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MARGARET E. LYTTLE FOUNDATION

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The Margaret E. Lyttle Foundation was established in 2008 together with the Margaret E. Lyttle Fund for the primary purpose of raising money to look after Margaret Lyttle. The Foundation is a tax exempt charity and donations are tax deductible.

In that same year the Margaret E. Lyttle Oration was instituted with Peter Singer as the inaugural orator. This annual oration was conceived of as an occasion for the Preshil family, past and present, to hear a prestigious Preshilian speak and, at the same time, to raise funds for the care of Margaret.

In late 2009 Margaret’s guardians (Ray Magid and Michael Meere) decided that it was necessary for Margaret to leave her home at Arlington and be placed in care at the Victoria Gardens Aged Care Home in Hawthorn. They have also been able to secure for her the age pension. This leaves an annual cost of $16,000 for the Foundation to provide.

In the past year an archivist has done an initial sorting-out of Margaret’s books and papers. We now have a detailed summary of her papers and a listing of her books.

The archivist has affirmed the importance of preserving and maintaining the book collection. It is our wish to continue this work on a part-time basis, and pay the expenses for it out of what is left over after Margaret’s needs have been met. The importance of clarifying the legacy of the past cannot be overstated. Both the Lyttle women were pioneers of child observation and pedagogical approaches that were novel in their day and continue to move in and out of vogue according to the educational/political climate of the times. There is much work to be done on uncovering and assessing their combined contribution to Australian education from the time that Greta Lyttle began practising the principles of Froebel in early childhood education.

As Margaret’s papers are inevitably intertwined with the archives of Preshil the long term vision is to assist Preshil with its archiving and eventually to integrate Margaret’s archives with the Preshil archives. In addition we are in discussion with Preshil over an area within the Arlington house to be set aside as a storage and working space for the archives and a part-time archivist. Preshil will use the sitting room and dining room for school purposes and the intention is to keep Margaret’s book collection in the sitting room in new glass fronted bookcases.

We would like to raise $80,000 over the next two years in order to accomplish both goals — that of Margaret’s care and the work of an archivist.

Since Peter Singer’s inaugural oration we have been edified and entertained by Nicolette Fraillon, Music Director and Chief Conductor of the Australian Ballet, and Gideon Boaz, Associate Professor of Law at Monash University.

This year we are delighted to welcome Rachel Nordlinger as our 4th annual orator.

On November 20th 2012 Margaret will have her 100th birthday. We are planning that, in addition to the annual oration, we will host some group forums on the educational vision of Margaret and her Aunt Greta and the creative and novel character of their approach to children.

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**THE MARGARET E. LYTTLE ORATION**

As a celebration of Margaret E. Lyttle’s extensive contribution to education, the Foundation has much pleasure in hosting the Margaret E. Lyttle Oration. In this annual event, all those who have an affiliation with Margaret’s work are cordially invited to partake in the sharing of ideas and lively debate offered by past alumni recognized for their significant contributions to society.

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