

Term 4 Week 10 –12 December 2017

The newsletter will be distributed fortnightly with room reports appearing in alternate editions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 th December	12 th December	13 th December Cycle 2 BBQ Lunch	14 th December Cherry Delivery 2	15 th December Coffee Morning Meals on Wheels 11.15-1.30pm Graduation Assembly 2.30pm Graduation Dinner 5.30pm-8pm
18 th December	19 th December	20 th December Cycle 2 Big Day Out 9am-3.15pm Cycle 3 Swimming 12.30pm-3.15pm Last Day Term 4 (3.15pm finish)	21 st December	22 nd December

Final Working Bee for 2018

Sunday 17th December from 8am to 11am

We will be spreading soil, mulch and newspaper.

BYO shovels, spades and wheelbarrows.

2018 Term Dates:

- Term 1 - 31st January – 29th March (9 weeks)
- Term 2 – 16th April – 29th June (11 weeks)
- Term 3 – 16th July – 21st September (10 weeks)
- Term 4 – 8th October – 14th December (10 weeks)

Parent Information Packs for 2018

Parent Packs have been distributed and forms are due back. Have you returned yours?

We appreciate you returning them as soon as possible

A note from Susi

Our school is governed by the Committee of Management, who keep their eye on the big picture and plan for our long term future in alignment with Montessori philosophy. Based on mutual respect and trust, we work together. I would like to thank each and every Committee member for the hours of time that you volunteer, behind the scenes, to our school. In particular, I would like to thank our President Dean Cleave-Smith, whose collaborative nature, not only makes him an absolute pleasure to work with, but also allows everyone to have a voice, and leads us to effective strategic and long term planning. Students will also be included in the strategic planning process next year with a focus on the school grounds for learning.

Celebrations hold great significance to our Montessori community and families and provide a wonderful opportunity for us come together. Over the past fortnight we have enjoyed the Volunteer Afternoon tea, the handing over of the proceeds of the Barrowthon fundraising event and of course the school concert.

Thank you to ...

- The students of Moonstone and Turquoise for baking a selection of delicious snacks for the Volunteers Afternoon Tea and for graciously serving our guests.
- Danielle Bell for organising Penny Vine and a family from the Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group to attend Friday coffee morning to accept the fundraising cheque from the Barrowthon event. It was a joy to take Grace and her two children, Debra and Abi on a tour of the school. In each classroom the Montessori cultural studies were evident and the family particularly enjoyed Moonstone's models of the Ngbali huts and posters about the Masia culture of Africa. We anticipate that this visit will be the first of many as we welcome the families from the Sanctuary to visit and participate in our school community.
- Our MC, Rohan Chabaud, for taking us on a narrative journey through an evening of dance, drama and musical performances , a lighting and sound extravaganza showcasing the performing arts potential of our new hall, and greatly enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience.

I would also like to acknowledge that some events this year have been announced with short notice and I must thank our community for being so flexible and responding with such enthusiasm. You will, however, be relieved to know the calendar for 2018 is currently in planning and dates are being set well in advance.

Graduation Assembly: This Friday afternoon each Cycle will gather in acknowledgement of the graduation of our six Year 6 students – Sage Davidson, Arnya Engel, Oaka Harris, Charlotte Le, Pipa Sanderson and Amelie Walsh. The Assembly is an opportunity for all of the children to wish the Year 6 students farewell. Later that evening, the Year 6 students and their families will celebrate at the graduation dinner prepared, cooked and served by the Year 5 students.

You are welcome join us for the graduation assembly at 2.30pm on Friday.

Regards, Susi

Did you know that....

With the help of our wonderful parent community, the money raised from our cheese and cherry fundraisers, has turned into the magnificent landscaped area out the front of the school! THANK YOU!



Working Bee

A huge thank you to all the families that helped with the BIG working bee in the front garden of our school. It was an enormous job, but we had at least 10 families turn out to move steel, jack-hammer the near-solid clay, weld, relocate plants, dig up weeds, lay down newspaper and mulch. Thank you so much for all your hard work. Thank you, in particular, to Juliet, who did all the preparation for this big project, sourcing and cutting the steel. The shire delivered the mulch for free.

Next steps include laying more newspaper to prevent weeds, then a layer of topsoil, then mulch. This will be paid for from money raised from the sale of the cherries. We will plant it out next year when it's not so hot and dry, and there are more people around to look after new plants. Current plans for this garden include a low-profile understorey of shrubs and daisies, with a few small Eucalypts as overstorey - some Silver Princesses and some dwarf Snow Gums. We will include mostly purple and silver native plants, and focus on species that can provide good craft materials.

***Looking forward to seeing lots more helpers at our final working bee of the year
this Sunday 17th December from 8am to 11am!***



Cycle 2 News

From the Moonstone & Turquoise Rooms

Our studies of Asia and Matter are coming to an end. We can now list almost 40 Asian countries from memory, recall many facts about individual countries, and have enjoyed sampling foods from Asia with our weekly cooking. Our Asian themes extended into art exploring nobori banners, koinobori and the story behind them, along with the art of Chinese paper cutting.

Science experiments have been highlight for many children this term as they learned to make predictions, make observations. We have been focusing on chemical and physical changes of matter, learning about solutions, suspensions and mixtures. We have been working in small groups to follow scientific methods, record results and have learned to measure and work with accuracy to allow accurate conclusions to be drawn.



Cycle 3 News...From the Tigereye & Topaz Rooms

Year 6 Camp

What a delightful way to spend a Friday afternoon and evening– the Year 6s, Meg Engel and I walked to a campsite near Woolshed Falls and camped the night. Somehow, we managed to dodge the storms that were all around us and have a peaceful night of sleep to the sound of the flowing creek. The students enjoyed a pasta dinner, toasted marshmallows and some games and singing. Thanks to Meg for coming along to join us and to Susi for coming down for dinner and with pre-dinner snacks! This is the first year of a special Year 6 camp and I think we will continue the tradition next year, maybe with a bigger bushwalk...



School Drama

Cycle 3 students have really been enjoying the games and the drama activities as part of the School Drama program. The book we have been exploring has been 'Werewolf Knight'. Each week Rachel reads parts of the book and we complete various drama activities, such as role plays and improvisations that link to the story. It has been delightful to watch the children enthusiastically take part in this program and Alison and I now have a lot of terrific ideas for using drama to explore texts.



Cycle 3 play

Students from across Cycle 3 have been working all year to create a play for the end of year concert. Written, auditioned, directed, acted, crewed and choreographed by students, this has been a wholly student driven production. Charlotte and Sage, who wrote and directed the play, have been the prime movers in the production, but it has taken outstanding commitment for all the students to give up their lunchtimes throughout the year for play practices. Even the costumes were sourced by the students and largely paid for out of funds raised by Pencils and Pens, the business Charlotte and Sage have run during the year. It was an exciting moment when students first got to act on stage in the new hall.

Interesting things you might see in Cycle 3...



Cooper, Eli, Tyron, Bertie, Sol and Hagen making giant marble runs as part of our work on simple machines.

Rosie's sculpture for studying material nouns





Wet felting lessons with Bec Humphries



An interesting Botany experiment by Brianna and Adelle - how do different substances affect the growth of mould on bread?



Models showing the making of canyons, V-shaped valleys and the movement of a glacier (can be moved by pulling the cord), created and explained by Zoe and Alicia.

Alanna, Ruby, Rayne and Rosie were alight with delight about their going out to the Bright Chocolate Factory and Icecreamery on Thursday of Week 8. Under the supervision of their teacher, the students organized all details of the event, making bookings, planning bus routes and times, calculating costs, assessing risks, and finding a parent with a WWC card who was able to accompany them. (Thanks, Kerrie!) Well done, girls! Now that we've broken the ice, let's hope there will be many more goings out next year.

If you're a parent who could be available to accompany Cycle 3 students on this sort of event, please let Alison and Kat know, so we can add you to our list of parents potentially available for goings out in 2018.

Big thanks to Charlotte and Sage, who independently set about labelling all the books in our library so children would find it easy to put them back in order.



Cycle 3 Classroom Assistant

New Full Time Position | Cycle 3

The Beechworth Montessori Vision is that as our children take their first steps towards independence, we aim to provide them with a warm, positive and inspiring experience of education – one that will build a foundation of a love of lifelong learning. Montessori education aims to enhance the child's ability to concentrate, to move with coordination, to interact with others with and to take responsibility for their own learning and environment

Beechworth Montessori School has new position for a room assistant working with our cycle 3 students (grades 4 - 6). Duties for this position include supporting children to understand and complete learning tasks and management and production of classroom supplies and materials. The ideal applicant will;

- Love working with children
- Be a life-long learner
- Be interested in ways to engage, enthuse and support children with their learning.
- Have experience or understanding with Montessori curriculum and teaching methods
- Thrive in a team environment

Experience and expertise in student self-directed learning, project based learning and providing systems to support student monitoring is highly desirable.

Working with Children and Police check will be required prior to commencing.

Applications must include:

- Cover letter
- Full CV and classroom/teaching experience.

Applications are to be submitted by close of business Monday 18th December 2017 to principal@bms.vic.edu.au

Community Notices



We're taking enrolments for Term 1, 2018.

~ Circus ~

Through skills such as aerial silks, tumbling, hula hoops, juggling or pyramids, your children will have fun while developing core strength, balance and agility. We offer classes for all ages above 3, in circus.

~ Drama with Brendan ~

An introduction to improvisation and storytelling, this class uses drama games and play-making to build imagination, creativity and confidence. Above all else, it's fun!

~ Dance with Chelsea ~

Classes will focus on co-ordination, motor skills rhythm and musicality.

Tiny Tots - 3-4 years - Students will learn a range of age appropriate steps in compassing ballet and jazz techniques.

Introduction to Dance - 5-7 years - Students will learn a range of styles in term 1 including Jazz, Ballet and Hip Hop as an introduction to dance. By offering a range of styles over the term children gain experience and confidence in many genres preparing them for future classes in their chosen style.

Jazz and Hip Hop - 8 years + - Students will learn how to warm up and stretch properly focusing on Jazz technique accompanied by a Hip Hop routine.

Please let me know if you or your child would like to join!

Zoe - 0478 055 091 or xavierzoe@mac.com

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



centrelink

medicare

child support

If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from the Department of Human Services travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support and Australian Hearing payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the department's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- conducting a free hearing health check/hearing test
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit **humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice**

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

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Beechworth Community
Christmas Lunch

A lunch for everybody



You are invited to share
Christmas Day celebrations with others

Anyone from the Beechworth
& surrounding communities is welcome

Monday 25th December 2017

Time | 11.30 for a 12 noon sit down, hot lunch

Venue | Beechworth Memorial Hall

Cost: Gold coin donation | This is an alcohol-free event

RSVP by 8th December

to Beechworth Health reception

p: 57280200 | e: BHSReception@bhs.hume.org.au

Transport can be provided if needed, ask BHS reception

