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## The Messenger

TERM 3 WEEK 5 TUESDAY 13 AUG 2019  
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To friends and family,

My son is studying his Masters of Environmental Science. He is passionate about the environment and angry about the state of the world. On Friday night he arrived home and raged about the lack of any real action on climate change. He likes to blame our generation for the cataclysmic situation. It was difficult to participate in the discussion either in agreement or opposition as there was no break in his diatribe. When there was a tiny sliver of opportunity to join the monologue, I asked him what his housemates thought about the environment. He had no idea what they thought about anything political. I later said it is a great way to discourage others from joining the cause if he didn't listen and only lectured.

The discussion then became calmer and we talked about the skill of listening, about the abundance of talking and the dearth of listening in the world. Everyone wants to be heard but for any conversation to be fruitful, no matter how robust the discussion there needs to be active listening and considered responses.

How many times do we hear, "It's political correctness gone mad!" I often feel we need to listen to those who have experienced abusive, sexist, racist or any sort of hateful or discriminatory comments directed at them to really know why we need to be mindful about how we speak and what we say.

In a world where people walk around with headphones, earbuds or phones glued to ears, there is not a lot of listening to what is happening in nature or in the immediate environment. Conversation can only be balanced when the participants are willing to hear each other. We model good listening to our children, we need to take time to listen to their stories, ask the questions which need to be asked, find out information and respond before reacting. We don't necessarily have to agree. The only time we shouldn't listen, is when a little voice tells us not to get up in the morning because it's too cold.

*Speak your truth quietly and clearly;  
and listen to others,  
even the dull and the ignorant;  
they too have their story.*

Fran Cummins  
Principal

### 2019-SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Term 3: Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September</b>	
Prep 1 & 2 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing	Monday 12 August 9am – 4pm
Class 3 & 4 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing	Tuesday 13 August 9am – 4pm
Class 5, 6 & Years 7-9 Mt Buller Downhill Skiing	Wednesday 14 August 8am – 5pm
Secondary Interscholar sport 7, 8&9 Shepparton	Thursday 15 August 8.30am – 3.20pm
Parent & Friends gathering at the Melliodora Hall	Thursday 15 August 3.30pm
Class 1 Parent Information Night	Thursday 15 August
Prep Bindaree Visit	Thursday 22 August
Vic Steiner Schools staff PD day at MRSS	Friday 23 August <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Yr 8 & 9 Northern Territory Camp with Remote Tours	Monday 26 August to Sunday 1 September
Governance Meeting	Monday 26 August 6.30pm
Year 7 Round Robin B'ball Seymour	Thursday 29 August details <b>TBC</b>
Class 2 Play – <i>St George and the Dragon</i>	Thursday 29 August 12pm and 7pm
Secondary Athletics Eligible students	Tuesday 3 September details <b>TBC</b>
Class 6 Kids Teaching Kids	Tuesday 10 September details <b>TBC</b>
Daisy Sampson & Steiner Secondary Bands present Bandy	Thursday 12 September at Mansfield Hotel 7pm
Class 6 Play – Julius Caesar	Thursday 19 September 12pm and 7pm
EC Spring Festival	Friday 20 September 10am-12pm
School Spring Games (during the school day)	Friday 20 September
Last day of Term 3	Friday 20 September 2.20pm departure
Governance Meeting	Monday 23 September 6.30pm
<b>Term 4: Tuesday 8 October – Friday 11 December</b>	
Staff PD day	Monday 7 October
Kindergarten and School commences	Tuesday 8 October
Yr 7 2 Immunisation session	Monday 14 October
Prep to Class 1 Transition day	Tuesday 15 October
Cricket Victoria Class 5&6	Tuesday 15 October
Year 8 Projection Presentations	Wednesday 16 October 7pm
Cricket Victoria Class 3&4	Wednesday 16 October
Ancient Dances-Classical String Music Concert	Saturday 19 October Melliodora Hall 7pm
Year 8&9 Twelfth Night	Thursday 24 October
Open Day Preparation day <b>STUDENT FREE</b>	Friday 25 October
<b>SCHOOL OPEN DAY</b>	Saturday 26 October
Governance Meeting	Monday 28 October 6.30pm
Kinder to Prep Transition session	Tuesday 29 October
Prep to Class 1 Transition session	Tuesday 29 October
Class 5 play – Ramayana	Thursday 31 October

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## SCHOOL SKI PROGRAM

### **Mt Stirling 9am - 4pm**

Prep 1 & 2 Monday 12/8  
Classes 3 & 4 Tuesday 13/8  
Prep 1 & 2 Monday 19/8  
Prep 1 & 2 Monday 26/8

### **Mt. Buller 8am - 5pm**

Class 5 - Yr 9 Wednesday 14/8



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

In the kindergarten, the children are enjoying all the features of winter. There have been many busy fingers manipulating scissors to make snowflakes, What a surprise when they are unfolded and just like the real ones, no two are the same.

The Prep children have enjoyed exploring the snowy environment of Mt Stirling and learning new skills of balance, persistence and resilience.

In the Morning Star garden, the children have been helping to weave a large basket. We have enjoyed the story of 'The spider weaver'. More weaving will be done with the arrival of a weaving frame in the garden. Children will pass 'in and out the window' as they work together to make a cloth.

**Kindergarten 2020: We need to confirm our class numbers for next year. Current playgroup and 3 y.o kindergarten parents please let Jane and Sandi know if you intend for your child to continue with 3-year-old or 4-year-old kindergarten next year, thank you.**



## PRIMARY

Class 1 have been learning about the birds that live near our school as part of a winter main lesson. We are looking at the habitats they live in and the changes we see around the school as winter draws to a close (although you wouldn't know it given the weather at the moment). We are learning the SMART spelling process as well as writing in our journals.

Class 2 is busy learning their lines and practising for their class play, St. George and the Dragon. The children are enjoying skiing and have improved upon their skills from last year.

Class 3 completed their money main lesson and had a very successful lunchtime stall. They have begun an English main lesson based on various myths and legends from around the world. The

children will be concentrating on grammar, spelling and punctuation while creating their own stories. All the children are making terrific progress with their cross-country skiing, building on their stamina and skills. The class has begun crocheting for craft and already there is a frenzy of crochet hooks whipping up chains of wool.

Class 4 continue to hear and write the myths of the Norse people. We have all been captivated by the detail and complexity of the tales and of course by the ferocity and fearsomeness of the gods. We are constructing shields at the moment and will then turn our hand to sword making. The students are designing their shields to incorporate Norse runes as well as colour schemes

and designs used by the Vikings. We will then begin working on our play, 'The Death of Baldr.'

Class 5 skied to the Cricket Pitch together on their last day at Mt Stirling using all their herringbone and pizza-making skills in the variable conditions. It was a terrific effort and you could see their sliding experience held them in good stead for their first-class trip to Mt Buller where many took up the challenge of snowboarding and by the end of the day were confidently feathering down Bourke St. Thanks to our parent helpers for making the day run smoothly.

Class 6 had a fantastic camp out at the Jenkins/Cassels farm last Thursday night. As soon as the sun went down, we started stargazing and were lucky enough to have John Eisner visit and set up his telescope. It was so powerful that we could see Saturn and its rings and Jupiter with all four Galilean moons. Thank you to John as well as Lou, Charlie, Jess and Charlie for welcoming us into your home. The next two main lessons for this term are Geology and our class play: Julius Caesar.



## SECONDARY

*"Just do what must be done. This might not be happiness, but it is greatness"*

George Bernard Shaw

The secondary students are in the process of being held tightly to the commitment of using their diaries and completing homework. They are all practising using this tool of organisation to help create accountability, responsibility and ultimately the freedom that flows thereafter. Teenagers have a great desire for freedom but with that freedom comes responsibility. This is the overarching lesson that the secondary students are learning at the moment via the use and presentation of their diaries.

The Year 7s are exploring Health and Nutrition in main lesson. They are considering what is a 'healthy lifestyle' and the balance that is required for this. They will enjoy learning about deficits of health in both the circulatory and respiratory systems and consider the concept of addiction. Hygiene, routine and healthy habits will be discussed.

The Year 8 and 9s are enjoying their History main lesson on the Industrial Revolution. They are considering the impact that manufacturing has had on the world and how it has changed as a result. The impacts on transport, invention, discovery and social inequality will be discussed. It also provides students with a chance to become politically minded.

The Year 10s are in some ways reflecting on their time away in their Rome to Renaissance Main Lesson in Art. They are exploring the major contributors like Michaelangelo, da Vinci, Raphael, and Donatello and the realism achieved in their paintings and sculptures during that time. Having travelled to Florence in Term two this main lesson will no doubt enable the students to continue to understand the magnitude of their experience and learn from their term away.



## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who attended their child's parent information night. The class teachers welcome the opportunity to gather with parents to discuss the year's progress, and we appreciate the time you make to do this.

**Class 1 parents**, we look forward to seeing you this Thursday night in your child's classroom - **Thursday 15 August Class 1 at 7.00pm.**

## OUR TEACHERS



### LOUISE JENKINS

CRAFT / BOTHMER GYM TEACHER

Lou has many roles at the school. She is Class 5 teacher on a Monday. She teaches fine motor skills in Craft to all the Primary classes and gross motor skills to the upper classes in Bothmer Gym. Lou loves all things outdoors especially surfing, horse riding and camping.

“Teaching at Mansfield Steiner allows me to teach to the whole child”.



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# Spring Fair & Open Day

SAT 26 OCT 10am- 3pm  
FOOD | GAMES | MUSIC | MARKET STALLS

**SONG WRITING COMPETITION –**  
Entries for Open Day's annual Song Writing Competition are now open for ages 12-18. Visit the website for details.

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## CALLING ALL SONG WRITERS!!!

Mansfield Steiner School is inviting promising young musicians from near and far (ages 12 – 18), to enter their own compositions to our annual Song Writing Competition. The finalists will be invited to perform on stage at our Spring Fair/Open Day in front of special guest music industry judges, to battle it out for some great prizes.

Prizes include a recording package at Summit View Sound studio and a mentorship session to help further your music career aspirations and more.

Sing or play. On your own, with a band, acoustic backing, rapping, looping, show us how creative you can be. We can't wait to see.

Closing date is October 11th so start writing and enter now!!

To **ENTER** register your interest by emailing [info@msssk.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@msssk.vic.edu.au)



## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Any parent or friend wanting to help make decorations for the children, there are kits in the office that need to be sewn and returned by Monday 18 November (all decorations need to be returned by this time for wrapping prior to festivals).

Please help us prepare these gifts...We have triple packs, pointy packs, day off packs, variety packs, winged packs, day off packs and mega packs.....something for everyone depending on your availability.

Thank you to Craft Group for cutting out all the decorations so that packs could be prepared for sewing and gifting at the end of the year.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS - CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group will meet each

Tuesday, 9.30am

at Eileen Wettenhall's, 8 Links Road, Mansfield.

All skills levels catered for.

Please bring reading glasses and scissors if you have any.

Enquiries to Eileen: 0488555952.



## SUSTAINABILITY

Bread bag tags can't be properly recycled and are ending up in landfill, causing harm to our native wildlife and wreaking havoc on the marine environment. However, a charity called *Bread Tags For Wheelchairs* is reusing them for wonderful things!

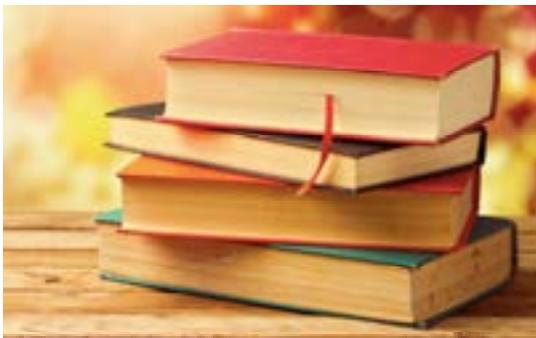
You can drop off ALL your bread tags to Marks SUPA IGA Mansfield or The Produce Store, Mansfield. Also at The Giddy Goat Cafe Yarck on your way past!

Collect your bread tags and register your workplace (school, hospital or business) as a collection point in the region (monthly).

Recommend to a CAFE or business that uses loads of these, and would be interested to collect them.

The Climate Action Group Mansfield Region are keen to include Mansfield, Yea and Yarck as local collection points (and remove these valuable items from landfill.)

The children receiving the wheelchairs from the sale of these repurposed items will be forever grateful.....



## 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 CLASS PERFORMANCE DATES

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

Friday 16th August - Class 2

Friday 23rd August - Curriculum day

Friday 30th August - Class 1

Friday 6th September - Class 6

Friday 13th September - Class 5

Friday 20th September - No assembly Spring Games/Early departure.

## 2020 TERM DATES

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January Staff PD day

**Wednesday 29 January students commence.**

Last day of term: Friday 27 March - early departure time, 2 week holiday.

Term 2: Tuesday 14 April Staff PD day

**Wednesday 15 April students commence.**

Last day of term: Friday 19 June - normal departure time, 3 week holiday.

Term 3: Monday 13 July Staff PD day.

**Tuesday 14 July students commence.**

Last day of term Friday 18 September - early departure time, 2 week holiday.

Term 4: Monday 5 October Staff PD day.

**Tuesday 6 October students commence.**

Last day of term: Thursday 10 December - normal departure time, 6 week holiday.

## SCHOOL ENTRY: TRAFFIC FLOW

Please follow the traffic directions at front of school. Entry to the school is one way. Departure from the school is a left turn onto the service road, thank you.

## END OF FINANCIAL YEAR:

Building fund donation receipts for the end of the financial year have recently been sent out, if you have not received yours please contact the office.

Donations towards the school building fund are tax-deductible and critical to the growth of the school as we continue to expand the facilities and cater for additional year levels.

**THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** (GC) meet on the Fourth Monday of each month, 6.30pm in the staff room.

**President** – Sarah Lieber

**Vice President** – John Bowen

**Treasurer** – Tim Ross

**Secretary** – Scott Ersvaer

Peter Valerio, Catherine Yencken, Andy Stokes, Rosemary Brennan

## PARENT RESOURCE PAGE

We now have a [Parent Resource page on our 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](#)

[STUDENT MOBILE PHONES](#)

[SUNSCREEN](#)

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES...**

Little Yarra Ensemble

# FAREWELL CONCERT

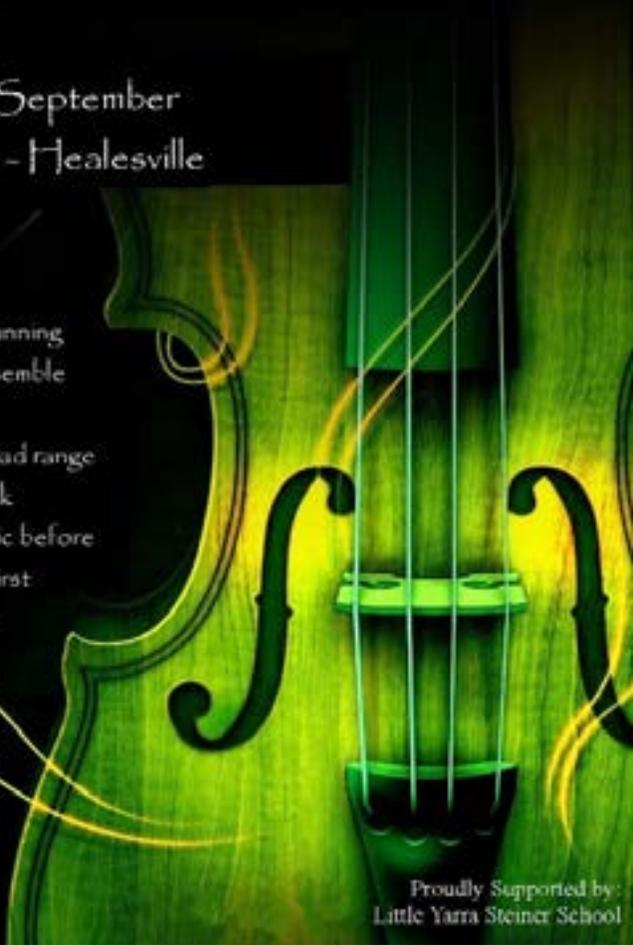
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Friday 6th September  
The Memo - Healesville

Featuring the stunning  
Little Yarra Ensemble  
music students  
performing a broad range  
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European Tour

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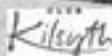
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12TH OCTOBER 2019

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## **Music Connects the World Concert 2019**

**Expressions of interest  
are now open!**

With the aim of raising awareness for refugees and asylum seekers amongst the youth and the local community, Youth for Refugees is organising the next 'Music Connects the World' Concert, scheduled to take place in Mansfield in November 2019!

Please express your interest in participating in this fundraiser by signing up at the Mansfield Secondary College, the Mansfield Rudolf Steiner School or at the Mansfield Library.

**Limited places available!**

Individuals, chamber groups, small bands and small orchestras are all welcome!

*For any more information, please email:  
[youthforrefugees@outlook.com.au](mailto:youthforrefugees@outlook.com.au)*

## MURRINDINDI & MANSFIELD

### Coffee & Chat or Walk & Talk Groups

Tuesday 13th August - Kinglake, Cappa Rossi

Tuesday 20th August - Yea, Walk & Talk followed by Marmalades

Friday 30th August - Mansfield, Cafe Forty One

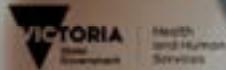
Tuesday 3rd September - Marysville, Walk & Talk followed by Fragas

Tuesday 10th September - Alexandra, Essence Cafe

All groups start at 9.30am

All details and RSVPs essential to [coordinator@inspiredcarers.org.au](mailto: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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