

## Term 2 Week 2 – 28 April 2017

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

**2017 Term Dates:** Term 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March (9 weeks)  
Term 2 - 18<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June (11 weeks)  
Term 3 - 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September (10 weeks)  
Term 4 - 9<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> December (11 weeks)

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> May<br><br>School Photos<br>this week | 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> May   | 4 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>MAP (Cycle 4)<br>Information Night<br>at Beechworth<br>Secondary College<br>6pm | 5 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>Cycle 1<br>Little Kickers<br>Incursion<br>2pm<br><br>Cycle 2 Sleepover<br>4.45pm to 8.30am |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May                                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>NAPLAN<br>Grades 3 & 5 | 10 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>NAPLAN<br>Grades 3 & 5<br><br>Cycles 1,2 & 3<br>Mother's Day Night<br>5pm-6pm | 11 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>NAPLAN<br>Grades 3 & 5   | 12 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>Cycle 1<br>Nature Walk<br>1.30pm  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> May                              | 17 <sup>th</sup> May  | 18 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>Cycle 3<br>(nominated students)<br>Junior School Council<br>10am-1pm           | 19 <sup>th</sup> May<br><br>Cycle 3<br>(nominated students)<br>Meals on Wheels<br>11.15am-1.15pm                      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                              | 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | 26 <sup>th</sup> May  |

Dates for the next 4 weeks will be listed in the fortnightly newsletter.

For any further dates, the **School Stream** App on your smart phone currently shows the next 90 days of events.

For the rest of the year please see the calendar on our website.

## A note from Susi

When I returned from Vanuatu to visit my family in January I certainly wasn't expecting to stay. I felt though that this beautiful school could do with a little bit of help. So here I am one term later enjoying every second. Each day I learn more and more about this wonderful Montessori community as I sit in a different seat, no longer in the classroom, but able to experience the breadth and beauty across the Cycles. Meeting new families and catching up with families I know well is a delight, working alongside our teachers, teaching assistants and office staff is an honour and seeing the children busily at work throughout the day is indeed a joy. I would like to thank the Committee of Management, who as volunteers, are contributing significant time towards the governance of the school and a commitment to the Montessori way. Please call in for a chat and if you have a moment come and sit down at the new café tables at the front of the school and enjoy the sunshine.

## Update from the Committee of Management

The annual general meeting was held last night in the school foyer and the new Committee of Management were elected. The CoM would like to thank our wonderful school community for their great attendance and contribution to the meeting.

The elected CoM members are Dean Cleave-Smith, Rachel Kerkvliet, Anthea Scott, Jacqui Alessi, Nadia Dean and Karen Chabaud. Office bearer roles will be decided over the coming week and communicated to the school community. Have a lovely weekend!

## School Photos Schedule – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

School Photos are scheduled for **Tuesday – Friday** next week.

Please have your child ready to be photographed on these days. School uniform is preferred, please avoid bold logos.

### Class Group Photos

Cycle 2 & 3 - **Wednesday**

Cycle 1 – **Thursday** - Amethyst 9.15am, Emerald 9.35am.

If your **Cycle 1** child doesn't attend this day and you have ordered the Class photo or would like them included in Class photo...please bring them to the kinder playground at the above times.

### Whole School Photo is scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - 1.15pm

If your Cycle 1 child doesn't attend this day and you would like them to be included in the Whole School Photo, please bring them to the school at 1pm.

### Weather

Should we need to postpone Class groups/individual/sibling photos due to inclement weather, the photos will be rescheduled. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> will be the back up day.

## School Stream

School Stream is an app for smart phones that we use as a way of communicating with our families, particularly in emergency situations. **Do you use it?** We have recently upgraded to a new profile and this year will roll out a number of changes, improvements and additions.

**To install the new profile** - if you already have School Stream on your phone, delete it. Got to the App Store, search for School Stream, install it.

Select *Beechworth Montessori Primary School*, the password is **42Gil**.

**Newsletters** - all Newsletters are loaded onto the App the day they are distributed.

**Contact** - use this section to phone or email us quickly.

### NEW to the app

The **Forms** section is new to our profile. In this section you can send an absence notification and change of details notification.

## ANZAC Day Celebrations

We had a lovely service on Monday to commemorate ANZAC Day. It was the first of it's kind for our school and hopefully the first of many. Look out for an article and photo in the local paper next week.

On Tuesday Harry & Bertie Showers presented a wreath at the Beechworth ANZAC Day Service on behalf of Beechworth Montessori



# Montessori Matters

## Parenting 101: Quiet Time is Important

by Maren Stark-Schmidt

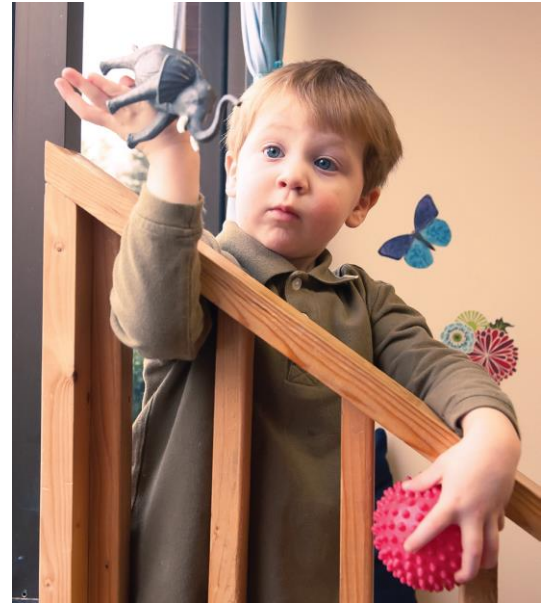
We get so busy doing, that we neglect to stop and consider our being. A quote from Kurt Vonnegut reminds me of that innate human need to maintain balance between doing and being.

**“To be is to do - Socrates**

**To do is to be - Sartre**

**Do Be Do Be Do – Sinatra”**

When we get the balance between *do* and *be*, life is improvisational. Doing gives us experience. Being helps us take the time to assimilate all that we have learned through doing. Taking the time to reflect about what we have done and where we are going lets us decide what to do next. It gives us time to make sure we are doing what we want to do and making the progress we want – not just keeping busy. If we’ve taken a wrong turn, pausing to ‘be’ will help us make some important realizations; if we’re headed in the wrong direction, we don’t need to go faster. We need to stop. Our *be-ing* informs our *do-ing*.



Quiet time is important for our children to take their experiences (their doing) and assimilate those experiences into their being. We (child and adult) need a place and time to simply ‘be’ – a place where we can stop in solitude and gather our thoughts while having time to examine those thoughts.

Children need opportunities to simply sit, rest, observe, quietly explore, and be. We need to offer a balance between activity and tranquil, undisturbed time.

Children bustle off to gym class, to swim, to dance, to lesson after lesson in order to maximize their learning or prevent them from being bored. Instead of trying to cram learning with activity after activity, it is better to have an environment where children can quietly explore, investigate and inquire with help from a guide. If a child is interested in looking at rocks, an adult can offer a bit of information by perhaps pointing out the different structure of the rocks (igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic) and then retreat, offering the child the quiet opportunity to do further exploration, think, or simply consolidate new and old information.

**A child’s learning is deeper when it comes from within versus being forced by using flash cards, worksheets, questioning, and on and on.**

If we each look at our individual style of learning, we’ll perhaps see that we learn best when we choose our activity, do it to our satisfaction, and then have a period of rest or contemplation to unify our thoughts. When I’m mentally stuck during a project, a quiet walk helps me consolidate new ideas and incubate my impressions into intentions. Children’s learning and growing also need this time to consolidate new experiences and then to choose what activity to do next to create meaningful learning. By the process of selecting what to do, our children reveal to us who they are. With time to choose, learning becomes personal and powerful. Through their choices, our children are telling us their likes, their dislikes, their interests, their passions, their weaknesses, and their strengths. It all begins with being quiet and having time that is unencumbered with activities that aren’t evaluated, judged, or prioritized by adults.


When we fill our children’s days with busy work that does not tap into our being’s powerful way to learn through quiet reflection and choice, we do our children a disservice. Our children need quiet time to let actions and thoughts sort out and result in robust learning and growth. For optimum development, we each need quiet time, to sit and think, and time to do nothing. Quiet time is important.

Do Be Do Be Do. A reminder to take some time to simply ‘be.’



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**CATHOLIC COLLEGE WODONGA**

**OPEN DAY**

**THURSDAY 4 MAY**


**4.15PM TOURS START**

**5.15PM LAST TOUR BEGINS**


**6-7PM INFORMATION SESSION**

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## All Stars Tennis Coaching Program At Wangaratta Lawn Tennis Club and Beechworth Tennis Club

### Term 2 Wangaratta and Beechworth Tennis Coaching Program

- **Private Lesson:** Email doug or text on 0448396496.
- **Wangaratta Tuesday Hotshots:** Starts Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 3:45pm to 5:00pm for 6 weeks
- **Wangaratta Junior Squad/Senior Squad:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 4pm to 5:30pm for 6 weeks
- **Wangaratta Saturday Hotshots:** Starts Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 9:00 am to 9:45 am for 6 weeks
- **Wangaratta Saturday ANZ Hotshot League:** Starts Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9:45 am to 10:30 am for 6 weeks
- **Beechworth Friday Lesson:** Starts Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 3:45pm onwards for 6 weeks Call or text Ben for more information
- **Register online:** Register at <http://www.allstarstennis.com.au> click on register and pay button
- For further details, go to [www.allstarstennis.com.au](http://www.allstarstennis.com.au) or Text Doug Smith on 0448 396 496 - email [coaching@allstarstennis.com.au](mailto:coaching@allstarstennis.com.au)



# BEECHWORTH NIGHT NETBALL

**AUTUMN COMP APRIL 18 TO JUNE 30**

**TUESDAY NIGHTS AT  
BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY  
RECREATION CENTRE**

Located at Beechworth  
Secondary College

## **SOCIAL & REGISTRATION NIGHT**

**Tuesday 28th March**

Hibernian Hotel,  
40 Camp Street Beechworth

- Join Committee members and players for a social dinner or drink from 6pm
- EFTPOS available to pay registration fees

Please contact Kylie on 0417 596 614 or Paige on [paigeschweizer@gmail.com](mailto:paigeschweizer@gmail.com) for more information or to register your interest.

Or find us on Facebook Registrations close on March 28

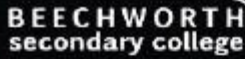
## **COMPETITION FEE \$125**

Fee includes VNA insurance for 2017

Open for ladies over 18 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!





*Connecting Communities.  
Widening Worlds...*

Beechworth Secondary College will be conducting an information evening for all current parents and those interested in the Montessori Adolescent Program (M.A.P.) for 2017 and beyond. Come along and find out what M.A.P. is all about!

M.A.P. is for students in Years 7 to 9 and is run as part of the broad educational program at Beechworth Secondary College. This represents Cycle 4 for Montessori students. Students from a non-Montessori background are also encouraged to apply for the program. All enrolments are subject to interview, and families must also complete an Observation Tour of the program. Curriculum, program and fee details will be available on the night.

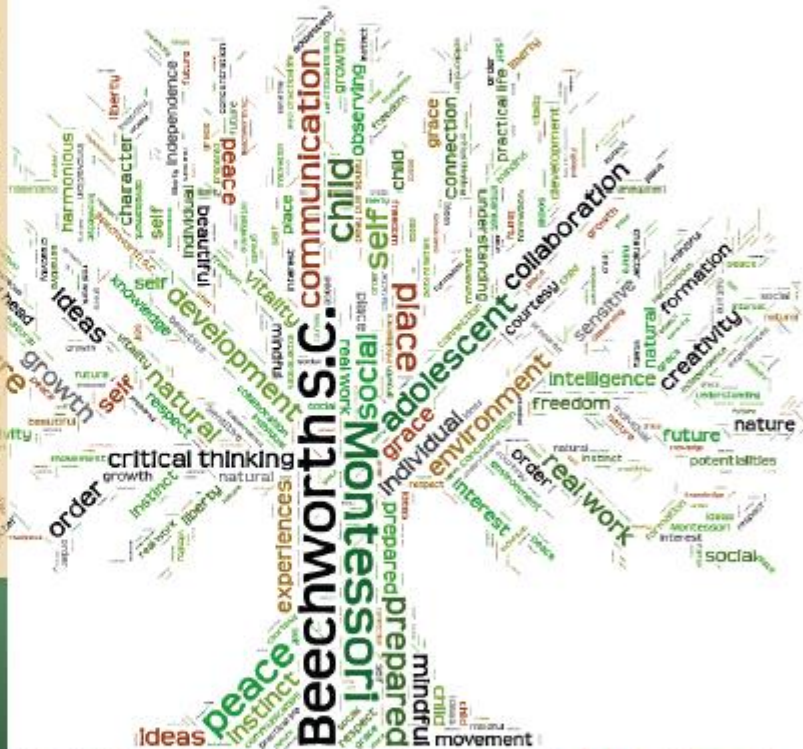
To assist us in forward planning, it is important that we have an indication of enrolment numbers for the next few years. Please complete a *Registration of Interest* via the school website to secure an interview for the 2017 intake:

**Or contact the school office on 03 5728 1264 to make other arrangements to hear about this innovative program.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> May

@6pm

# Information EVEN







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We are welcoming students from a number of countries to our special part of the world in 2017, and can provide flexible hosting options to suitable families.

For more information on students arriving, volunteer options and how to become a host family, please contact us on the details below, or visit [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au).

or contact local Co-ordinator - Jan James ph 0424 931 900



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### **Welcome to the 2017 season of Beechworth NetSetGo**

- NetSetGo will commence in Term 2 at Baarmutha Park – Balaclava Road Beechworth.
- Sunday sessions will begin on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of April running at the same time as Auskick on Sunday mornings. Please see below for dates.
- We will run 2 sessions that will cater for different age groups and skills:
- **The Net** program is a skills based program for children **aged 5 – 7 years**  
Sundays - 10am to 10:45am
- **The Set** program will be a skills / competition based program for the older children **aged 8-10 years** - 10:30am to 11:30am
- **We will begin with a one off Friday night 'under lights' session on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. There will be a combined BBQ with the Auskick families following the sessions. 'The Net' program will run from 5pm to 5:45 pm and 'The Set' program will run from 5:30pm to 6:30pm**

### **Scheduled Sessions**

1. Friday Night 21<sup>st</sup> April - Under Lights – BBQ Dinner
2. Sunday 30 April
3. Sunday 7 May
4. Sunday 14 May
5. Sunday 21 May
6. Sunday 28 May
7. Sunday 4 June \*\*\*Break for Queens birthday long weekend
8. Sunday 18 June
9. Sunday 25 June - Parents & kids final session

### **Registration:**

The registration fee is \$60. Please register on the NetSetGo website. You will need to locate your centre, which is under the Find Your Centre tab (type in Beechworth) and follow the prompts to register. The payment method is via direct debit and bank details listed upon registration. Please note the program is being run through the Beechworth Night Netball Association. There are new payment details so please ensure you deposit the registration fees in the correct account.

Your child will receive a netball and NetSetGo shirt which will arrive directly in the mail upon payment.

### **We would love any parent helpers to assist the coaches when needed.**

Please contact Rachel Kerkvliet on 0430025506 or email [netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com](mailto:netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com) if you have any queries.