

**Term 3**  
**Week 10 – 16 September 2015**  
*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

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## **Term 3** **13<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> September**

*10 weeks*

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

### **September**

18<sup>th</sup> Friday – End of Term 3. 2.15pm finish

## **Term 4**

**5<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

*11 weeks*

*1 pupil free days – Report Writing Day  
1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup*

### **October**

29<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Great Story Play Memorial Hall 4.30pm

### **November**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Pupil Free Day - Report Writing

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Remembrance Day 11am

16<sup>th</sup> Monday – 20<sup>th</sup> Friday – Cycle 1 kindergarten parent teacher  
interviews

17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Instrumental student performance evening

25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Grandparents Day Cycle 1 10-11am, Cycle 2&3 11-  
12noon

### **December**

4<sup>th</sup> Friday – cycle 1 Prep reports distributed

4<sup>th</sup> – Graduation Assembly 2pm, Graduation Dinner 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> Monday – 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Cycle 1 Prep parent teacher interviews

7<sup>th</sup> Monday – 11<sup>th</sup> Friday – Cycle 3 Sovereign Hill & Queenscliff Camp

9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2.00-2.45pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Cycle 2&3 reports distributed

16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – End of Term 3. 2.15pm finish

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday & Friday – Pupil free days

**A reminder that Term 3 ends on  
Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm**

**Whole school photo tomorrow afternoon –  
please wear school uniform where possible or  
avoid fluoro/bright/patterned/logo clothing**

## **From the Principal**

Please find below an email to our school  
community from Susi Allen, Cycle 2 Director.

*Dear Parents,*

*After two glorious years in Moonstone I have made  
the decision to return to my island home in Vanuatu.  
Although I am sad to leave and enjoy my every  
moment in the classroom it is time for me to support  
my family business on the remote island of  
Erromango. I am also returning to teach Year 3 at  
Port Vila International School. I will be telling the  
children today and I am taking a positive, happy  
approach of how much fun it be to write to each  
other and share our stories and adventures. A  
message will be in the newsletter today.*

*I would like to thank you all for your incredible  
support and I look forward to hearing all about  
Beechworth from afar.*

**Very, very warm regards, Susi Allen**

It was always a strong likelihood that the connections with Vanuatu would mean that Susi would leave Beechworth for a tropical life. We are appreciative of her skills and knowledge that she has contributed to Beechworth Montessori School and wish her the very best for the future. The Cycle 2 Moonstone Director's position will be advertised asap. As is always the case, we will seek to replace Susi with a staff member that fits the profile of the school and the needs of the students as defined in the Vision and Values document. Best wishes Susi.

There is a survey on the back page regarding icy poles at school in Term 4 – please read and return if you would like to contribute your view.

Over the past two years we have been communicating in a variety of ways – newsletter, flyers, parent pocket handouts, emails, signs in the foyer, website, etc. This has resulted in many ways in less communication as parents convey that

they don't often read the newsletter in favour of waiting for other advice. So in reality our broad communication has hindered what we seek to achieve. So .... We will be attempting to make the newsletter a one-stop shop for communication with class room teachers emailing their own families directly. If you would like to include something in the newsletter it needs to be received at the office or via email by Tuesday afternoon. If you don't currently receive a hard copy of the newsletter but would like one rather than just email, please let anyone of us in admin know and we will ensure that we place one in your parent pocket each Wednesday. We will continue to email the newsletter to all families. Don't forget the school stream app also – it's a convenient way of receiving information.

Families with children using our Occasional Care, Transition and Kindergarten programs will be receiving a flyer of information regarding the new (terribly named) "No jab, No play" policy being implemented by the Victorian Government from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Please keep communicating with us – we are not completely sure what the legislation will look like but this flyer gives us some clearer information. Please note that we are not able to "work around" the legislation as our service license is directly tied to our compliance in delivering this.

*Kind regards Heather*

## General News

### Seeking donations of fertilised eggs!

Emerald room are planning to hatch ducklings and chicks again this year. Trudi Ryan is sharing her expertise and her incubator to make this happen and we are very thankful. We are seeking fertilised eggs to hatch. We plan to hatch as many eggs as possible then sell the resulting ducklings and chicks to raise funds for Montessori schools in underprivileged communities. We plan to start the duck eggs on Thursday 15 October and chicken eggs on Thursday 22 October. If you are able to assist by supplying eggs, please fill in the reply slip in the foyer and post it to the forms box.

*Many thanks*

*Lynda*

### School photos

The whole school photo will be taken tomorrow afternoon on the Mayday Oval.

Individual portraits for children in Transition are still be scheduled at a later date.

### Victorian Government's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you are the parent of Primary School Child and hold a current Health Care Card/Pensioner Card please advise the school so that you can claim the CSEF. The benefit to the parent is that \$125.00 will be allocated towards the child(ren) attendance at excursions or sports events and they will not have to pay until the \$125.00 is utilised. **Applications close Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

### Early Childhood Director Cycle 1 (3-6 years)

Full time position

An exciting opportunity exists for the right person at our progressive Montessori school that caters for children aged from birth – 12 years.

This opportunity for a leadership role in our school will be pivotal to maintaining the delivery of a high quality program. Our early childhood service recently received an Exceeding Rating under the National Quality Framework.

#### Essential criteria:

- VIT registration for early childhood teaching
- VIT registration for school aged children teaching
- AMI, MWEI or other Montessori qualification in 3-6 years
- Current certification in First Aid, Anaphylaxis, Asthma and CPR
- Genuine interest and experience in the care and support of young children and their learning in a Montessori environment
- Flexibility and ability to lead and work in a team
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with other staff across a broad range of programs
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and effectively with carers and parents

#### Desirable criteria:

- Experience working with and understanding of the NQF and development of a QIP
- Knowledge and understanding of the EYLF
- Teaching experience 3-6 years
- Experience in managing a multi-aged classroom and developing lessons and materials for this age group

Applicants are to provide a cover letter, current CV and evidence and examples addressing the essential and desirable criteria.

For an application pack, including the school prospectus and position description:  
Phone 03 5728 2940 or email [principal@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@bms.vic.edu.au)

**Applications close Fri 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

## Lemongrass Café Lunch Orders

- ❖ Every Wednesday in Term 4
- ❖ \$3.50 per sushi roll
- ❖ Choices:           Egg & Salad  
                          Tuna & Avocado  
                          Teriyaki Chicken

Collect an order form from the foyer, place your order and **correct money** in a **zip lock bag** and place in the Form Lodgement Box in the foyer. No credit possible and money must be in a zip lock bag. Orders to be placed at school by Tuesday 3pm – late orders cannot be accepted.

## P&F News

### *Montessori Parents and Friends End of Term 3 Social Catch Up*

*To mark the end of term 3, the P&F would like to invite families to a social catch up at Lake Sambell*

*Friday 18th September*

*4.30 - 6.30pm (it's getting dark by then)*

*BYO meat / veggies for the bbq and a salad to share*

*Please bring your own chairs, drinks, picnic gear*

*No need to RSVP - just come along*

*If the weather is miserable we'll simply postpone to next term*

*Hope to see you there!*

## Cycle 2 News

### Moonstone

#### **Drumming, percussion and singing**

The students of Moonstone have enjoyed developing their skills in drumming, percussion and playing and singing together in Music. It is wonderful to see how far they have come and well they have learnt to listen, keep time and follow a conductor. Thank you Conrad

#### **Peace education – environmental awareness**

The symbol of peace education in the Cycle 2 classroom is the peace flower. The peace flower has four petals – community awareness, cultural awareness, self-awareness and environmental awareness. Our peace flower in the classroom clearly shows that this term we have acknowledged many instances of community and cultural awareness as students have attached hand sewn felt flowers onto the petals. However not so many instances of self-awareness and environmental awareness.

Next term as part of our studies in peace education we will be discussing environmental awareness. As a class exercise we will be asking children to take home any non-recyclable packaging from their lunch to raise awareness and create an opportunity for discussions at home. Be prepared. We will also be visiting the food co-op to meet Jade (Bertie's Mum) and discuss issues such as where does our food come from, bulk buying, packaging and the benefits of a co-operative.

#### **Toastie Thursday**

Community lunch has been a tremendous success with all students enjoying the activities of preparing food, seating arrangements, setting the tables and participating in a sit down whole class lunch. Next term, only on Thursdays, we will be offering a toastie service. Children must come prepared if they would like to toast their sandwich, with bread and appropriate fillings. This is an opportunity for your child to plan their own lunch, pack their lunchbox and therefore build independence.

Enjoy the holidays. We are all looking forward to sunshine, rest and lots of family time.

***Susi and Sally***

## Turquoise

**Geography:** Charlie Showers, a Montessori parent and local geologist, generously donated his time to come and share some of his knowledge of the local area with us. Charlie displayed geological maps of Beechworth, allowed the children to explore rock samples, and graciously answered the questions he was bombarded with.

**Movie Night:** Despite our unscheduled late start, the movie was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to parents for their patience.

**Pom Pom Making:** This week we were invited into Topaz to learn how to make pompoms. Each student who attended was paired up with a cycle 3 student who was responsible for imparting their knowledge and skills.

**Peace Day:** The children learned about the symbols of peace and their origins. As a consequence, some of you may face questions around Hiroshima as the children learned about the history of the paper crane. Other symbols discussed included the rainbow, olive branch, dove and olive branch, peace.

Have a safe and restful break,  
**Karen & Sonja**

## Cycle 3 News

### Beechworth & District Athletics

Last Thursday Cycle 3 attended the Beechworth & District Athletics Carnival in Albury. This was a great day and everyone participated in something, which was terrific. Congratulations to Lia, Eadie and Pipa who made it through to the Upper Hume Division. Photos to come.

## Tigereye

### Science Fair/Biographies

Thank you to all the parents who came to experience our Science fair/ Night of the Notables on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. The Year 4s presented their Science fair projects and the Grade 5s and 6s presented their biographies on a famous person who has contributed to the world in some way. Then on Thursday afternoon Cycle 1, Cycle 2 and Tigereye came in to see our science fair projects and biographies. It was so lovely to have so many people come in to our room and to see the students share their knowledge.



Sophie meeting David Attenborough.



Galileo (Eadie) teaching how to write with an ink pen.



## Maths

Congratulations to Edan, Eadie, Caitlin, Uli and Akeidha who have just completed their lesson on the trinomial cube. This is a quite a complicated (and exciting!) lesson involving some fairly advanced algebra where students learn the algebraic formula for the cube of a trinomial and physically see the algebra represented by the parts of the trinomial cube. Students are familiar with the trinomial cube from Cycle 1, where they have learned to assemble it.

Akeidha and Uli and their Enid Blyton presentation— complete with lemonade and scones!



Edan, Caitlin,  
Eadie, Akeidha and Uli with the trinomial cube.

## Topaz

We have new chooks, three pullets named Ginger, Teapot and Chester. They love their new chook house and have settled in beautifully. Over the holidays we are hoping to build a pen around their house so they can forage, scratch around and dust bathe in a bigger area. Guinea pig babies are coming mid October from Indigo's family. If you have time to help with the pen sometime during the second week please let me know, Terie

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September we went to the Athletics Carnival in Albury, I entered the 800 metres, 200 metres, 100 metre relay, Long Jump and Shotput, I got through in Long Jump and 800 metres, I was really glad that I got through, but I wasn't glad of the cramps in my legs the next day, I thought that everyone did great! I also thought that the pupils that did triple jump were excellent, I myself can fail dismally at triple Jump but cannot actually do it. I would like to thank Cassia who raked the sand pit for Long Jump, as well as measured very accurately, and Cal who ran the results up to the office.



## Two Boys Garden

GUESS WHAT! Jack and Kobi are starting up a vegetable growing business in Term 4.

We will be hoping to sell punnets of seedlings at the Food Co-op and in the school foyer. All seeds will be heirloom varieties from Diggers. We will be beginning with tomatoes and pumpkins and they will be ready to sell around the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Our business is called Two Boys Garden and we will be fundraising for the Royal Children's Hospital.

**If you have spare empty punnets at home can you please send them into us at the school.**

Thanks, Jack and Kobi





## Community News

### School Activities Program

Hi, I am Amber Bowey (Karen's daughter) 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. Karen and I are hoping to hold a school activities program in the holidays we will be making and decorating cupcakes.

**What:** Baking and decorating cupcakes

**Where:** Beechworth Montessori School, Turquoise room

**When:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2-4pm

**Who:** Ages 5 and up

**Cost:** \$20 per child

**Bring:** a container to put cupcakes in

**How:** book through karenb@bms.vic.edu.au

Further sessions may be arranged dependent upon interest, limited places available

## School Activities Program

**Need to occupy the children these holidays?**

**What:** Baking and decorating cupcakes

**Where:** BMS, Turquoise

**When:** Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm

**Who:** 5 years and older

**Cost:** \$10

**How:** Book through karenb@bms.vic.edu.au



### AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AN INSPIRING SESSION ABOUT RESILIENCE

Inspiring youth  
Empowering teachers  
Engaging parents



## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

The Resilience Project is visiting the Beechworth & surrounding communities to deliver a community wide resilience program for children, parents/carers and teachers.

#### PARENT/CARER & COMMUNITY SESSION

**When:** Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 9.30am or 7.00pm

**Where:** George Kerferd Hotel - Albert Rd Beechworth

**RSVP:** By Friday 9 October 2015 to your school, kindergarten or child care centre

Hugh van Cuylenburg will be presenting information about resilience & how to practice strategies to develop resilience in children & ourselves including mindfulness, gratitude & empathy.

Funded by the Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal as part of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund. Partners - Beechworth Health Service, Woorangee Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, Beechworth CFA, Beechworth Community Child Care Centre, Beechworth Kindergarten, & Indigo Shire Council



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**Season Commences:**  
10th October 2015

Games played at Jelbart Park

**Blast Ball:** Played on Wednesday  
(for 5-8yrs) afternoons at 5pm.

**Junior Teams:** Mixed competition  
(U12's U14's and U16's) Saturday mornings.

**Senior Women's:** Saturday afternoons

**Men's:** Commences Wednesday  
evening 14th October 2015



For more information please contact:  
Kathy Goode 0432854857



## Junior Cycling Program

### School Holiday Junior Cycling Clinics

29<sup>th</sup> of September - 1<sup>st</sup> of October



During the Term 3 school holidays Albury Wodonga Panthers Cycling Club will be running a series of junior cycling clinics for boys and girls who are interested in learning about cycling and improving their riding skills.

The Clinics will be run by our qualified club coaches and assisted by senior riders.

**Who can take part:** Anyone who would like to learn more about riding and develop their skills. The clinics are suitable for beginning or intermediate riders.

**Venue:** Day's 1 & 2 AWPCC Velodrome and Lavington, Sports Club carpark, Pearsall St, Lavington, Day 3 TBA.

**Time:** 9:30am - 12:00pm each day

**What do I need:** All that is needed is a safe working bike and an approved helmet.

**Cost:** \$5 per session

### Program Details

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Day 1**

Bike Safety checklist, cycling skills, skills challenges

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Day 2**

Cycling skills, and group riding

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Day 3**

Skills review, road or bike path group riding - (depending on age group), intro to track.

The school holiday clinics will be followed by a race training series and then a Time Trial series.

For further details or to enroll please simply call or e-mail:

Geoff Damm: 0427245677 or [geoff6124@gmail.com](mailto:geoff6124@gmail.com)

Albury Wodonga Panthers CC: [awpccclub@gmail.com](mailto:awpccclub@gmail.com)

*The AWPCC junior program is a great way to get started in road and track riding.*

### Key Dates:

• 29 Sept - 1 Oct (School Holidays)  
Riding Clinics: Beginners and Intermediate. All ages

• 10 - 31 Oct (Saturday afternoons) Road Race Training

• 5 Nov - 10 Dec (Thursday evenings) Time Trials



## Cute Cattle!

### Dexter Females For Sale

Dexters are a dual purpose cattle breed producing milk and meat. They are a small breed designed for small acreages.

Females are quiet and easy to handle.

Available for sale:

- 4 Cows on the point of calving
- 2 unjoined heifers

For further information please call  
Kerrie 0419 989077

## Icy Poles?

Next term Turquoise is considering offering icy poles for sale as a treat in what can be warm weather.

Keeping in mind that Cycle 3 lunch offerings on Wednesdays will cease next term, please respond to the following to help guide decision making for term 4.

Would your family be interested in having icy poles for purchase next term?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Would you prefer the children to purchase them.....	<input type="checkbox"/> during lunch time <input type="checkbox"/> or after school
Would you prefer .....	<input type="checkbox"/> lemonade <input type="checkbox"/> raspberry <input type="checkbox"/> cola <input type="checkbox"/> or choice from all 3
Would you prefer a juice option (eg Quench) instead of an icy pole?	<input type="checkbox"/> Juice <input type="checkbox"/> Icy Pole
How much would consider paying for an icy pole?	<input type="checkbox"/> 50c <input type="checkbox"/> \$1
What day of the week would you prefer this to occur on?	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday