

Term 2
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Term 2

13th April – 26th June

11 weeks

1 public holiday – Queen's Birthday

1 pupil free day – Report Writing

To Be Advised

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

June

15th Monday – 19th Friday – Cycle 1 Kindergarten (Funded and Unfunded children) Parent teacher interviews. Room schedules to be communicated prior to this date

19th Friday – Reports distributed – Prep, Cycle 2&3

22nd Monday – 25th Thursday – Cycle 1 Prep Parent teacher interviews. Rooms schedules to be communicated prior to this date

26th Friday- End of term 2.15 finish

July

3rd Friday – Landscaping/Gardening work at school – Help appreciated.

Term 3

13th July – 18th September

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

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

14th Tuesday – International Peace Day Celebrations 2pm

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

From the Principal

We have been successful in receiving funding to enable us to increase the hours and days of our occasional child care to children not yet in school. We are also likely to be able to open it up to children who are not enrolled with our service, and increase the range of ages that we can cater for.

If you have a child enrolled in school (Prep or older) please advise the office staff or myself if you would be interested in your child attending an after school care program ... once we have an idea on numbers we will be able to advise whether we can cater for the children. As this is an early years funding project there are restrictions on ages and the number of places available.

Details will be confirmed with the Committee of Management and once this has occurred we will notify all families through a parent pocket flyer.

Heather

General News

Mathilda Chambers if the Junior Indigo Councillor and is organising a fundraising event to raise funds for their project in Vanuatu. Mathilda (with the support of staff Kat and Terie) is holding a movie in the Tigereye room on Thursday June 25th from 3.15pm – 6pm.

All Cycle 2&3 students are invited to attend. There will be games until 4pm then the movie. Afternoon tea will be provided. Cost is \$5 which must be paid to the office (sorry, we can't add to school fees as it's a fundraising event for another organisation). Students can bring a pillow etc to sit on.

Mathilda would really appreciate lots of people attending so that her fundraising event is successful and the people of Vanuatu get the benefits.

Parents & Friends

School Holiday – Landscaping works – Front of building ... Friday 3rd July

During the school holidays we will be planting the front of the school with more native ground covers, infilling the gaps, and also planting at the the area near the bike shed as well as laying more weed matting. The Beechworth Prison Community Team will be available to assist. Parents can contact Jenny Pena either via email (jenny_pena1@bigpond.com) or mobile 0418 890 557. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sri Lankan Curry Evening

We have rescheduled our Sri Lankan curry gathering from Saturday 21st June to Saturday the 1st of August giving you more time to round up the troupes and come along to a night of FUN, FOOD AND FRIVOLOUS FLORICKING!!

Spice up your life! Invoke the fun within and let your hair down! Give yourself permission to party and be surprised at how much FUN we can RAISE together!

Stay tuned for more details in next week's newsletter

When: Saturday 1st August

From 4pm to 8pm

Where: The Masonic Hall Beechworth – Loch Street

Price to be advised

Ruby Room News

Hi everyone. This is the second last week of term before school holidays and half way through the year...it has gone so fast!

The Beechworth Library has extended an invitation to Tiny tots Playgroup to attend a special story time celebrating Playgroups at the Beechworth Library for next term, the date being Tuesday 21st July beginning at 1100 am finishing at 1130 am. They are asking for numbers of both parents and children so if you may be interested please let me know so I can let them know. You can ring me at school 57282940 or drop into Ruby room or my mobile 0407118452. If people are keen we could walk down earlier from school as a group via the Chinese gardens for morning tea and a runaround (weather permitting) on our way and then return to school at 1130 am.

Thank you to Mel for filling in for me on Tuesday and Zoe for this Thursday. Hopefully next term I will be back for tots more regularly.

Thank you to the Saunders family for giving our guinea pigs a home after this term. The children have enjoyed the opportunity for the up close, hands on experience they have provided this year.

We hope your holidays are fun and restful.

Don't forget to keep up to date of the details in this newsletter for the cultural experience of a lifetime at our Family FUN raiser scheduled for after the holidays.

Michaela, Geraldine and Mel

Cycle 1 News

Across Both Rooms

As the cold weather has set in we have seen a rise in children coming with gumboots on. The staff in Ruby, Emerald and Amethyst have decided that gumboots are footwear only for the sandpit, they are not safe in the classroom nor are they safe in the playground when running and climbing. The children are welcome to bring their own gumboots for the sand pit but they will also need regular shoes for the classroom and playground.

Amethyst

Science

Outcome 4: Learning – Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

The children have been exploring wind strength and speed through making various windsocks and wind catchers. There was discussion about the winter wind and what makes it cold and the autumn leaves flying around.

The children also conducted a simple experiment; you could do it at home with your children.



GROWING CRYSTALS

Equipment

- glass jars
- salt
- spoon
- wool/cotton/string
- paperclips
- stick
- water
- saucer



Procedure

1. Fill jar with hot water.
2. Add as much salt to the jar as will dissolve. Mix well so that the salt is completely dissolved.
3. Tie a paperclip to the end of the wool. Tie a stick to the other end.
4. Place the paperclip and wool into the jar. Rest the stick on top of the jar.
5. Leave the jar for 2-3 weeks.

Cultural Subjects

Outcome 2: Community – Children respond to diversity with respect

The children have spent the term engaged with activities to develop their knowledge of Australia: it is an island, the names of the states and territories, various landmarks, and the biomes that comprise Australia (desert, grasslands, wetlands, temperate forests, mountains, and tropical forests). They are now exploring New Zealand: the animals, geography, people, culture and language. Martina is bringing her resources, knowledge and experience of New Zealand and the Maori language and culture into the room. The children are learning songs, listening to stories and looking at photos.

Art

Outcome 5: Communication – Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media

Yesterday the children walked to Therese Shanley's (and Dara's) art studio. They looked at Therese's art work on the walls, watched her mix colours on the paint palette using a spatula, listened to her talk about how she paints, watched her paint and then they painted their own art work. We would like to thank Therese and Dara for sharing their creative space and artistic expression with us.



Emerald

The end of term is near and we are all starting to feel it – with a lot of tiredness and sickness across the room. The impacts of the weather on our early morning outdoor routine are also being felt. We are noticing a number of children who are not as well settled as usual since we have been commencing the indoor workcycle without outside play first. We will be introducing a number of strategies next term to support these children to expend some energy such as: skipping ropes; music; and a mini trampoline in the alcove to enable them to have some active play before settling to work.

Our thanks to Lindsey McLachlan who visited our classroom on Monday afternoon to undertake a craft activity with the children. Lindsey and Charlie had decorated a t-shirt for Charlie to wear to Harmony Day earlier this year. The children were so taken with the idea that they wanted to do a similar project in the classroom and Lindsey readily agreed to assist. The theme for the t-shirts was “My Family” following on from our recent work on families and celebration of National Families Week.

Children were able to select a leaf made from fabric to iron on to their shirts and used this as a central piece around which to draw their families. It was gratifying to observe the ability of the children to: plan their design and execute it; work in a small space very close to each other; share materials; discuss their ideas; and spend long periods of time (up to 2 hours) perfecting their work. All great examples of how the children are developing as confident and involved learners (outcome 4).



Following on from the Hothouse Theatre performance last week there has been a lot of puppet making in the classroom. This week's show and tell topic is PUPPETS as decided by the children.

We recently did some winter planting of vegetables, bulbs and Japanese Maples in the playground. We are now planning to do some individual planting of seeds for the children to care for and observe the growth of. If there are any parents who would like to join us for a morning work cycle to assist children to plant their seeds (we'll work indoors), please see Lynda to arrange a date.

We look forward to Zoe and Xav Pinard joining us next week to share their experiences of South America. We'll be making tacos and listening to South American music and learning folk dances before the term is complete!

Community News

Free to good home - Large Dolls House: Contact Rob 0417 428 900



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Building Creativity

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

- **Master Builder** – Have fun designing and creating without instructions
- **Science & Technology** – Explore simple machines, catapults, cranes and more!
- **Fun Games** – Enjoy participating in a range of Winter games and activities
- **Learning Activities** – Engage with creative tasks, puzzles and fun challenges

Where: Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre,
30 Ford Street, Beechworth

Cost: \$50 per child

When: Friday the 10th July - (12pm - 3pm)

Suitable for ages 6 - 12 years

Afternoon tea provided

Bookings are limited so please contact:
Trish Mom: 03 5728 2386
kitchen@bnc.net.au
www.buildit4kids.com.au

School Holiday Fun

FREE MOVIE

BIG HERO 6

Rutherglen Memorial Hall
Thursday 2nd of July, 2pm

Yackandandah Hall
Thursday 9th of July, 2pm
Bookings not required for movie

Make & Create

WEDNESDAY 1 ST JULY 9:30am till 12:30pm Beechworth Youth Centre	WEDNESDAY 8 TH JULY 9:30am till 12:30pm Yackandandah Library
Tool Box making and decorating Suitable for ages 8 - 12 years Cost \$10.00	Pom Pom Garland Macramé Making Suitable for ages 8 - 12 years Cost \$5.00

INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL

Bookings Essential : 1300 365 003
Info www.Indigoshire.vic.gov.au/movies



CIRCUS

IN
YACKANDANDAH

**MONDAY: 4 - 5pm - Middle Primary
5 - 6pm - Adults and Advanced Children**

**TUESDAY: 4.05 - 4.50PM - Kinder/Younger Primary
4.50 - 5.50pm - Older Primary**

**WEDNESDAY: 4 - 5pm - Older Primary
5 - 6.30pm - Advanced Class**

International circus artists, Xavier and Zoe Pinard are pleased to offer Circus classes in Yackandandah. Through skills such as trapeze, tumbling, handstands, juggling or pyramids, you or your children will have fun whilst developing core strength, balance and agility.

Costs;

45 minute class - \$14 per class

60 minute class - \$16 per class

90 minute class - \$20 per class

To secure your place please contact Zoe via email or mobile
xavierzoe@mac.com or 0478 055 091



BEECHWORTH NIGHT NETBALL

WINTER COMP JULY 14 TO SEPT 15

**TUESDAY NIGHTS AT
BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY
RECREATION CENTRE**
Located at Beechworth Secondary College

COMPETITION FEES
VNA registered players \$50
New players (includes VNA insurance) \$117
VNA registered junior player \$45
New junior players (includes VNA insurance) \$90

Open for ladies in Year 9 and above in the Beechworth and surrounding areas looking for fun, fitness and a friendly social comp.

Enter as a full team or as an individual and we will find you a team to join!

Please contact Kristy on
kristyannhoward@yahoo.com.au
or Kylie on 0417 596 614 for more
information or to register your interest.

Or find us on Facebook

Registrations close on June 23

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the comp and go into the draw
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DATE Monday 29th June 2015
WHERE Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre
Oregon Hall
DETAILS 10.30am - 11.30am
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