

**Term 1**  
**Week 5 – 4 March 2015**  
*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

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**We have been notified of instances of headlice.  
Please check children's hair regularly to contain the spread of the pests.**

## **Term 1**

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 27<sup>th</sup> March**

*8 weeks, 2 days*

*1 public holiday – Labour Day*

*2 pupil free days – Dyslexia Awareness & Training*

### **To Be Advised**

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

### **March**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday & Friday – Pupil Free Days, Dyslexia Training for staff**

**9<sup>th</sup> Monday – Public Holiday - Labour Day**

**12<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Hockey Roadshow – Year 4 students**

**12<sup>th</sup> Thursday – SEED Student Environment Education – Yackandandah Year 5&6 students**

**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Harmony Day event 2.00pm with special guest Nicky Bomba**

**18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – BBQ 5pm & AGM 6.00pm  
- RSVP for session 25<sup>th</sup> with Liz Campbell**

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday – World Harmony Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Cycle 2&3 Parent teacher interviews. Room schedules to be communicated prior to this date**

**25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Setting your child up to learn with Liz Campbell 6.30-8.30pm. Parent Education Event**

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday – End of Term 2.15pm finish**

### **April**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Golden Horseshoes Easter Parade 2pm. All children and parents welcome to join our parade entry**

## **From the Principal**

There was article this week in the news regarding a school that used "currency" to encourage children to do the "right" things and then used the same currency to penalise children who didn't follow the rules - in this case going to the toilet too many times to get out of school work- has caused me to reflect. Firstly it reaffirmed how respectful Montessori education is for the child and how the whole child benefits from taking responsibility for their learning with the gentle guidance of the adults in their lives. This is why Montessori works so well – it is a holistic philosophy based on respecting the whole child; the curriculum is developed from the pedagogy. This provides a deep level of contemplation around our practices and means that the curriculum is not the sole driving force of the school. My thoughts have also gone to the members of that school community at what must be a difficult time due to the negative publicity. I never doubt that at the core of all schools is that the child's best interests are met.

Here at BMS, staff participate in a fortnightly philosophy session where a chosen resource is read and then discussed. At present we are reading Love of Learning – Supporting Intrinsic Motivation in Montessori Students by Michael and D'Neil Duffy. The Montessori premise is that children do not require

rewards or punishments to motivate them to learn or behave in a desirable manner. In this week's philosophy section there's some information on intrinsic motivation – this may support your understanding of why your child doesn't receive awards or external validation at a Montessori school.

Don't forget to visit the new website – particularly the Parent Room – Use your password advised in your enrolment letter for 2015 to access blogs and photos of what's happening around the school. School Stream is also being used as an additional convenient application on your phone. It uses the same password as the Parent Room.

A reminder that Thursday and Friday are pupil free days – please do not send children to school as no staff will be on the premises. We will be attending professional development around the topic of learning for the dyslexic child. This is in Wangaratta. A reminder that Monday is a public holiday. Enjoy the very long weekend.

**Heather**

# Beechworth Montessori Pie Drive!

*A great school fundraiser and a chance for some easy, delicious meals!*

- Gum Tree Pies -

A family run award winning local business, Gum Tree Pies hand make their pies with love and care, normally selling them at markets in Canberra, Melbourne and around North East Victoria to high acclaim. All pies for this fundraiser are sold unbaked, increasing shelf life and making them easy to freeze for future consumption. Cooking instructions are very simple and available on their website and supplied upon delivery. Beechworth Montessori School, in tandem with Gum Tree Pies, are excited to be having our third fundraising Pie Drive! For every pie sold the school will make \$1...so if we sell 1000 pies to our families, friends and the community, we will make \$1000!

Pies are sold in packs of 6 for \$30. You can order 6 of the same, or mixed packs. **All orders with payment must be returned to the school by Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.** Pies will then be freshly made to order and returned to you, for **pick up at school**, at either 12pm or 3.15pm, on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

*Please fill in the order form below and return it with payment by Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
Pies must be picked up at the school on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm or 3.15pm.*

## Beechworth Montessori School & Gum Tree Pies Pie Drive Fundraiser for 2015!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: ☐ Cash  
☐ Cheque (To Beechworth Montessori School)  
☐ Direct Debit to BSB: 633000 Acc: **146770748** (BMCg) under PIES + Name

Variety	Quantity: in lots of 6, but can be mixed varieties	Cost: \$30 per 6 pack
Steak & Red Wine		
Steak & Pepper		
Curry Steak		
Steak & Mushroom		
Steak & Bacon		
Mince Steak		
Chicken & Vegetable		
Chicken & Mushroom		
Lamb & Mint Jelly		
Creamy Cauliflower (Vegetarian)		
<del>Panang</del> Curry Pumpkin (Vegetarian)		
TOTAL COST:		

## General News

### Temporary Loving Homes Needed



My dog needs a temporary loving home for when our family goes around Australia.

Breed : Whippet.

Name: Whippy/Whip

Birthday: 1/4/2013

Love 10/10

Please bring him inside when there is heavy rain, storms and strong winds, and give lots of love and affection

He is de-sexed and fully vaccinated

Creamy, my 3 year old female guinea pig (who is NOT pregnant) also needs a temporary home that will look after her for 12 months while my family goes around Australia. She is much loved and cherished and would suit a family with other guinea pigs as they prefer company.

If you are able to assist with the care of Creamy or Whip commencing the end of April 2015, please ring and talk to mum (Rachel) on 0357287303 or 0427403926. Mum will cover the costs associated with the animals care and feeding. Thank you Alysha.





**Special Guest**  
at  
**Beechworth Montessori School's**  
*Harmony Day Event*  
Tuesday March 17  
Student workshop  
followed by a mass drumming circle at  
2pm.  
ALL WELCOME

Nicholas Caruana aka Nicky Bomba (born 7 September 1963, [Malta](#)) is an Australian musician and singer-songwriter. He is the front man of his band, [Bomba](#), as well as the former drummer and percussionist of [John Butler Trio](#) (2003-04, 2009-13). He has performed in other acts and as a solo artist. His youngest sister, [Danielle Caruana](#), (who performs as [Mama Kin](#)), is married to his former band mate, [John Butler](#). His older brother, Michael Caruana, is a member of Bomba and of Mama Kin's backing band.




Background information	
<b>Genres:</b>	<a href="#">Reggae</a> , <a href="#">funk</a> , <a href="#">rock</a> , <a href="#">jazz</a> , <a href="#">ska</a> , <a href="#">mento</a>
<b>Instruments:</b>	<a href="#">Drums</a> , <a href="#">percussion</a> , <a href="#">guitar</a> , <a href="#">vocals</a>
<b>Years active:</b>	1978-present
<b>Labels:</b>	Transmiter
<b>Associated acts:</b>	<a href="#">The Truth</a> <a href="#">Bomba</a> <a href="#">John Butler Trio</a> <a href="#">Melbourne Ska Orchestra</a> <a href="#">Bustamante</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://nickybomba.com">nickybomba.com</a>



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## Family BBQ and AGM

Beechworth Montessori Cycle 2&3 Outdoor Area

**Wednesday March 18th**  
Start BBQ: 5:00 pm  
Start AGM: 6:00 pm

Please bring a salad or fruit platter to share.  
Please RSVP (for catering purposes)  
by Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> via the slip below, or advise the  
office staff, or via email:  
[info@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@bms.vic.edu.au)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

We will be attending the Family BBQ & AGM.  
For catering purposes \_\_\_\_adults and \_\_\_\_children will attend.  
We will bring a (salad/fruit): \_\_\_\_\_  
Our special dietary requirements are: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with (please circle):  
organisation beforehand / setting up & cooking / cleaning & packing up afterwards



# Invitation



## Setting your child up to learn

(Information relevant for parents and carers with children of all ages)

**Wednesday March 25th**

**6.30—8.30pm**

**at Beechworth Montessori**

**FREE**

An information session that introduces the many components of learning in the classroom, and practical ways parents can help their children to learn.

Session provided by Liz Campbell—Speech pathologist and Educator who specialises in learning and literacy. This session will help parents understand how they can help or hinder their child's ability to learn in the classroom.

Opportunity for questions at end.

A great opportunity to hear how you can support your child at home.

*Please advise if you will require child minding. Please note that due to the time of this event, child minding at school for young children is not recommended.*



*Please complete this slip and return to the office, or rsvp via email, phone or in person by Wednesday March 18th*

Name/s of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I would utilise childminding if available. No. of children for care: \_\_\_\_\_

### Photography Tender

Suppliers are invited to tender for the provision of the Beechworth Montessori School student photos for 2015.

Contact [info@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@bms.vic.edu.au) for full details. Tenders close March 27 at 2pm.

### **Specialist Subjects** **Physical Education**

This term students will be developing, consolidating and building on their throwing, catching and striking skills. They will be working on these skills in a variety of modified games and using a variety of equipment. Students will continue the focus on enjoyment and participation, rather than individual or team strength and success. Towards the end of term students will begin their training in preparation for the School Cross Country. I will emphasise the importance of 'having a go' – you will never find a sport you can be passionate about unless you are willing to try them all.

**Josh**

### **Cycle 2 News** **Moonstone**

#### Peer teaching and the multi-age classroom

As part of our in school staff philosophy meetings we are observing peer teaching in our classrooms - a time often of deep learning and joy for those involved.



### Zoology

The study of invertebrates is taking on three dimensions as models are being built from a variety of materials. Students are demonstrating their knowledge to the class through an oral presentation naming the type of invertebrate, its phylum, what it eats, what eats it and another interesting fact.

### South America

The Andes Mountains the longest mountain range in the world and the animals of the Amazon are the focus for our studies. Our upright loom is in action with weaving of wool and colourful threads/materials influenced by Peruvian weaving hopefully completed in time for Harmony Day.

## **History**

We are about to embark on the fascinating journey studying the geological timeline of the earth. Discussions about the evolution of early ocean life such as the ammonites, mollusc and cephalopods have been inspired by shells and fossils. Children are welcome to bring in natural objects of curiosity and wonder as we piece together the puzzle of life coming to earth.

Thank you to Dina for stepping in for Susi while in Melbourne studying the Associate Diploma in Multi-Sensory Language Instruction.

## ***Susi and Sally***

## **Turquoise**

**History** – amidst much excitement, the children made their own fossils. They have also been investigating the timeline of life and continuing their research into various dinosaurs

**Art** – our Rainsticks are almost complete and ready for display in another week or so. It has been a detailed task requiring great care and attention to detail. The children are proud of their efforts and can't wait to finish them. They have also started making Ndebele huts utilising the geometric designs associate with this African tribe.

**Geography** – the children have continued the series on Africa and have been looking at traditional and modern African homes along with the layout of villages and the reason they are arranged as they are. Customs and beliefs so different to our own continue to amaze and confound the children. Last week saw the children relish a sweet treat from South Africa with calls for seconds all round.

Turquoise would like to welcome Anouk and the Plowman family. Anouk has commenced transition and we look forward to seeing her regularly in the room.

## **Tips for Readers and Reading at Home:**

- Look at the pictures - Children need time to take in and enjoy the illustrations
- Ask "what do you think the story might be about?" (story prediction)
- Talk about the title, pictures, etc – give plenty of time to look at pictures – allow them to focus on tracking words later and make predictions now
- Then "let's see if we're right!"
- "I will read it first"
- "Then can you read it after me"
- If the text is too long or too much, break it into chunks on each page, don't necessarily read it all
- If they stumble, give them the word correctly straight up
- Talking Books are great for any age, *but best when there is a book to read along with it.*
- Stories are the only way to build language and comprehension





## Cycle 3 News

### Art

Lately Cycle 3 have been doing aboriginal drawings for art. We first did dot drawings and then moved on to line art from the Utopia area. After that we drew x-ray art. When we finished those three styles we chose one to paint. Most people drew snakes and turtles, but other people drew birds and lizards. We also had a book with lots of art from a family in Utopia and that inspired many great ideas. Many students have enjoyed this kind of art and produced many great pieces.

**By Akeidha Alexander**

### District Swimming Carnival

On Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> we went to the District Swimming Carnival in Wodonga (Waves Pool). The people who went to district swimming were Eadie Pfahlert, Mia Davidson, Charlotte Hopp, Uli Wild, Lia Ladbrook, Bianca Hall, Natasha Hall and Sage Davidson. Eadie came 3<sup>rd</sup> in freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> in backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> in the medley relay and 1<sup>st</sup> in the freestyle relay. Mia came 1<sup>st</sup> in the freestyle relay and 1<sup>st</sup> in the medley relay. Charlotte came 2<sup>nd</sup> in freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> in the freestyle relay, 1<sup>st</sup> in the medley relay, 1<sup>st</sup> in breaststroke. Uli came 4<sup>th</sup> in breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> in the medley relay and 1<sup>st</sup> in the freestyle relay. Sage came 3<sup>rd</sup> in breaststroke, but accidentally was disqualified. Lia came 16<sup>th</sup> in freestyle and also in breaststroke. Bianca came 2<sup>nd</sup> in breaststroke and Natasha came 2<sup>nd</sup> in backstroke. Good luck to Charlotte, Eadie, Mia, Uli, Bianca and Natasha at Shepparton today.

**By Sage and Bianca**

## EARLY HUMANS

Ardipithecus ramidus fossils were discovered in **Ethiopia** In 1994. A ramidus is thought to be the earliest common ancestor to all hominids (humans). A ramidus is between 4 to 5 million years old. Lucy's skeleton indicated bipedalism. A. afarensis fossils were also found in Kenya and Tanzania. Lucy was discovered 40 years ago. Lucy died from a dust storm.

**By Taya**

### SIMPLE MACHINES

The past few weeks Topaz year 5's, - Cassia, Charlotte, Izzie, Lia and Amelia have been studying simple machines, such as the screw, lever and the Inclined plane.

The first simple machine we did was an inclined plane. Inclined planes or ramps, reduce the amount of effort than just driving up a steep hill, but you have to move a longer distance. An example is Mount Hotham, you drive around the mountain instead of going straight up.

Next we did levers. What we mean by levers is like a seesaw; the thing that goes underneath it is called a fulcrum. So what we did was put a cardboard fulcrum underneath a plank of wood, then we put a brick on top of the wood plank, we moved the cardboard fulcrum closer to the brick and it was easier to lift than the fulcrum being closer to where we were pushing, simple.



Next we did the screw, we were talking about how you turn screws one way and it screws down, and if you turn it the opposite way it would screw up. Terie taught us this by bringing her drill and a plank of wood so she could demonstrate. After she demonstrated, we could have a turn. We held the drill and pushed, the screw, then the screw went down, then we pressed the reverse button and the screw went up.

*By Isabella Harris and Lia Ladbroke*

## Stormy night

*by Amelia*

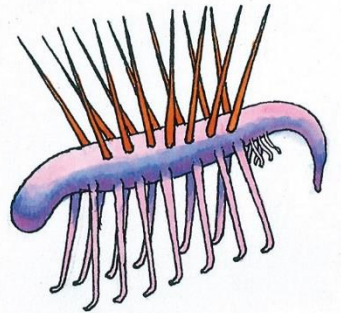
*Stormy night, oh, stormy night  
Bang!! Crash!! Goes the thunder  
Snap!! Goes the tree hit by lightning  
Down, down, down goes the tree as it falls  
Hear the wind as it blows  
Look at the lighting flash through the night  
Look at the trees leaves and branches  
Swinging to and fro  
Out goes the power with a click  
Now we're engulfed in darkness  
Where are those torches?  
Time for bed, time for sleep  
I'm drifting off into an uneasy sleep*

### Weird Cambrian Creatures

In history the year 5s have been studying the Cambrian Period. Kat let us learn about a creature and make a model of it. Some of the creatures were really weird and strange, and most of the names were hard to pronounce and spell. One of my fellow classmates and I researched the *Hallucigenia sparsa*, you can see the picture of it to the right.

Our model of it isn't really well made but you can at least relate it to the picture. We also had to make a card to go with it, the card had things on it like name, period of time, relatives etc.

*By: Skip Pieper*



## Supporting your Montessori Child

<http://www.international-montessori.org/>

### Motivation

Motivation as a general term can be extrinsic or intrinsic. Extrinsic is when children work due to pressure and/or rewards. They work because they have to or because there is an external motivation. The opposite, **being intrinsic motivation is an internal, long lasting phenomena**. A person is intrinsically motivated when he/she wants to do something - When there is an inner urge to do something, without promised rewards. An intrinsically motivated student likes to work at school, contribute to lessons and discussions and collaborates with others. At a Montessori school we work on the development of intrinsic motivation. This reaches much further than extrinsic motivation, since the latter is very short lived and the child does not feel responsible for the outcome. Intrinsic motivation goes hand in hand with responsibility for self and others. It leads to life long learning and success in one's career.

Due to the educational approach, Montessori graduates are much more likely to show high levels of intrinsic motivation.

### How does this come about?

- Cycles of uninterrupted concentration
  - Opportunities given to preferred learning styles
  - Choice, therefore the work is theirs
  - Opportunities to expand on their knowledge
  - Decision making opportunities
  - Logical limits that enhance the development of responsibility
  - Empowerment which is followed by pleasure in what they do
- Intrinsic motivation builds the personality. It is a "characteristic" for life.

An intrinsically motivated person will do well in anything they set their mind too.

## Community News



### Auskick Season 2015

The new Auskick season for 2015 will commence on Sunday 19 April at the Beechworth Football Netball Club. The cost this season is \$75.00. There has been a fee increase this year and the fee will include the costs to ship the packs directly to the participant's homes.

Registrations for the season are open and online at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/>

A special offer is in place that if you pay your child's NAB AFL Auskick registration online by Monday 20 April 2015 you will get access to four complimentary tickets (i.e. 2 adults and 2 children) to a selected 2015 Toyota AFL Premiership match through the AFL Game Day program.

The session times are:

- Prep – grade 1: 10.00am – 11.30am
- Grade 2+: 10.00am – 12 noon

The dates are as follows:

1. Sunday 19 April: Season starts
2. Sunday 26 April
3. Friday 1 May: Friday night under lights 5.00 – 6.30pm
4. Sunday 10 May
5. Sunday 17 May
6. Sunday 24 May
7. Sunday 31 May
- No Auskick Queen's Birthday long weekend*
8. Sunday 14 June
9. Sunday 21 June: Final session – Mums, dads and kids game

#### Helpers Needed

We are looking for the following volunteers to assist with the following:

- Coaches
- Assistants
- Coffee and tea makers
- BBQ helpers – night game and last session

If you can assist please let us know! We can be contacted on 0408 730 177 or [beechworthauskick@gmail.com](mailto:beechworthauskick@gmail.com)

Thanks again and see you all in term 2.

Gabriella Tange and Scott Ramsdell  
Auskick Coordinators



### Helpers needed for Net Set Go 2015!

Net Set Go Season 2015 is going to commence in Term 2. This year we are going to try to run Net Set Go at the same time as Auskick both on Sunday mornings.

We would like to run 2 sessions that will cater for different age groups and skills. The Net program is a skills based program for children 5-7 years and the Set program will be a skills/competition program for older players or those 8-10 years.

AND... In order to run Net Set Go this year, I will require some additional helpers from parents/carers to ensure we can run the program. I have arranged for a short coaching session for parents and helpers from an experienced coach to assist those who are keen to help and would like some skills to help out. I cannot run the sessions on my own and really need help to make it happen.

If we can get enough helpers, the dates are as follows:

1. Sunday 19 April: Season starts
2. Sunday 26 April
3. Friday 1 May: Friday night under lights from 5.00 – 6.30pm
4. Sunday 10 May
5. Sunday 17 May
6. Sunday 24 May
7. Sunday 31 May
- No NET SET GO Queen's Birthday long weekend*
8. Sunday 14 June
9. Sunday 21 June: Final session – Mums, dads and kids game

I am working towards online registration this year and these details along with a date for a coaching clinic will be provided in the next week or so.

#### IF YOU CAN HELP...

Please contact Gabriella Tange on 0408 730 177 or at [netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com](mailto:netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com) if you are able to assist and please let me know which session you would be able to help out.

## Midgets and Under 13s Netball

Beechworth Football and Netball Club are currently putting the call out for netballers aged 8 to 12 (or turning 13 this year) to join the Midgets and Under 13s teams.

To get involved please come along to training – 5pm on Wednesdays at the Beechworth Football and Netball Club netball courts.

### Beechworth Football Club

Training for the Under 12's & 14's will commence on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

All new players are welcome.

#### Under 12's

4.15pm – 5.30pm

Coach: Bill McLaughlin 0408 660 970

Team Manager: Jamie Pronk 0416 070 412