

Term 3
Week 1 – 15 July 2015
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Term 3

13th July – 18th September

10 weeks

*2 pupil free day – 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

July

13th Monday – Term 3 commences

31st Friday – Cycle 3 Winter Sports Carnival, Wodonga

August

1st Saturday – Sri Lankan Curry Night: P&F Event 4pm-8pm

10th Monday – Incontro – 1.10pm

14th Friday – Pupil Free Day – Staff updating qualifications

21st Friday – Kissin Cousins band performance for students 1.15pm

21st Friday – School Disco at BNC:

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

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

From the Principal

Welcome back to the school for the winter term. It's usually a challenging term due to illnesses so I hope everyone has returned to school after a restful and rejuvenating term.

This week, in my search for previous information I've gone back over the last 5 years of newsletters My goodness we have grown and evolved as an organisation. It's so interesting to look back over who worked here, how we have operated and who has attended. Sometimes we delve into the archive files and have a chuckle at things from the past. It really puts everything into perspective.

On behalf of the staff we request that children are at school by 9am for commencement of the school day. Classes commence at 9 and lateness can be disruptive for the classroom, and upsetting for children. We commence a process of attendance checking after 9am and are legally required to contact parents regarding unexplained absences of children; therefore your assistance is requested and appreciated. Late arrival requires the completion of a notification slip located at the office. We understand that there may be issues at times but if you would like some advice on how to better manage the start to the day so that everyone is calm and relaxed, have a read of the article in today's newsletter. You may also like to ask

your child's Director or myself for some tips.

We attempt to go outside during the day for unstructured play unless too wet and dangerous. Shoes will get dirty and muddy, children may fall over in mud, jumpers and socks will get wet ... please provide clothes that students can change into or at least a raincoat or outer layer that can be removed. It makes the afternoon learning much more comfortable and successful when children are warm and dry.

Thanks to Jenny Pena and Rob Holden who both gave their time to landscaping work over the holidays. Thanks Jenny – the front garden is starting to come together; and Rob built us a footpath along the back of the building that will hopefully eliminate some of the mud and clay experienced during the wet weather.

Congratulations to Lindsay, Paul Charlie, Felix on the birth of Frederic William McLachlan who arrived during the holidays.
Heather

General News

School Photos 2015

Beechworth Photographers will be offering School Photos for 2015 and 2016. Photography has been scheduled for the week of **25th August**. Order forms and information sheets have been placed in all Family pockets. If you require extra forms, they're located on the bench in the foyer.

Please complete and return to the form lodgement box by **Wednesday 5th August**.

Thanks Erin



Guitar, Violin or Ukulele Lessons
Mel Tompkins has a couple of vacancies available for anyone interested in wanting to learn a string instrument at Montessori. Lessons will resume in Term 3 on a Thursday.
Enquiries: Phone: (57) 28 6737
Mob: 0408 775 678

Parents & Friends News

Sri Lankan curry night FUN RAISER!

Break the monotony of the cold winter evenings. Take a night off from cooking. Immerse yourself in the aromatic flavours of Sri Lankan spices that warm you up from the inside. Be part of a communal feast... learn to eat curry how it is meant to be eaten - Sri Lankan style!

Meet some of our Beechworth drummers. Take the opportunity to try out some Circus tricks. Enjoy good food and happy company.

Please RSVP ASAP OR by 27th July for catering purposes.

Heat Bags For Sale- final week for orders.

Locally made by Rachel Moon & Aaron Harris.
Filled with wheat and lovely lavender.

Perfect to get you through this cold cold winter, or a beautiful gift for a loved one. Pick up an order form from the school foyer, and see the examples on display which include three different sizes and gorgeous fabrics to choose from.

\$8 from each bag will be put towards our school wood fired oven.



It's cold on these winter morning but you can still jump on board the Walking School Bus!

The Walking School Bus allows children to build more exercise into their daily life and develop road safety skills. Children walk to school with their peers supervised by volunteers who have completed training and a Working with Children Check. The Walking Bus is coordinated by Beechworth Health Service as part of the Health Promotion program.

In Term 3 the Bus will walk on Tuesday Mornings starting Tuesday 14th July
Please note the bus walks in the morning not home from school in the afternoon.

The Route:

Meet at the Beechworth Post Office - 8:25am
Depart to Beechworth Primary School, St Josephs & Montessori - 8:30am
Children can meet the bus at any point along the way
Parents are welcome to walk with the Bus

Children need to be registered to join the Walking School Bus - forms are available at the school office. For more information call, text or email Anna Mackinlay, Health Promotion Officer at Beechworth Health Service.

Mobile: 0487 425 908

Email: anna.mackinlay@bhs.hume.org.au



NIGHT OF FUN, FOOD AND FRIVOLOUS FROLICKING



Saturday 1st August 2015 at the Masonic Hall (Loch street)

From 4pm onwards

\$15 adult / \$10 child / \$45 family

Authentic Sri Lankan feast provided. BYO drinks

RSVP Georgia Marlow by Monday 27th July 2015 (georgia.marlowe@gmail.com)

Montessori P&F Thank You for supporting this great event

Ruby Room News

Welcome back to everyone; we hope the holiday break was a time to relax and unwind from the weekly routines that just are required when you have kinder and school aged children.

I would like to extend a welcome to Kylie and little Stanley who have begun at Tiny Tots and to Patrick, Ada and little Joanne.

The first time visit to Tots and for the following few weeks can be a busy time, mainly for the parent, as your child is eager to explore, especially the more mobile they are, and they tend to zoom through the room and the shelves without settling for long on a particular activity. This is a common process as the environment is new and very inviting to the child. As a parent you seem to be constantly picking up and putting back after them, again this happens to most new parents. The good news is it does pass and I ask you to have patience as the reward is a child who begins to understand how it all works as others around reinforce the protocol occurring in the room. PLEASE ask me, or other parents for help, as this can be daunting experience at times and something we can relate too.

On Tuesday 21st July our Tiny Tots playgroup will be going to the Beechworth Library for story time with Katrina. All those interested please let me know. Weather permitting we can all walk down together via the Chinese gardens and have a picnic morning tea before heading on to the library. Otherwise we can meet at the library at 11:00 and the session finishes at 11:30 am.

Can all parents please ensure your child has a warm coat and beanie/hat for the very cold days as we all go outside even if for a short time and the children need protection from the cold wind particularly?

Ruby Room is now offering a revised afternoon program called '*Early Learning Occasional Care*' (ELOC), already started this Monday and running Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 12pm until 3:15 or 5pm. Please see Feona, the Enrolment Officer, for more details.

I would like to thank Amandhi for showing us how to cook chapatis on the last day of term and to Rachel for supplying the delicious dip.

Thank you, Michaela, Geraldine and Lisa

Cycle 1 News

Across Both Rooms

Welcome back to a very chilly start of term 3. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and beanie to wear outside as we try to get out in all weather – we particularly like to experience hail and snow so please ensure your child is suitably dressed to participate fully in all weather conditions.

Amethyst

NAIDOC week was celebrated during the school holidays. Amethyst class are engaging in activities to celebrate NAIDOC week and the theme this year is, *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*.

This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

As the oldest continuing culture on the planet, the living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is intrinsically linked with these sacred places. Sacred places can be geographic feature like a river or lake, a beach, bays, inlets, hills or a mountain ranges or ceremonial grounds, galleries of rock art or engravings or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

Long before European arrival, these places had traditional names - names that now reflect the timeless relationship between the people and the land. Often sacred places are connected with Dreaming stories or tell of the meaning of an area.

This year's theme was also chosen specifically to highlight and celebrate the anniversary of the 'Handback' of Uluru, one of these sacred sites, to its traditional owners on 26 October 30 years ago. (information from the official NAIDOC website <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>)

The children discussed the meaning of sacred ground (in their words - a very, very special place that must be cared for), they have made a poster depicting the theme, cooked damper, listened and responded to a Dreaming story about how the Murray River was made and we will visit Yeddonba (Mt Pilot) later in the term when the weather is a little warmer and drier.

Martina, Tameeka, Melissa, Lisa

Emerald

Congratulations to Charlie and Felix on becoming big brothers to little Fred (and of course to Lindsey and Paul). We look forward to meeting him very soon.

The children have settled in to the new term very well. Our start to the week has been calm and happy with children working consistently and making their own work choices demonstrating their capacity as independent and confident learners (VEYLDF outcome 4).

A copy of the term programme will be emailed to all Emerald parents this week. This contains an overview of what we intend to deliver through the curriculum this term with some ideas for how you can support children's learning at home (VEYLDF outcomes 1 and 2). To start us off, we'll be reviewing the children's Term 2 interest in history in preparation for a belated excursion to the Burke Museum on 27 July.

Our new show and tell routine introduced last term has provided terrific inspiration for the children's interests. Each week the children determine a topic they would like to focus on and all are invited to contribute items related to this topic. We have gone off on some very interesting tangents based on topics related to plants, instruments and cooking. This week's topic is "our holidays".

Thanks to Lou Ritchie for her agreement to participate in our practical life program. Over the coming weeks we'll be conducting some experiments on different types of bread and the impacts of time and heat on dough.

Visibility from our room to the courtyard is so limited – if you arrive early, please come in and collect your child – it is much too cold to wait outside and you are always welcome in the classroom.

Lynda, Wiggy, Geraldine

Supporting your Montessori Child

Punctuality

Punctuality is a highly regarded life skill and it is never too early for your child to learn that getting somewhere on time, without being rushed and flustered is a great way to start. A sense of order and punctuality is consistent with Montessori learning.

A few tips that might help you start the day more smoothly:

- unpack school bags as soon as getting home in the afternoon and then repack in preparation for the next day.
- make school lunches the night before or at least have items ready to be included.
- put out clothes and shoes for the next morning.
- turn the tv off in the morning (at least until everyone is ready to go out the door).
- allocate tasks for all family members so that nothing is forgotten - ie. lock the doors, turn off the lights, open the garage door, etc.
- prepare a schedule/order that things need to happen in ... eg. Getting dressed before breakfast



- set your clocks 5 or 10 mins faster than real time.
- have regular bedtimes and routines – children thrive on order and routine and it's fundamental in a Montessori child's world.
- make time for some warmth in the rush of the morning...a cuddle can motivate children to move faster than your verbal request.
- keep things simple – focus on what's the most important aspect of the morning to enable you to get out the door on time.
- do what you have to in the car (have a brush, hair ties etc).

What works for your family??? Send in your tips and we'll include them in future newsletters.

Community News

Stalls on the Day
plants,
Teddy bears
Wooden products

**FUN
Run
8kms**

Fun Run

Run from the Old Beechworth Gaol

to Beechworth Correctional Centre

Registration and start line Town Hall gardens, Williams Street,
Run around the picturesque Gorge
Continue onto Malakoff and Flat Roc Road
Finishing at Beechworth Correctional Centre

Entry Fees
(Includes a T-Shirt)
Adult \$25
Children \$15
Family \$50
(2 adults & 2 Children)

Sunday August 16th
Registrations commence at 0830
Run starts 10am sharp
No entries accepted after 0945
Please contact: margaret.hurd@justice.vic.gov.au
0357280073

Babysitting

I am Amber Bowey (Karen's daughter from C2) and I am currently trying to raise money to fund a trip to China where I will be helping out in a rural community and will have the opportunity to walk the Great Wall as well as to discover one of China's many cities. My aim is to raise \$8000 to cover the costs.

I am looking to do some babysitting to help me with my funding and I will be happy to babysit children aged 5 and over but it can depend on the circumstances.

Last year I provided babysitting for the members of the Montessori Committee while they attended meetings. I spent most of my primary years attending Montessori and I am now in year 9 in the SEAL program at Wangaratta High School.

If you wish to contact me please phone 57282607 or email amber.powey@gmail.com and I will get back to you. I may not be there to answer the phone all the time if so please leave a message if this is the case. Charges are negotiable as I haven't got a set price.

Thankyou, Amber

13th George Briscoe Kerferd Oration

Orator: Dr Simon Longstaff AO, Executive Director, Ethics Centre, Sydney
Title: Invisible People
Date: Sunday 19 July, 2015
Time: 11am, doors open 10.15am
Place: George Kerferd Hotel, Mayday Hills, Beechworth

Free public event, thanks to our sponsors

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- Classical Guitar Lessons
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Wangaratta: Mondays and Tuesdays, starting 13 July
(late enrolments will be accepted up to 2-3 weeks beyond start date).

Duration: 9.30am - 3.00pm, 13 July - 27 November

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