

# NEWS FLASH

**Beechworth Montessori has new vision and plans to move to purpose built centre by 2012**

## STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

Last Saturday, eighteen enthusiastic parents and staff met with Sue Benedyka from the Regional Development Company to put together a strategic plan for the next five years of BMCG's growth. The plan was needed because we are facing some critical issues with regard to our future location, finances, name and logo and how we present ourselves to the wider community.

After much robust discussion we have a new vision and mission statement.

### Our vision is

“A child focused, sustainable Montessori Learning Centre” which aims to create a dynamic learning environment that supports each child in their learning journey.

We also decided to change the name of the organisation to simply Beechworth Montessori, develop a new logo and move to new premises in Beechworth by the beginning of 2012.

Strategies were developed during the day to achieve our vision and work will now commence on developing a branding and marketing plan and on relocating to a purpose built centre.

Thank you to those who contributed their time and ideas on the day, gave opinions fearlessly and worked hard to develop the strategic plan. The energy and commitment in the room felt similar to when we decided to open a school so please join us; however you can, in the next development phase of Beechworth Montessori.

Two sub-committees are being formed – **Future Location and Branding & Marketing** and meetings are being held **Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> in the cycle 2 room at 7.30pm.**

If you have any interest and skills in making things happen in these two areas, please contact:

**Future Location** - Rachel Bohm [rddesignsplus@bigpond.com](mailto:rddesignsplus@bigpond.com) or 0427 403 926

**Branding & Marketing** – Jade Miles [jademiles@greenergrass.net.au](mailto:jademiles@greenergrass.net.au) or 0418 520 554

# BEECHWORTH MONTESSORI

## WORKING BEES 2009

This year we intend to run the working Bees in a slightly different format. A list will be circulated before the working bee containing the jobs needing to be completed. These will be divided into three different areas.

1. **Carpentry**
2. **Landscaping/gardening**
3. **Cleaning**

A master list will be on display in the entrance where you can sign your name against a specific job. This will allow you to bring from home any equipment that may be needed to complete these jobs successfully.

With the **carpentry category** we are asking for volunteers to join a subcommittee so that not only can works be completed at the working bee, but if urgent maintenance jobs come up during term we can contact subcommittee members, on a rotational basis, to attend to a job. This hopefully will take the pressure off those few members of our community who have so graciously been the go-to in the past. The more on the list that can use a drill and have a can-do attitude when it comes to old buildings would be great. Please contact either Anne Duncan on 5728 6713 or Karen Hayes on 5728 2881 to register your interest.

Any attendance at working bees will contribute towards the maintenance levy redemption.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on this Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Working Bee – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

### **JOBS LIST**

#### **CLEANING**

- ❖ Cycle one Emerald cleaning the kitchen wall and floor area
- ❖ Sweeping the kinder play area along verandahs on both sides
- ❖ Sweeping all pathways for entrance to school
- ❖ Sweeping all pathways in kinder yard (post wipper snipping)
- ❖ Windows outside school room cobwebs removed and windows cleaned
- ❖ Thorough cob webbing in all rooms and passageways
- ❖ Remove the rabbit cage in cycle one playground into storage in Amethyst building
- ❖ Chook pen to be cleaned out and pooh placed into compost bin
- ❖ Cycle one shed in kinder to be cleaned and tidied supervised by Michaela, assistant needed
- ❖ School storeroom to be cleaned and tidied supervised by Susie, assistant needed.
- ❖ School sign at the entrance to have name repainted. Remove **Head Teacher Susie Allen** and repaint with **Principal Glen Watson**

#### **CARPENTRY/BUILDING**

- ❖ One major project requiring assessment and plan is to build, in the existing cupboard/drawers in the school entrance, approx 100 parent holes where all info and notices will be posted for family communication. If you have any ideas how this can be achieved within a small budget or would like to take this on as a project either contact Karen Hayes on 57282881 or Heather Gerrard on 57281102
- ❖ Move the shelving from the school entrance into the cycle one playground( heading towards Tiny Tots) and place into cycle one storeroom
- ❖ Sliding lock to be fitted on the toilet door in the Amethyst toilets leading to the playground
- ❖ Five more bag hooks to be fitted in the Amethyst room (hooks to be supplied)
- ❖ Hooks and shelving to be fitted into the Amethyst storeroom ( hooks to be supplied)
- ❖ In the school room door handle to be lowered to allow child friendly access. (Handle already on door).
- ❖ Replace ceiling panel in school room
- ❖ Cycle one Emerald - the map hook to be fixed
- ❖ Slide in kinder playground, needs support in the middle to stop it sagging. Assessment required to work out what's needed

#### **LANSCAPING/GARDENING**

- ❖ Pruning and weeding the garden next to the sandpit in the kinder yard
- ❖ Pruning and weeding of the sensorial garden in the kinder yard
- ❖ Suckers to be removed from the bin area near the side gate in the kinder yard
- ❖ Wipper snipping the grass in the kinder yard and along the pathways and borders
- ❖ Sandpit in the school play area need the borders to be completed so sand can be ordered
- ❖ School small playground to be whipper snipped/mowed