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The Messenger

TERM 2 WEEK 7 TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019

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*I seek within
The working of creative forces,
The life of creative powers.*

*Earth's gravity is telling me
Through the word of my feet,*

*Air's wafting forms are telling me
Through the singing of my hands,*

*And heaven's light is telling me
Through the thinking of my head,*

*How the great World in Man
Speaks, sings and thinks.
Rudolf Steiner*

To friends and families,

On Thursday afternoon/evening and Friday morning this week, the school is holding parent-teacher interviews. These interviews are a structured opportunity for you to get some feedback about your child from his or her teachers. The education process is incredibly complex and involves parents, students, teachers, peers, and the whole school community communicating. Having a structured opportunity – not just a passing playground/after school chat – means that the teacher is there and ready to hear your concerns or questions. If you do have something in particular that you would like to talk about

with your child's teacher, it can be useful to send them an email with questions or concerns outlined. This gives the teacher a chance to think about your child with these issues in mind – or to find resources or ask other teachers of your child for their ideas or to be present at the interview. Your input is vital to your child's education and we really value this opportunity to talk. Please make the time to 'make a time' with Sally so that we can make sure we talk to the parents of all our students.

In week 9, the whole school is looking forward to the solo music concerts. For some perhaps not the actual playing, but it is a lovely time for everyone to see students in a different light as they play their pieces. As a teacher, you sense an almost palpable feeling of the students in the audience supporting the players – no one laughs or gets impatient – the audience is 'there' for that student, willing them to find the note or to finish well. Everyone is happy for, and supportive of each player as they finish their piece and come off stage. It really is a very special experience and a part of our school culture to nurture and be proud of.

A school is a busy place and ours is no exception. Last week the students from P-6 enjoyed a visit from the opera and heard the story of 'The Barber of Seville'. We were lucky to be able to invite the Class 6 students from St Mary's to come along. They had morning tea with our Class 6's and then some play time together before the show. Being part of a community is very special and some of the reason, for many, as to why they love living in Mansfield.

Our school also participated in the second round (district competition) of the primary cross country running at Yea. Clare Bennetts took a group of students to compete and we now have 7 competitors going on to the next round (north eastern region) at Winton later in the month. Also, going on to their next round are the Year 8 soccer teams, both boys and girls, after their wins in the round robin events in Shepparton last week. Congratulations to all those involved in these events, whether you got through to the next round or not. Having a go is the most important thing!

Jacinta Walker
Deputy Principal

2019 - SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Term 2: Tuesday 23 April – Friday 21 June | |
| GV Water Presentation for Classes 1-6 | Thursday 6 June Sessions held during the school day |
| Secondary Cross Country YEA eligible students only | Thursday 6 June Details to be confirmed |
| Primary/Secondary Parent Interviews | Thursday 6 June <u>3.30pm – 7.00pm</u> |
| Primary/Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews | Friday 7 June 8.30am – 1.00pm |
| <u>PUPI FREE day</u> | |
| Queen's Birthday Public Holiday | <u>Monday 10 June</u> |
| Solo Music Concert Classes 3 & 4 | Tuesday 11 June 2.00pm |
| Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow | Tuesday 11 June 7.00pm |
| Solo Music Concert Classes 5 & 6 | Wednesday 12 June 2.00pm |
| Solo Music Concert Secondary 7, 8 & 9 | Thursday 13 June 7.00pm |
| Rosa Mundi Prep – Local Excursion to Botanic Gardens | Friday 14 June 11am – 1.30pm |
| Lantern Making Workshop in Melliodora Hall - \$5pp | Sunday 16 June 2pm – 4pm |
| Governance Meeting | Monday 17 June 6.30pm |
| Morning Star 3 y.o. Kindergarten Winter Festival | Wednesday 19 June 10am-12pm |
| Class 1 – 4 Winter Festival | Wednesday 19 June <u>6.45pm</u> children gather in the classroom – parents in the Melliodora Hall |
| Classes 5 – 9 Winter Festival | Thursday 20 June <u>6.45pm</u> children gather in the classroom – parents in the Melliodora Hall |
| EC Winter Festival | Friday 21 June 10am Morning Star 4 y.o. Kindergarten and Rosa Mundi |
| End of term 2 | Friday 21 June <u>3.20pm normal departure time</u> 3-week holiday break |
| Lantern Making Workshop at Farmers Market | Saturday 28 June 8.30am - 1.00pm |
| Lantern stall at Lantern Parade (come be part of the parade) | Saturday 28 June 5.00pm |
| Fran, Peter and Yr 10 students return from Slovenia | Saturday 28 June 5.50pm |
| Term 3: Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September | |
| Staff PD day | Monday 15 July |
| Students commence | Tuesday 16 July |
| Slovenian Night | Friday 19 July Details to come |
| Kindergarten and School Working Bee | Saturday 20 July 8am – 1pm |

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| Prep 1 & 2 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing | Monday 22 July 9am – 4pm |
| Governance Meeting | Monday 22 July 6.30pm |
| Class 5 Parent Information Night | Monday 22 July 7pm |
| Class 3 & 4 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing | Tuesday 23 July 9am – 4pm |
| Class 5&6/Years 7-9 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing | Wednesday 24 July 9am – 4pm |
| Class 6 Parent Information Night | Wednesday 24 July 7pm |
| Class 4 Parent Information Night | Monday 29 July 7pm |
| Prep Try Day | Tuesday 30 July 9 – 11.30am |
| Rosa Mundi Parent Information Night | Tuesday 30 July 7pm |
| Year 7 Parent Information Night | Wednesday 31 July 7pm |
| Rosa Mundi Prep Visit | Thursday 1 August |
| Class 1 Parent Information Night | Thursday 1 August 7pm |
| Class 5 Play Ramayana | Thursday 1 August 12pm 7pm |
| Census Day | Friday 2 August |
| EC Regional meeting in the preschool | Saturday 3 August TBC |
| Class 8&9 Parent Information Night | Monday 5 August 7pm |
| Class 2 Parent Information Night | Tuesday 6 August 7pm |
| Class 3 Parent Information Night | Wednesday 7 August 7pm |
| Year 7 Play – King Arthur | Thursday 8 August 12pm (TBC) and 7pm |

Stay up-to-date with all our events and date changes by subscribing to the 2019 Calendar...

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MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL
COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW
TUE 11 JUNE
MANSFIELD PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Hosted by Cal Wilson
with special guests Ben Knight, Dave Callan,
Nina Oyama & Lloyd Langford
COMEDYFESTIVAL.COM.AU/ROADSHOW

DON'T MISS OUT!!

Our annual school fundraiser is almost here and with a line-up of comedians sure to tickle anyone's funny bone, tickets are all but sold out! Today we have added a small number of extra seats to the seating plan and are **letting you know first**. If you haven't already got your tickets, **please book today!**

Tuesday 11 June 2019 at The PAC, Mansfield.
Doors open 7.00pm
Interval 8.25pm - 8.45pm
Show Ends 9.45pm

Tickets \$40+bf. **BOOK NOW:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BCGVH>

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: If you would like to help out on the night (especially if you hold an RSA), please contact Emma Wiking on 0419398183.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Rosa Mundi class has enjoyed their walks over the last few weeks to purchase fish for their classroom and to hear stories at the community library.

They have welcomed the addition of Stubby and Sam the fish to their classroom and are excited each day to see who has the job of feeding and caring for the fish.

The change in seasons has seen lots of wax rubbings with autumn leaves and the chilly mornings have meant that everyone has been



looking for their warm cozy slippers on arrival. The children have enjoyed playing by the fire in the morning and helping collect kindling on class walks.

Over the coming weeks, both classes will begin to prepare for our winter festival by welcoming King Winter to our Morning Circles.



PRIMARY

The primary school has been busy with lots of sport lately. Interschool cross-country was held last month. This was a fantastic day for Classes 3, 5 and 6. (Class 4 was in Melbourne on their city camp). We had nine students that managed to get through to the next round. Well done to everyone who participated. Students in classes 5 and 6 also had the opportunity to play soccer or netball last week in an Interschool competition.

The Barber of Seville was performed to the primary school by Opera Australia on Friday 30 May. This was a fantastic introduction to Opera and everyone was mesmerised by Opera Australia players - Simon, Eleanor, Rebecca and Josh, as they brought the play to life with their beautiful costumes and engaging performances.

Main lessons for the rest of the term include:

Writing words in sentences in Class 1

Form Drawing and Drama in Class 2

Time in Class 3

Fractions in Class 4

Ancient Persia in Class 5

Wonder and Wisdom of Words in Class 6



SECONDARY

Year Seven have dived into their Indigenous Australian Geography main lesson by exploring how Indigenous Australian's used Songline story maps, to navigate. They have been comparing these to traditional western maps and a western understanding of tectonics, mapping, and earth layers.

The Year 8 and 9s have started their Health and Nutrition main lesson, looking at the skeletal and muscular systems. From here they have explored the different energy systems that relate to the muscular system.

A select number of secondary students and primary students travelled to Warrenwood, and Little Yarra, to perform as part of the MSPO. Students had a fantastic time performing for students and teachers alike.

Last week, all students competed in Soccer or Badminton, in Shepparton or Euroa, respectively. All teams performed really well, with each team moving on to the next round, every student tried

their best and had a fantastic time.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

PREP - CLASS 6

15 minute interviews (Please keep to the allotted interview time)

Class teachers are available to speak with you at other times by arrangement, thank you.



THURSDAY 6 June: 3.30pm – 7.00pm

FRIDAY 7 June: 8.30am – 1.00pm (STUDENT FREE DAY)

Note: 4 yo Kindergarten – Please make an appointment with Taryn, thank you.

Secondary teachers will contact parents directly to make appointments.

OUR TEACHERS



LINDA SAMPSON
CLASS 3 TEACHER

Linda has been involved with Steiner education as a parent and a teacher for more than 20 years. After being a foundation parent of Mornington Park Steiner School, her family moved to Mansfield. She later joined the school as the Class 3/4 teacher in 2009.

Her passion to study Indonesian led her to live in Bali for 18 months. She returned to the school as the Class 5 & 6 teacher and is now currently teaching Class 3.

"It is a privilege to teach and travel with the children during their journey through their primary years. I never get tired of the beauty of the school and the surrounding area."



MSPO Tour

The Mansfield Steiner Performance Orchestra visited Little Yarra and Warranwood Steiner schools to share our exciting and powerful contemporary and classical repertoire.

Vincent from Warranwood wrote, "I had so many positive comments from parents and teachers who witnessed yesterday. One of the many highlights was playing our County down trick on the audience where we deliberately play out of tune and screechy before we blast the piece with scintillating speed and accuracy at the start of the Performance. Students also played footy, basketball, dodge ball,

and soccer... to be honest, it was a music/sports tour."

Students learned to play music from the other music programs and experienced the different styles and ethos of each school. Steiner schools represent the environments that they are part of and this gives each school a unique signature.

Howard Chaston
Music Coordinator



SOLO MUSIC CONCERTS

Class 3-9 students and music teachers warmly invite you to their annual solo music concerts.

Join us as students perform a variety of traditional, classic and contemporary music for your listening enjoyment.

Class 3 & 4 - Tuesday 11 June at 2.00pm

Class 5 & 6 - Wednesday 12 June at 2.00pm

Year 7 - 9 - Thursday 13 June at 7.00pm



SCHOOL WINTER FESTIVALS

Class 1-4 Wednesday 19 June 7pm

Class 5-9 Thursday 20 June 7pm

Morning Star & Rosa Mundi Friday 21 June 10am

As a universal symbol, the spiral/labyrinth appears cross-culturally throughout history dating some 4,500 years. Today the meaning usually associated with the 'midwinter' spiral is that it symbolises finding light in the darkness. Steiner says: "When mid-winter arrives, a turning point is reached. The light increases, days grow longer and nature reawakens. So the birth of the light at this time has been celebrated since the times when the light became the symbol of revelation in the world and man".....*a candle in the center of the*

spiral, and the light increasing as the flame of each child's candle is lit. The double spiral indicates the end of one journey and the beginning of another, at mid-winter we recognise the balance of the earth's rhythm; the pause between the in-breath (contraction) and the out-breath (expansion)....

...the children walk the spiral in, pause – light their candle, and then they walk the spiral out.

It can be a meditative experience to watch each child walk the spiral, lending your quiet presence in support of this journey into the darkness and out with the light.



CRAFT CLASSES

All classes have been working diligently on their craft through terms 1 and 2, and great excitement is expressed as students start to finish their projects. Every day this past week, I have had students approach me in the yard and excitedly tell me they have finished their scarf, or music bag or their weaving. It is very important that we as a community acknowledge their effort and celebrate the finished products, as craft is about making useful, functional beautiful products that we work on over time, and enjoy using the



finished product.

Prep children are making pillows for rest time, the children are learning how to thread needles, tie knots and embroider their name on their cushion. After this project children will be working on their library bags for their borrowed library books.

Class 1 are coming to the end of sewing their recorder bags. The finished products are hanging in their room awaiting the fairies of music to deliver their recorders. The next project for this class will be their craft bags so they will have somewhere to put their balls of wool and needles when they start knitting. If any Class 1 parents

are available on Wednesday afternoons next term, we would all be very grateful. If you can't knit here is your chance to learn!

Class 2 have been knitting for two terms. Nearly all the children have knitted a scarf from their toes to their nose. Students then knit a pair of slippers that are worn during those cold winter days in the classroom. Their next project will be a craft bag and a needle/scissor bag for their own craft equipment.

Class 3 have been very productive this semester in their craft. All the students have finished their craft bags and are now working on their music bag. A music bag involves weaving a pocket and embroidering various stitches on to hessian which is then sewn into a bag to carry their music sheets. In term 3, Class 3 will be learning to crochet.

Class 4 students have been learning to cross stitch and are aiming to create a fountain pen holder for their pens when they receive their pen licence. These pen holders are a long project that requires dedication to get the job finished. Please have a conversation with your Class 4 child about their project and how it is coming along.

Class 5 are making elephants as an extension of their India Main Lesson. Students have drawn a pattern and cut out their elephants in white felt. This is then dyed and sewn together. Students then will embroider and decorate a blanket that covers the back of the elephant and the elephant's head. We are looking forward to our herd of coloured elephants on display in the classroom

Class 6 students are using geometric shapes as inspiration to design a book cover. Students have dyed a cover and will sew on an embroidered design to this cover. We will then make paper and put our book together. This is an extension of the Egyptian main lesson. The next project for this class will be to make a doll and to sew or knit the clothes for the doll. This is a difficult project and if there are any parents who would like to learn how to make dolls and help the students with this project please contact me.

Lou Jenkins
Craft teacher

Photo: Class 3 students very proudly showing their handmade craft pouches that will hold all their craft items.



RECONCILIATION

Last Thursday we were fortunate to have a visit from Alana, who is of Torres Strait Islander descent and who presented a Wayapa workshop for Classes 2 to 6 in the Galinbirem room.

Wayapa is an indigenous mindfulness program reverencing the 14 elements through a practise of visualisation and movement and reconnecting us to the earth.



LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

As the days grow shorter and colder, excitement is building for the annual Mansfield Lantern Parade coming up on Saturday, June 22.

This year Mansfield Steiner School is thrilled to be supported by Mansfield Shire Council to provide a number of All Ages Lantern Making Workshops.

On **Sunday, June 16, 2-4pm, Mansfield Steiner School** will be



hosting a family-friendly craft afternoon at the school's **Melliodora Hall**.

On **Saturday, June 22, 8.30am-1.00pm**, Mansfield Steiner will also be running a Lantern Workshop stall at the **Mansfield Farmers Market**.

With all materials provided and no bookings required, the cost of the workshop will be an affordable \$5 per person.

These fun and informal workshops will provide a great and affordable activity for the whole family, whilst offering the opportunity to make your own beautiful lantern ahead of the parade.

And for those who can't make it down to one of the workshops, Mansfield Steiner School will be selling a limited number of lanterns ahead of the **evening's parade in the main street of Mansfield from 5pm**.



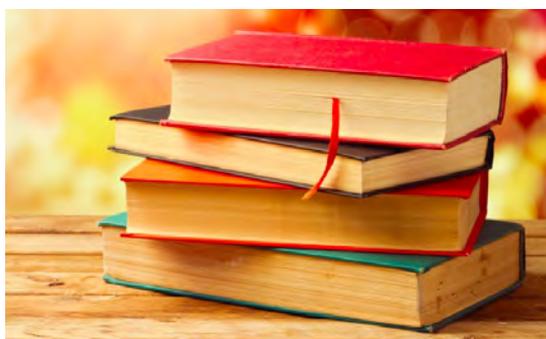
CLASS 6 BUSINESS MATHS

Fundraising for Borneo Orangutans.

Please put your orders in for reusable grocery bags.
Hand made by Isobel Wright.

\$2 for one or \$8 for five.

Please email:
clareb@mrssk.vic.edu.au



PONDERING STEINER

We will gather on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start for our reading group.

There is no requirement of reading aloud nor homework. All welcome!

Shop 5, 12 High Street, Mansfield
Enquiries to: Janina 0421812881 or Ishe 0488 259 571.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY DATES

Please join us for our school assembly on Fridays at 2.45pm...

Friday, June 14 - Class 1 performance

Friday, June 21 - Class 6 performance

The Governance Committee (GC) held its first meeting since the Annual General Meeting, at this meeting officer bearers were appointed to the vacant positions as below.

- President – Sarah Lieber
- Vice President – John Bowen
- Treasurer – Tim Ross
- Secretary – Scott Ersvaer

We thank Maaik Steiner for her contribution to the Governance Committee over the past 2 years. We also welcome Rosemary Brennan who has been nominated to join the Governance Committee and brings with her a wealth of Governance and Financial experience from many previous board appointments.

During this meeting, the committee also appointed GC representatives to school mandate groups as below.

- Marketing - Peter Valerio and Sarah Lieber
- Gardens & grounds – Catherine Yencken
- Policy mandate – John Bowen & Andy Stokes
- SFC – Tim Ross & Sarah Lieber
- PST – John Bowen & Andy Stokes
- P & F – Catherine Yencken

These members will be the GC representative at the mandate group meetings and provide feedback to the Governance Committee.

INFORMATION SECURITY

Parents – Information security – Mansfield Steiner School

"Australian businesses reported more than 5800 scams with losses exceeding \$7.2 million in 2018, a 53 percent increase compared to 2017, according to the ACCC's [Targeting scams report](#).

Much of this increase is due to the \$3.8 million reported lost to sophisticated 'business email compromise' scams. When combined with losses reported to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network, these scams cost Australian businesses over \$60 million.

"Scammers are hacking business email systems and impersonating the intended payment recipient. The scammers request changes to bank account details so that the business makes the payment to the scammer instead of the legitimate business," ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh said."

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news/australian-businesses-hit-hard-by-email-scams>

- If you receive an email regarding a change of the School bank account details for payment of fees, please do not respond to the email.
 - The school if required to change bank account details will advise in writing(physical letter to parents)
- Payment of school fees will be to the nominated bank account, do not respond to offers that provide further discounts to fees if a prompt payment is made.
- Please do not send credit card details via email.

CAMP, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like; school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs AND excursions and incursions. Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (end of term 2). You can apply if you are a family holding a valid means-tested concession card or are temporary foster parents. There are two criteria that must be met, please visit the website [HERE](#) for all the details.

PARENT RESOURCE PAGE

We now have a [Parent Resource page on our NEW WEBSITE](#). Please take a moment to find your child's Class page and access all the resources now available to you in one place.

For further news and information please follow the links below...

[LIBRARY DAYS](#)

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COMMUNITY NOTICES...



InspiredHot Water for your Home!

Renewable Energy Mansfield (REM) and our partners are supporting the residents of Mansfield to access high quality and competitively priced hot water with both CO2Heat Pumps and Evacuated Tube Solar Hot systems. REM has secured support that should allow residents of Mansfield accessing high-quality



energy-saving hot water units at a significantly subsidised rate (approximately \$1000) reduction of the cost of standard installations).

REM are working in cooperation with suppliers and two local plumbers to bring this initiative to Mansfield, which is available for a limited time only. They will be running an information session on the 5 June from 7-8pm at the Delatite Hotel for all those interested in learning more about this offer as well as energy innovation in general.

A large percentage of our electricity bills goes towards heating our hot water, and if you have a solar photovoltaic system then these heat pumps can be installed to use excess energy during the middle of the day, thereby reducing the amount of energy you export whilst offsetting the cost of heating your hot water. Essentially this is a physical battery!

This offer will also assist people who may not be able to commit to, or have, solar PV systems on their roofs, as you will still make savings on your electricity bill. Interested? Come along and find out more – June 5th at the Delatite Hotel or contact Kerstie Lee on landcare@up2us.org.au or 5779 1593.

MURRINDINDI & MANSFIELD

Coffee & Chat or Walk & Talk Groups

Tuesday 21st May - Kinglake, Cappa Rossi
Tuesday 28th May - Yea, Walk & Talk followed by Marmalades
Friday 31st May - Mansfield, Café Forty One
Tuesday 4th June - Marysville, Walk & Talk followed by Fragas
Tuesday 11th June - Alexandra, Essence Cafe

All groups start at 9.30am
All details and RSVP's essential to coordinator@inspiredcarers.org.au or call 0497 483 319

The Strengthening Parent Support Program provides Coffee & Chat / Walk & Talk groups as an opportunity for parents / carers who have a child with a disability to come together, share experiences and learn in a supportive environment.



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| SATURDAY 8 JUNE | 9AM TO 5PM |
| SUNDAY 9 JUNE | 10AM TO 3PM |



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Please phone our intake service Child FIRST on **1800 705 211**

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