

Term 3
Week 6 – 19 August 2015
Distributed weekly on Wednesday

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Term 3

13th July – 18th September

10 weeks

*2 pupil free days – Staff qualification updates and networking with
Montessori Australia Foundation Advisor*

To Be Advised

Cycle and room excursions if conducted and other events if the need arises

August

19th Wednesday – Parent Education Event – Cyber Safety Vic Police
7.00pm Turquoise Room

21st Friday – School Disco at BNC:

Prep & Cycle 2 5 - 6.30pm, Cycle 3 6 – 8pm

28th Friday – Cycle 2 Excursion to Beechworth Library for Book Week
- Amethyst Bakery Excursion 9.30-12

31st Monday – Maria Montessori's birthday

September

2nd Wednesday – Father's Day Night 5-6pm

4th Friday – School Athletics Carnival

7th Monday – Pupil Free Day – Staff networking & MAF
Representative meeting

8th Tuesday – 17th Thursday – Cycle 2&3 Parent teacher interviews.

Rooms schedules to be communicated prior to this date

10th Thursday – Cycle 3 Athletics, Wodonga

15th Tuesday – International Peace Day Celebrations 1.30pm

18th Friday – End of Term 3. 2.15pm finish

News from the Board

The Committee of Management have been advised by our school's dedicated principal that she will be leaving her position at the end of 2015. Heather kindly provided the school with advance notice. In June a subcommittee was formed to commence the process of finding a successor for the important role of principal. The subcommittee has been hard at work and will be advertising the principal position shortly. The Board is supportive of Heather's decision and we greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment she has given to the school over a number of years.

As you are aware Heather is currently on leave grieving her Mother and will return to work when she is ready to do so, we wish her peace during this time.

Karen Smith

BMS Committee of Management Chair

From the Principal

Thank you to so many of you for your support of not only myself but the staff who have been picking up extra work during my absence. I intend to slowly

return to work over the next couple of weeks – I may be in the office; if you would like to see me, please check with the office first.

I have advised the Committee of Management that I will be finishing my employment at the end of Term 4 this year. Recent family circumstances have motivated Clint and I to make our trip around Australia happen earlier than 2017. Whilst there have been many factors to consider in making such a big decision, we feel that it is time to focus on our family and spend some quality time reconnecting after what has been a stressful few years personally and professionally. Whilst on our travels we will be looking for somewhere warm and wonderful to call home in the future.

Yours sincerely

Heather

Disco

The disco will be held at the Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre on Friday night. Prep and Cycle 2 children from 5-6.30pm and Cycle 3 children from 6-8pm.

Fruit platters will be available for snack. Students are asked to bring water bottles so that we can minimise plastic wastage and reduce germ sharing!

Parent Education Event – Cyber Safety TONIGHT 7pm

Tonight's Cyber Safety parent education event will be held in Turquoise room commencing at 7pm. Please enter via the external classroom door. Leon Higgins, the Victorian Police IT Education Office will present information for parents on legal rights and responsibilities for parents and how to support children in the IT world. There will also be an opportunity for questions. As per Leon's request, this is an event for parents and carers only.

We have not received many rsvp's so if you do intend to attend, please let the school know asap.

General News

Cycle 3 are looking for helpers to assist with preparation of the lunch orders. You do not have to have a child in Cycle 3 to help.

Please see Terie or Kat if you would like to help out or send an email to info@bms.vic.edu.au

Lunch Orders – Week 7

Pizza \$2 – margarita or Hawaiian

School Photos will be from Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th

EFT Payment for photos – If you nominated Direct Deposit on your order form and you haven't yet paid, can you please ensure payment is made by **August 22nd**

Beechworth Photographers

BSB. 633000

Acc no. 151578879

Ref. Childs name

Tuesday, Wednesday

Individual portraits, siblings photos and class photos

Thursday – Whole School Photo

Clothing – Uniforms are preferred, if plain clothes are worn, please avoid bold colours / logos and prints.

Cycle 1 Class photos – Tuesday Emerald 10am / Amethyst 10.15am

Should your child not attend this day, you are welcome to bring them along to be included in this group photo. If weather is inclement group photo will change to Wednesday, children that don't attend Wednesdays will be notified.

Parents & Friends News

Fundraising Educational Products

Catalogues are in the school foyer. The school receives vouchers to use with the supply companies and traditionally we allocate these to Ruby Room for the purchase of materials for our early learning programs that run in this room. All orders appreciated.

Cycle 2 News

Moonstone

Welcome to Sol Alessi, Grace Brown, Stella Quon and their families who have transitioned from Cycle 1. We are very excited to have you join us in Moonstone.

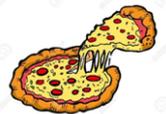
Watching a peace garden grow in the classroom

We are studying the notion of peace and the four petals of the peace flower – self awareness, community awareness, environmental awareness and cultural awareness. Our studies of peace commenced with each child drawing an image

Lunches!

This term, we will continue on with the school lunches.

The lunches will be sold every Wednesday in the courtyard in weeks 1-10. Orders to be placed by Tuesday 12 pm noon.



This will be Term 3's roster.

Week 1	Sausage Rolls	Week 2	Pizza
Week 3	Sushi	Week 4	Spaghetti Bolognese
Week 5	Hamburgers	Week 6	Sausage Rolls
Week 7	Pizza	Week 8	Sushi
Week 9	Spaghetti Bolognese	Week 10	Pizza Scrolls

Please bring your own plate/bowl/cup and cutlery on the day to have your food served onto. Early year orders will be delivered.

*Vegetarian options not available every week.

*Sorry but we are unable to accommodate dietary requirements such as allergies.

Coffee

First day: 20th August, (Thursday)

Cost: \$3.00

Time: 8:40am-9:00am

Where: out the front of the school

This is a cycle 3 business & fundraising project.

that represents peace – whether it is a peaceful place or a personal symbol of peace. The images are beautiful – detailed and colourful, and you can view them in the hallway leading to the classroom. In small groups we have explored questions such as, What is peace? Peace looks like ... and shared our thoughts and ideas. We have looked at photos of the most extreme journeys that some children around the world take to get to school, what their classrooms look like and thought about what is the same and what is different about our lives. Last week we had a fantastic session in Bluearth and we noticed many examples of peace - working co-operatively and happily in teams designing games, inner feelings of calmness, enjoying being active and having fun. To celebrate a peaceful action or event, a felt flower sewn by the children, is attached to our fabric peace flower wall hanging in the classroom.



History: The Timeline of People presents how people, cultures and civilisations have emerged, developed and changed from the Old Stone Age through to the Renaissance. We have discussed the common needs of all people and have looked briefly at how shelter and transport have changed over time across the world.

Geography: Thank you to geologist, Charlie Showers (Bertie's dad) for bringing in different types of soils and rocks from the surrounding area of the school grounds and Beechworth.

Thank-you to all families for keeping sick children at home and allowing time for their full recovery.

Susi and Sally

Turquoise

Geography: We continue to learn about the lithosphere. Over the past 2 weeks the children have been finishing off their study of landforms learning about valleys – what they are, how they're formed and types of valleys. This week we moved onto types of rocks, beginning with igneous (volcanic) rocks. To complete these studies, the children are currently growing crystals as rocks that form underground tend to have large crystals, while those that cool quickly above ground have smaller crystals.

Peace: The children continue to discuss and learn about emotions; learning to identify emotions in others, describe experiences that can produce particular emotions, and depict emotions through drawings and descriptors.

Reading: We are currently reading a novel together that focuses on the consequences of not following instructions through a rather humorous account called 'The Invisible man's Socks' – why not ask your child about it? Thanks to all those families making a concerted effort to improve the rate of reader return.

Karen and Sonja

Cycle 3 News

Cycle 3 Camp 2015

Cycle 3 school camp will take place between Monday December 7 and Friday Dec 11. We will spend three days at Sovereign Hill attending the St Alipius School where the students will take part in roleplaying life on the goldfields in 1850's. They will be outfitted in costumes of the era and experience the roles of boys and girls in the school system of that time. On Wednesday evening we will travel an hour down to Queenscliff to Camp Wyuna where we will be snorkelling, bike-riding and joining in team building activities as well as extending our biology skills experiencing mangroves and saltwater biomes.

The cost of the camp is \$330.00 which includes bus, accommodation, costume hire, a pantomime at Sovereign Hill, snorkelling fee and of course food. The school has subsidised this cost by including \$5,000 of funding money, as well as

\$1,500 from our Cycle 3 budget. If you have any questions/concerns regarding the camp please feel free to pop in and visit either Kat or myself.

Terie

Tigereye

Reflections

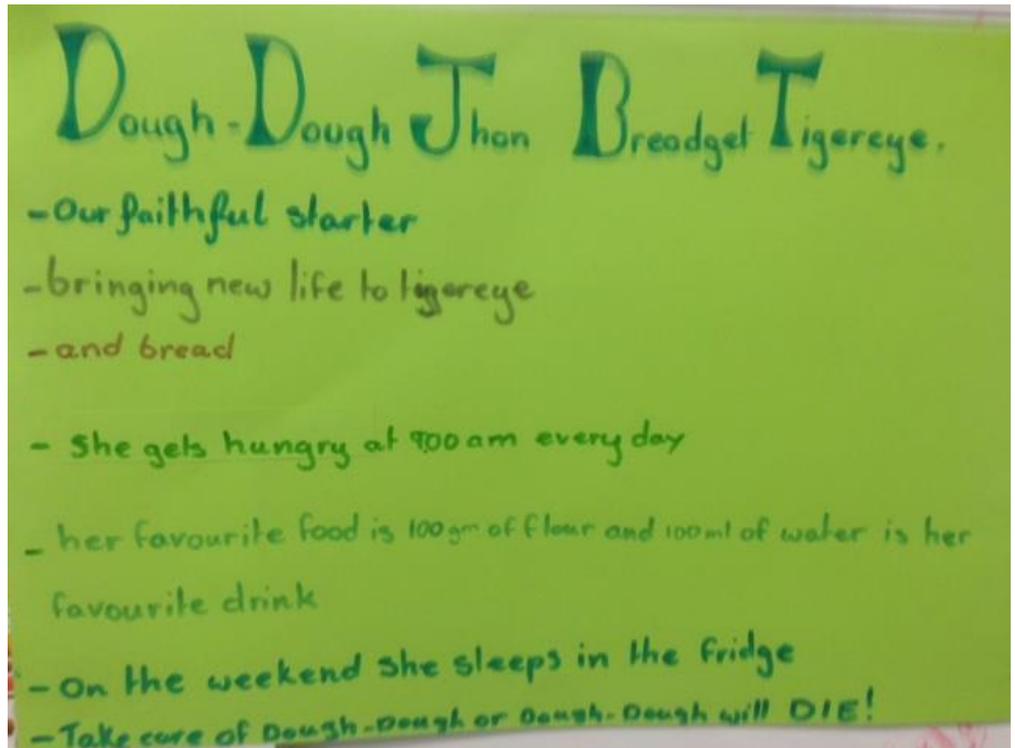
I'm out on yard duty in the light rain with a small group of committed soccer players (they were desperate to get out!) I walk past the staff prep room & a group of cycle 3 students are running auditions for the school production. I keep walking past the piano room & hear a beautiful piece being played by a student. Earlier today, Lou Ritchie came in and taught us all about sourdough. We now have 'Dodo John' our classroom pet sourdough starter that the students will feed every day! Edan made a coffee this morning with our coffee machine for Feona as part of a business/fundraising project he has begun. This morning I also helped some students with their poetry and helped some students get together their equipment & read through their procedures for their science fair projects. Some Topaz students next door made hamburgers as part of Charlotte's fundraising project. All this and it's still only 12.30! And not for the first time I think 'what an extraordinary school!'

Kat

Instructions for feeding our new class pet by Akeidha & Arwen:

Rain

The rain is gently falling soon
there will be sun
Then we can go outside and
finally have some fun
The rain is falling quickly
Falling down, down, down
Soon there will be puddles
forming on the ground
It is wet and windy I wish it
would soon stop
The puddles are getting bigger
with every little drop!
By Ruby Ryan



Tigereye Science Fair & Night of the Notables- September 2nd

On Wednesday September 2nd from 5-6pm Tigereye will run our Year 4 Science Fair and the Grade 5 & 6s will present their biographies as part of our 'Night of the Notables'. This coincides with our Father's Day evening as we thought that dads might want to see the projects/biographies. Of course mums are also welcome- we invite mums to come between 4.30 and 5! If you can't make it at this time the students will also be presenting their projects during the day when Cycle 1 and 2 will come in (between 1 and 3pm).

Topaz

The Trabant family have kindly donated a new microwave to our classroom, thanks Karen and Neil. Attached is a note outlining safe usage of microwave ovens for you to discuss with your child. Students may also use the sandwich toaster to heat sandwiches or use the oven top to reheat soups and other hot meals.

This term we are studying religions of the world beginning with polytheist then monotheist beliefs. We have researched ancient natural and man-made sacred places and chosen gods from ancient civilisations to study. Now we are embarking on weekly discussions around modern religions such as Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Islam etc. The students have been engaged and curious choosing their own follow up work by either creating a visual response or written project work.

We are also learning about natural resources such as wheat, wool, honey, paper and dairy manufacturing. We have been lucky to have quest speakers visit us to share their skills. Thanks to Harry Bussell who shared his considerable knowledge of rearing sheep and the wool industry. Also Margaret Commins who showed us how to use a spindle and a spinning wheel. Lou Ritchie gave us an excellent presentation on how to use a starter to create different sour dough breads. The students have named our starter Stevie and it comes home with me on weekends as it needs to be fed every day. We also visited the Food Co-op to find out where our food comes from so thanks to Jade Miles for her informative talk, plus the chocolate buds! yummo.

Thanks also to Harry and Nicola Bussell for donating ten bales of hay for our fruit trees!

We have now raised considerable money from our school lunches and we are beginning to plan our chicken and guinea pig enclosure. If you are able to assist with the construction of an enclosed chicken coop over the September school holidays please let me know.

Thanks Terie

Community News

Hip Hop Dance Classes....*friends, fitness & fun*

Wednesdays at 7 Church Street, Beechworth

4pm-5pm: 5 to 7 year olds

5pm-6pm: 8 to 10 year olds

6pm-7pm: 11 to 13 year olds

\$12.50 per class

Call Franja Bailey on 0421 024 998

For the homeless

Wanted: Blankets and scarves.

If you are able to contribute by adding a blanket or scarf, please pass to the office staff and they will collect them. I will be passing these on to the homeless, living on the streets in Melbourne.

Many thanks – Belinda (Poppy, Sonny & Saylor's mum).

Last donation taken 25/8



The Groove Project
presents

Soul
80s & 90s pop
Disco

Funk
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Indie

HOMESPUN
Curated dance party for groove lovers

SATURDAY • AUGUST 22 • 2015
• 8PM TO 11PM, DOORS OPEN 7.30PM •
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HOMESPUNDANCEPARTY](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOMESPUNDANCEPARTY)

Beechworth Secondary College

PRESENTS

Survivor

RAPA NUI

A seriously satirical comedy

When a SURVIVOR TV show embarks on an exciting new project at the fascinating location - Easter Island, mysteries of the past open up stories that challenge the idea of survival. Past meets present, but forces us to consider our future.

**Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th
of September, 2015**

**7.30 pm
Yackandandah
Public Hall**

**Adults \$12, Child/Conc \$6
Family of four \$30**

Purchase your tickets from Beechworth Secondary College
(03)57 281 264



Beechworth Wanderers Cricket Club is currently seeking players for the upcoming season in the following categories:

Ages 5, 6 & 7 – Milo Cricket
Ages 8 & 9 – T20 Blast
Ages 10 years and over – Under 12, 14 & 16.

A sign-on day and BBQ will be held at Baarmutha Park on Sunday the 13th of September, from 10:30am.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact:

Stewart 0458 040 046
Nathan 0417 420 614

Photography Workshop

2015

Brenda Pomponio from 13 Acres and Erin Hartwig from Beechworth Photographers are returning in Spring to deliver their third Interactive beginners workshop.

This practical workshop is perfect if you've recently purchased a Digital SLR camera. We'll work through the foundations of photography with you - exposure, aperture, shutter speed, lenses and composition and explore what makes a great photo. Learn some of the digital language, get an understanding of file formats, DPI and Resolution.

You'll be guided through some practical shooting tasks on a town walk around some of Beechworth's historic architecture. Come and enjoy a day with Brenda and Erin and learn how to get the most out of your digital camera.

Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera

Sunday September 13th 10am - 2.30pm

For more info contact Erin 0419 390 088
erin@beechworthphotographers.com.au

Cost \$185 (lunch provided) Early Bird - \$165 if booked before August 25th or bring a friend \$155ea. Venue - the Old Stone Hall 7 Church St Beechworth

