grace to our beloved vegetable garden.



We look forward to welcoming our new gardening person, Leia Wren in 2020. As mentioned in the newsletter, Leia is



coming to teach Science in the IB and among other important roles, will be joining us in the garden. We warmly welcome Leia and look forward to her fresh enthusiasm for gardening.

*Ramana Dean and Vicky Stock*

I'd like to add heartfelt thanks to Ramana Dean, Class 2 Teacher, for all his work this year in the Veggie Garden with the children and many lunch breaks given up to run the Garden Club. Lots of improvements have taken place in the landscaping of the garden with an exciting new compost system about to go in. Cheers also to Jude Walker and Aftercare plus all the School children who have helped out in the veggie patch over this year!

*Vicky Stock, Playgroup Leader*

## NATURE PLAYGROUP NEWS

Nature playgroup runs on Thursday and Friday mornings and this term the children and parents have been busy assembling 2 little red wheelbarrows for smaller people which the children have loved using. The children then set to work digging a big hole to install our maintenance free, in ground new worm farm. Morning tea scraps are happily collected and tipped into the new farm. More recently the children snipped mint sprigs very carefully with scissors to be tied into bundles, dried and added to other herbs to make pot pourri bags. The grandmother oak in the convent garden also continues to get lots of hugs and a simple cubby is emerging there. *Vicky Stock, Playgroup Leader*



## Accredited Certificate III & Diploma in Early Childhood with Steiner Education for educators and parents in Abbotsford!

With increased demand for quality Early Childhood learning environments - now is the time to become a Steiner Early Childhood Educator. The Certificate 3 and Diploma of Early Childhood provided by Organisational Learning Australia (government funded places available) is partnered with the Heart Spaces Early Childhood course run by Carol Liknaitzky offering a unique pathway for educators and parents in Steiner inspired early childhood development.

This unique opportunity includes face-to-face interactive training, 1.5 per week (Tuesday whole day and Saturday afternoons) in Abbotsford. It is led by an experienced team of facilitators in bush kinder and nature playgroups, creative movement and music, handcrafting, storytelling and Steiner's approach to personal and human development.

It is also possible to enrol for Heart Spaces Early Childhood Education only. Places are limited - Contact us now to discuss your involvement.

For more information (business hours)  
Carol (Heart Spaces) 0415 603 077  
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A journey of discovery and growth for Steiner school communities, including heads of schools, administrators, College members, faculty heads, teachers, board members and parents. Facilitated by David Liknaitzky

**Registrations now open for the 2020 program**  
(Four 3-day workshops over the course of the year)

*More information:*  
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*Registration:*  
[dliknaitzky@gmail.com](mailto:dliknaitzky@gmail.com) | 0415 529 120

## 2020 Term Dates

### Term 1

**Tues 28 Jan:** First student day, Classes 2 – 12  
**Wed 29 Jan:** First Day, Prep and Class 1 & Welcome Morning Tea  
**Thu 26 Mar:** Last Prep day & Prep Harvest Festival  
**Fri 27 Mar:** Last student day & Harvest Festival

### Term 2

**Wed 15 Apr:** First student day (Prep – 12)  
**Thu 18 Jun:** Last Prep day & Prep Winter Spiral  
**Fri 19 Jun:** Last student day & Winter Spiral

### Term 3

**Mon 14 July:** First student day (Prep – 12)  
**Tue 11 Aug:** Primary & Secondary Parent/ Teacher Interview Day  
**Thu 17 Sep:** Last Prep day & Prep Spring Festival  
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### Term 4

**Mon 5 Oct:** First student day (Prep – 12)  
**Sun 8 Nov:** Sophia Mundi Open Day & Spring Fair  
**Fri 11 Dec:** Last Prep day & Prep Summer Festival  
**Fri 11 Dec:** Last student day (Class 1 – 11) Christmas Market & Staff Performance

## CAMPION EDUCATION

**2020 Booklists & Resource lists are now available!**

Direct links are on the Sophia Mundi website under the CAMPION tab.

So that all students receive the required items on time -

**PLEASE complete your orders before the 13 December!**



**Children's Christmas Market Stall Registration Forms now available!**

Thursday 12 Dec, 3:30-4:30pm

