

Term 3
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Term 3

13th July – 18th September

10 weeks

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

To Be Advised

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

August

14th Friday – Pupil Free Day – Staff updating qualifications

19th Wednesday – Parent Education Event – Cyber Safety Vic Police

21st Friday – Kissin Cousins band performance for students 1.15pm

21st Friday – School Disco at BNC:

Prep & Cycle 2 5 - 6.30pm, Cycle 3 6 – 8pm

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

15th Tuesday – International Peace Day Celebrations 1.30pm

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

From the Principal

Thank you to all those people who have sent their love, best wishes, food, flowers and support at this very difficult time. I'd also like to thank the children for their beautiful cards and thoughts.

My gratitude goes out to the staff for picking up the things I do and to the Admin team for keep things going – especially Feona, my right hand woman.

Heather

General News

Cycle 3 are looking for helpers to assist with preparation of the lunch orders. You do not have to have a child in Cycle 3 to help.

Please see Terie or Kat if you would like to help out.

Lunch Orders – Week 6

Sausage Rolls \$1

Parent Education Evening

Our Parent Information Evening on Cyber Safety is next Wednesday at 7pm. This session is for parents only as requested by the an IT Education Officer from Victoria Police who is speaking at the session. Look for the flyer in your parent pocket this week and don't forget to RSVP to the office.

Parents & Friends News

News from the curry night

The Curry night turned out to be a great success raising more than \$1000 after costs were taken out. A massive thank you to Amandhi for her wonderful cooking, Georgia and Bek for their organisation, John Walker for a MCing the evening and all the helpers behind the scenes. You all made it a wonderful night and your contribution and support are greatly appreciated.

Beechworth Books orders were placed last week and books and have been placed in parent pockets.

Fundraising Educational Products

Catalogues are in the school foyer. The school receives vouchers to use with the supply companies and traditionally we allocate these to Ruby Room for the purchase of materials for our early learning programs that run in this room. All orders appreciated.

Coffee

First day: 20th August, (Thursday)

Cost: \$3.00

Time: 8:40am-9:00am

Where: out the front of the school

This is a cycle 3 business & fundraising project.

Music News

The Music Program is full steam ahead in preparation of our performance on international peace day celebration which will be held Tuesday 15th September at 1.30pm. All the students will participate in their class World Drumming and percussion Ensembles. They have all been hard at work rehearsing practicing and learning there parts of the arrangements.

The Cycle three classes have a combination of tuned percussion and Drum Circle Groups. They will present a selection of their own compositions and all so some other arrangements which have been chosen. The groups are sounding great and it has been awesome to see and hear the music they are creating.

The Cycle two classes have also been working hard on the World Drumming with all the students really improving with their skills on the instruments. The arrangements are sounding great and the kids are always keen to get a good rhythmic vibe happening.

Cycle one have been rehearsing in the Drum circle as well and all are looking forward to our weekly rehearsal. All the students love the music class and they are always improving on their skills and understanding of counting the beat and playing steady rhythms.

All the students have been singing on a regular basis in preparation for the massed choir. Each class have been practicing songs which will be performed at the concert at the end of term. I look forward to working with all the students and staff in the weeks to come in preparation for the concert and I hope to see you all there.

Kind Regards
Conrad Forrer
Music Director.

Ruby Room News

Hello again. Welcome to 2 new families to tots; Leta and Elsey and Tegwyn and little Quinn.

It is always lovely to meet new families!

Winter is letting us know it is still hovering even though the wattle is announcing spring is not far away. With the cold weather we have had fewer plays outside.

We will be having a baby rabbit come and stay with us for a while, thank you to Mabel and Trudi for letting us look after their pet. If parents could assist their child/ren when they are handling the rabbit it would be of great benefit to both child and pet. We will also be setting an ant farm hopefully with some degree of success. If anyone has any knowledge or previous experience let us know.

In transition we have been doing the dance to the 'Hokey Pokey' song with falgs as some of the children enjoy the big sweeping arm movements this involves. We have been marching with our coloured streamers and singing the 'Rainbow' song. The children have been experimenting with rainbow milk, a small science experiment.

We have been making little apple pies in ELOC (Early Learning Occasional Care) and the children have been excited about eating them. Dress ups has also been very popular over the last couple of weeks as has hitching up the little trailer and carting it around full of all sorts of things.

So far we have 2 recipes for the tots cookbook project. If you have a favourite recipe that you child enjoys please share it with us for a child friendly recipe booklet we hope to compile.

Thank you to the parents who have been helping in our transition program; Karen, Amandhi, Kim and Christie. It is always helpful to have you stay.

Our best wishes to Christie Rodda for a speedy recovery

Cycle 1 News

Amethyst

HalveWaste Incursion

Penny from HalveWaste came to show us how the new system of bins work. Now we have a red bin for rubbish, a yellow bin for recycling, and a green bin for compost. As well as the



chook bucket for you guessed it the hens! We discussed what can go in each bin, Penny use photos to illustrate, then she played a game called "find the right bin". When we looked in the rubbish bin it was too full, so we decided to search through and place items in the correct bin. Did you know a pizza box with stuck on pizza can go in the compost bin (green lid)? Or an aerosol can be recycled (yellow lid)? Thank you to Penny and HalveWaste for visiting and teaching us about the best way to make use of ours bins.



A visit from Andrew the vet.

Thank you to Andrew Colson for coming to our room to talk about pets. He is a vet and has a wealth of knowledge that he shared beautifully with the children. He will be happy to know the children retained lots from the morning talk. The children shared the following:

- Andrew is a vet.
- He talked to us about how to care for animals.
- They need the right food, they need water, they need a friend and they need to be healthy.
- After we pat animals we must wash our hands.
- A dog must be on a lead.
- Always ask the owner if you can pat their dog.
- It is good to pat the dog under the chin first.

We also found out that Charlie, our guinea pig, is almost certainly a girl.

Cooking

The children in Amethyst have requested that these the 2 soup recipes go in the newsletter, they really want to cook the soups at home.

Pumpkin Soup:

Chop pumpkin, potato, carrot, tomatoes and onion and put into a saucepan.

Add vegetable stock and boil for 20 minutes.

When cooked add milk and blend.

The children made cheese and garlic muffins to have with the pumpkin soup.

Zucchini Soup:

Chop Zucchini, carrot, potato and onion and put into a saucepan.

Add vegetable stock, garlic and a sprig of rosemary and boil for 20 minutes.

When cooked add milk and cheese and blend.

The children cooked damper to eat with the zucchini soup.



Perceptual Motor Development

Tara Skippen came into our class during week 3 and talked about different ways to stay active. She showed us some activities that we can do easily, both at school and at home. The children stretched and used different muscles, moved around the room in various ways, danced following directions, and 'free' danced. There was a lot of enthusiasm, laughter and energy from all. Thank you Tara for sharing your skills and energy with the children.

Emerald



Children are working very well in the room despite a number of changes as we farewell some older children and welcome younger children into the room. Our recent show and tell topic of "science" (nominated by the children) captured everyone's interest and led to exploration in detail of magnets including the north and south poles of a magnet and the attract/repel combinations of these. We will also be introducing simple experiments following some great exploding demonstrations during show and tell. Thanks to everyone for your contributions.



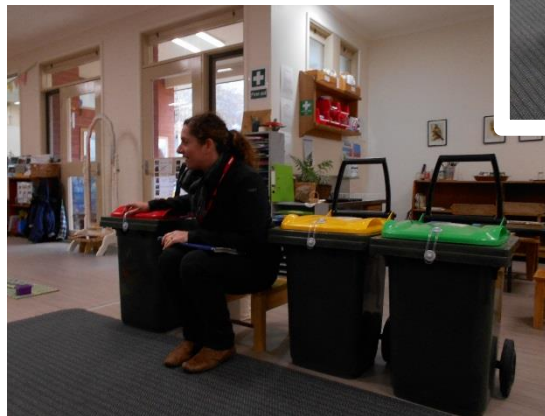
Last week we had Penny from Albury Wodonga Waste Management visit the class to discuss rubbish recycling and composting. Penny brought with her 3 smaller versions of our red, yellow and green bins and discussed with the children what should be put into each. We discussed how we sort our compost so that our chooks can be fed, then what we put into the new composting basket. The children undertook a sorting activity selecting an item of garbage to decide which bin to place it in. Penny was most impressed with the children's level of knowledge about appropriate waste management, but there were a few things we all learnt:

- Soft plastic that can be scrunched into a ball goes into the red bin
- Bottle tops should be collected together in an empty plastic container as they can be recycled on mass but not individually
- Used tissues can go into the green composting bin



Each week I'll be placing a photographic collage related to a particular learning area on the classroom window. These pictures will depict just a few of the wide range of activities that comprise each curriculum area. This week's feature is practical life.

Thanks to parents for sharing your time in our room to enhance our program: Helen Sellar is visiting to discuss her time in Africa; and Lou Ritchie is visiting soon to give a bread making demonstration and leave us with some sourdough starters to experiment with. We'll be planning a visit to Lou's new bakery adjacent to the school in term 4 (as an alternative to visiting the Beechworth Bakery). All parents (with children in Emerald room or not) are invited to visit our class to share skills, information or experiences with us. Pop in or drop Lynda an email if you would like to contribute (lyndar@bms.vic.edu.au)



Community News

Hip Hop Dance Classes....friends, fitness & fun

Wednesdays at 7 Church Street, Beechworth

4pm-5pm: 5 to 7 year olds

5pm-6pm: 8 to 10 year olds

6pm-7pm: 11 to 13 year olds

\$12.50 per class

Call Franja Bailey on 0421 024 998

Photography Workshop

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Brenda Pomponio from 13 Acres and Erin Hartwig from Beechworth Photographers are returning in Spring to deliver their third Interactive beginners workshop.

This practical workshop is perfect if you've recently purchased a Digital SLR camera. We'll work through the foundations of photography with you - exposure, aperture, shutter speed, lenses and composition and explore what makes a great photo. Learn some of the digital language, get an understanding of file formats, DPI and Resolution.

You'll be guided through some practical shooting tasks on a town walk around some of Beechworth's historic architecture. Come and enjoy a day with Brenda and Erin and learn how to get the most out of your digital camera.

Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera

Sunday September 13th 10am - 2.30pm

For more info contact Erin 0419 390 088

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Cost \$185 (lunch provided) Early Bird - \$165 if booked before August 25th or bring a friend \$155ea. Venue - the Old Stone Hall 7 Church St Beechworth

