

Term 4 Week 5 – 10 November 2017

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

2017 Term Dates: Term 4 - 9th October – 20th December (11 weeks)
2018 Term Dates: Term 1 - 31st January – 29th March (9 weeks)
Term 2 – 16th April – 29th June (11 weeks)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th November	7 th November Public Holiday	8 th November	9 th November Junior School Council (C3 nominated students) 10am-1pm	10 th November Coffee Morning & Working Bee School Disco 5pm-6.30pm: Prep/Cycle 2 6pm-7.30pm: Cycle 3
13 th November	14 th November Grandparent's Day 10am-11am: Cycle 2/3 11am-12pm: Cycle 1	15 th November Instrumental Evening 7pm	16 th November	17 th November Coffee Morning & Working Bee Meals on Wheels (C3 nominated students)
20 th November Pupil Free Day	21 st November School Vision & Strategic Plan Session 5pm-9pm	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November Coffee Morning & Working Bee
27 th November	28 th November	29 th November	30 th November	1 st December Coffee Morning & Working Bee
4 th December	5 th December	6 th December	7 th December	8 th December Coffee Morning & Working Bee School Concert 5.30pm
11 th December	12 th December	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December Coffee Morning & Working Bee
18 th December	19 th December	20 th December Last Day Term 4 (3.15pm finish)	21 st December	22 nd December

A note from Susi

Everyone has a voice at the table...

My association with the school began 20 years ago when I enrolled my two boys in the newly established Beechworth Montessori kindergarten. What attracted me then is why I am here today. I believe deeply in this beautiful community where the child is seen for who they are and encouraged to reach their fullest potential. When there are differences amongst us, the Montessori philosophy serves to guide us and remind us as to why we are here - the children and the faith in each child. Each child on their journey growing self-awareness, compassion and empathy, developing independence -emotionally, creatively, intellectually and learning about the world in which they live. I encourage you all to join us for the Strategic Planning evening to listen, engage and collaborate, with kindness and respect, as a community with a common goal – our children. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Promoting our Early Years programs and our school

Over the past 2 weeks the Early Years team have been out and about promoting the Beechworth Montessori Early Years programs at two main events:

- talking with interested parents and children who stopped to ask questions and experience Montessori activities at our stall at the Wodonga Children's Fair.
- hosting the Early Years Professionals Network meeting for over 40 Early Childhood educators, Service Providers and Community Health Professionals to discuss the latest resources across the sector including an update from Phil Thorneycroft, Community Engagement Officer for delivery of the NDIS for children 0 – 6 years old.



I would like to thank Tameeka, for organising the Early Years Network meeting to be at our school, and for leading the evening tour alongside Michaela who presented the history of how Beechworth Montessori came to be and Melissa for her quiet support discussing all things Montessori on a one to one basis. Feona and Sharelle set up the hall beautifully with seating arranged, and tea, coffee and snacks. Many inspired educators left that evening and we have since had a stream of messages of appreciation for the professional standard of the presentation. Thankyou Early Years for working together to host an outstanding event.

Regards, Susi

Did you know?

The Barrowthorn team raised over \$5000 for the Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group. Stay tuned for the official handing over funds to the Group.

School Vision & Strategic Plan – 21 November

The School Vision and Strategic Planning workshop is being held on Tuesday 21 November from 5-9pm in the School Hall.

The session will be facilitated by Dianne Davis, a specialist in educational leadership and Montessori practice, a brief BIO for Dianne can be found at the back of the newsletter. In order to generate a full range of ideas and to maximise buy-in, this workshop will be attended by the whole school community - parents, staff and the Committee of Management.

The process Dianne will lead us through follows a tried and tested process of confirming where we are at in relation to the School's current plan, thoughts and ideas generation for the vision of the school over the next 10 years and then actions and priorities in support of that vision which form the basis of the schools strategic plan for the next 3 years. This is a great opportunity for you to hear from others and for you to put forward your thoughts and ideas

around all elements of our school and includes topics such as facilities, services, governance, Montessori practice, curriculum and community.

I appreciate the timing will not work for everyone so if you are unable to attend and have some ideas then please email them through to me in advance. All email input will be directly tabled by Dianne.

The session will take 3 hours and there will be a catered dinner break plus a few opportunities to move about to keep the mind and body active!

My contact details are below if you wish to send through ideas via email or have any questions.

Regards, Dean.

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I have worked in the field of education for almost 40 years. I began my career in the public education system, teaching at several metropolitan schools mainly in the northern suburbs of Melbourne and inner city. I had a brief time at home while our children were younger and enjoyed this time immensely. While I was at home, I worked as an emergency teacher in a variety of educational settings and also taught adult numeracy and literacy at northern metropolitan TAFE College.

It was during this period of my life that I was asked to take on some emergency teaching at a Montessori School in Melbourne. I found as I worked in this environment that I had found 'my home in education.' My own personal philosophy in how we had raised our children and in how I liked to teach fitted like a hand into a glove with Montessori philosophy.

Working in a Montessori environment inspired me to undertake Montessori studies. I completed my Montessori Diploma as a 9 - 12 specialist through MWEI and also completed a Birth to 12 years Montessori Bridging Certificate. I completed a Diploma in Montessori management soon after starting in a leadership role.

I taught in a 9-12 Montessori classroom for 7 years and was then appointed Principal of Plenty Valley Montessori School, a position I held and thoroughly enjoyed for a little over 10 years.

I semi-retired, and began consultancy work for several Montessori schools nationally, as well as for a number of smaller independent schools in Melbourne.

I was asked to step into the role of Principal at Melbourne Montessori School after some administrative issues caused significant losses both financially and in numbers and worked in this role for almost 3 further years.

I also currently work as a tutor and lecturer for MWEI (Montessori World Education Institute) where I mentor the Montessori studies of young aspiring Montessori teachers, mark papers and deliver Montessori workshops in all curriculum areas across all states in Australia.

I am currently working with the wonderful school community at Gisborne Montessori School two days a week, as well as taking on further support for Montessori schools in a variety of capacities nationally. I am passionate about Montessori education and believe we should always ask the question "Will this be best for the child?" in every decision we make

Dianne

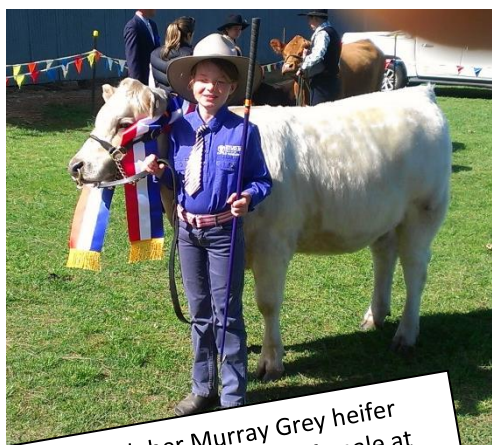
General News

Lost Property is taking on a life of it's own. Please ensure you and your child are checking it regularly as we will need to reduce and take some items to the op shop soon. Any lunch boxes that have been left will most likely be thrown out as they are starting to look like long term science experiments. Please remember to label your child property so we can return it to them.

Thank you to one of our past families, the Ladbrooms for their kind donation of paints for the woodwork room.

The Goat's Cheese Fundraiser was very successful, raising over a thousand dollars which will go towards replanting development of the front garden. Thank you to Jade Showers for organising it – there are a lot of very happy cheese eaters around at the moment!

Congratulations to two of our students on their results at the Rutherglen Show recently.



Rosie with her Murray Grey heifer reviving Grand champion female at Rutherglen show, also won her handlers and junior judging class.



Daisy first time showing chooks, won her class and also won most enthusiastic chook breeder.



Daisy came 2nd in pet parade with Bella the pig

Thank you to the hard workers in our front gardens over the past few weeks. The area is looking so much better for all the work. Remember working bees are out the front of the every Friday morning after drop off.



Cycle 2 News

From the Moonstone Room

What have I learnt this week?

Liana: Solids can turn into liquids and liquids into gas, because you add heat. The solid melts into liquid and then into gas.

Angel: I learnt about Matter, when we heated the thing and it couldn't fit through the hole because it was bigger (had expanded).

Kate: Plasma is matter as well as liquids, solids and gas.

Leonard: Liquids change shape, solids don't easily change shape, and gases can't be squashed.



Reuben: A chemical change cannot be undone.

Scarlett: learnt in matter, that if you scrunched up a piece of paper it still stays the same, it is still paper (it has only undergone a physical change).

Alta: There are more than 3,000 tribes spread out across Africa.

Ben: Every tribe speaks their own language and tells their story in their own way.

Spencer: The Africans may be brown but they wear lots of colours for decorations.

Stella: Some people get a cut on their lip and put a big cork in, then get bigger and bigger plugs to stretch their lips.

Violet: I like that dung beetles make pooh into soil.

Iggy: African tribes and their culture: they dance to tell stories. They make houses that are good for the environment.

Calum: In Africa some people look like Halloween, cos in a picture they had white faces and they had lots of beads. They looked nice.

Freya: I learnt that animals have different patterns and different shapes because if they had the same they would look like the same animals (camouflage).



James: I learnt about Africa and all the different tribes. There are more than 3,000.

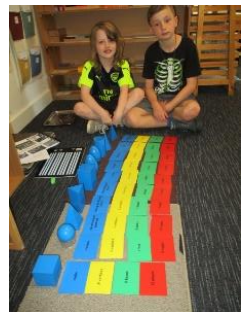
Kendra: The colours represent different things: like Earth is green, sky is blue, red is blood.

Maisey: People in Africa have really pretty dresses and add all sorts of colours. One tribe had a thin neck because they wore lots of necklaces.

Nikita: I learnt that there is more than 2,000 languages in Africa, maybe because there are so many tribes.

Samuel: People in African tribes brush their teeth with charcoal.

Charles: Lions live in Africa, they like to eat meat.



Gabriel: In Africa things are made out of lots of stuff: straw, hay and pooh/dung for the houses, it's amazing. Doctors make a lot of stuff out of snake.

Mutethya: I enjoy doing my project about Kenya. It was a colony from 1920 to 1963.

Blaike: I am doing my project on Africa, Egypt has been there for 1,000 years! I am going to find good stuff.

Dina: I loved all of your ideas and how you shared.

Martina: I loved how children were helping each other: decoding recipes, finding words in dictionaries, using maths materials, organising games. It is so lovely to see cooperation, leadership and friendships at work.

Nicola: I am loving watching you all learn and absorb what you are being exposed to, as well as being mindful of one another and each other's different needs.

From everyone in Moonstone.

From the Turquoise Room

Turquoise....the best thing about this term has been....

Mya...practicing for the
end of year performance

Ruby Brough...
completing all my
work

Ben...doing science
experiments

Anouk...art because
it's been fun!

River...sport and all
the games we play

Abigail...art
because it's fun!

Bryce...drama because I
like drama

Daisy...spelling because it's
easy and it's fun and I like it.

Luke...making koinobori because
they are fun and they are cool

Lilly...art because I like to
make things.

Dylan...sport because I won
Capture the Flag and Wedged
Tail Eagle

Tayge...art because I like
learning how to make
stuff.

Elletta...
art because it's fun!

Ruby Burns...art because I
like making stuff.

Oliver...
getting my work done
without distractions

Charlie...everybody working
very hard to learn lots of
things before the end of the
year.



Cycle 3 News

From the Tigereye & Topaz Rooms

Out and About

So much has happened in the last few weeks it is hard to know where to begin. In week 2 Cycle 3 had the wonderful opportunity to attend a 'Digital Maker' workshop at the Australian Centre for Rural entrepreneurship at the Old Beechworth Gaol. As part of this they got to experience Virtual reality, including an amazing underwater experience. The next day, Cycle 3 students attended the final dress rehearsal of the Beechworth Secondary College's production, 'Colourlution.' This was a wonderful production that the students themselves wrote and we enjoyed seeing some former BMS students performing.

In the classroom...

A big welcome to Adelle Croft & Ty Hoogenraad who have now joined us in Tigereye and Hugo Taylor who has recently started at the school in Topaz. The Year 5s and 6s have been learning about the Ancient Greeks as part of history.

Today in Tigereye, students had a lesson on three of the most famous Greek philosophers- Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. We discussed why it is that these Greek philosophers are so important to our modern world. Students learned that Socrates was all about getting people to question things. As he said "The unexamined life is not worth living." Unfortunately for Socrates, he was found guilty of heresy and of corrupting the young with his strange ideas and was sentenced to death by drinking hemlock. The students participated in a Socratic seminar where we had a great discussion about two different topics. In the end, all the Year 4s came to join in as they were so intrigued by the conversation!

In Botany, Matilda, Tilly, Eli and Tyron decided their follow-up work would be a Botany quiz. The rest of the class had to answer some quite challenging questions to test their botanical knowledge and we were also entertained by some funny skits and riddles. The Year 6s have been learning about electricity distribution and also about how fossil fuels were formed. They created a model of the layers involved in fossil fuels formation and have been researching renewable energy.

In Topaz this term, it has been fascinating to see the variety of approaches children have chosen to follow up their lessons. Models built to accompany their research have been flavour of the month, with carefully constructed clay models of the Sumerian landscape, canyons and V-shaped valleys showing all the layers of sediment, and delightful sculptures made from a variety of materials to illustrate the nature of material nouns. Some of the children enjoyed testing acids and bases with litmus paper, while botany drew some to survey leaf attachments, others to prepare stunning illustrations of their favourite flowers, and others again to develop a quiz. As we explored how forms of food are made from farm to shop, one group (appropriately for Beechworth) tracked how wine is made, preparing a set of cards with detailed drawings of the whole process. There are some really amazing artists in the room, and it's lovely to see so much enthusiastic drawing and handwork going on, instead of pictures downloaded from the internet. One afternoon we sat down to

Arnya encountering a whale in Virtual Reality.



Tyron and Sol doing the pin map of Africa.



Every fortnight we have a shared 2-course lunch.



Hagen trying to convince Zoe in a 'conscience alley' activity in School drama.



discuss what we would do if a child who was having trouble making friends asked us for help. Would our response change if the child was our next door neighbour? If the parents requested help? If our friends expressed disapproval? The strong interest of this age group in complex moral questions was evident as they explained what they would do in each situation and why.

The school drama program is proving to be a hit every Friday afternoon. We are exploring the book 'Werewolf Knight' with various drama techniques and games, led by our School drama teacher Rachel McNamara. In class, we have been focusing our writing on some of the scenes that we acted out and explored in the drama program. Some of the students have been writing up their own version of a scene in the book, where Feolf, the main character, reveals to his beloved that he is actually a werewolf. Other students wrote some poetry based upon the theme of a werewolf.

A big thank you to Kylie Sanderson who has been coming in to help out with cooking.



School drama fun in our beautiful new hall.

Community Notices



Beechworth Wanderers Cricket Club

Register ASAP to secure your place

Milo Cricket (5-8yrs)

Friday nights at 5.30pm starting 3rd November - Baarmutha Park, Beechworth

Milo T20 (8-10yrs)

Friday nights at 5.30pm starting 10th November – First week at Baarmutha Park Beechworth, then in Wangaratta

Register online at playcricket.com.au Just search Beechworth Wanderers Cricket Club and register for the appropriate junior age group.



"Come on down to the Beechworth Toy Library AGM / morning tea and mega play session!!

Saturday 11 November @ 10am, under the big tree at Quercus

Everyone welcome!

Enquiries, please call Chairperson

Pip Sellar on 0425 806 696."

www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers

Tackers is an Australian Sailing program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

Each program includes 20 hours tuition from qualified AS Instructors & Assistant Instructors, Fun on-water & off-water games and a Tackers Kit & Certificate.

Where:
Albury Wodonga Yacht Club

When:
Starts 19th November 2017
1:30pm – 5:30pm (5 sessions)

Contact us now!
Email: training@awyc.org.au
Ph: 0467 355 258

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www.facebook.com/groups/100WaysToMoveItInIndigo

100 Ways To Move It In Indigo is a public Facebook group that is intended to promote healthy and active opportunities for Indigo Shire residents. It is a virtual meeting place for sporting groups, community groups, schools and businesses that provide or host active opportunities in the Indigo Shire. Individuals can also post information about their local knowledge – for example a great walk, park or swimming spot.



This is a joint initiative of Beechworth Health Service, Indigo Shire Council and Indigo North Health working together to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.



SPRING
ARTS
2017

FEATURE ARTIST

Nina Machielse Hunt

Wild is the Wind

Recent paintings remembering Minjambuta, Dhudhoroa and Bpangerang. Capturing the atmospheric qualities that are present in the Yeddonba region.

Exhibition 10 - 26 Nov

Official Opening Saturday 18th Nov 5 - 7pm

Guest speaker Jamie Kronborg
Beechworth Arts Council President

Old Stone Hall Gallery 7 Church St Beechworth
Open Thurs-Sun 11-3

OLD STONE HALL

www.facebook.com/oldstonehall

An abstract painting featuring a dense, layered composition of colors. The palette is dominated by warm tones like reds, oranges, yellows, and pinks, interspersed with cooler blues and greens. The brushstrokes are thick and expressive, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall effect is reminiscent of a forest scene with sunlight filtering through the trees, or perhaps a landscape of rolling hills under a dramatic sky.

BtoBridge

The Gatsby Night

Our major fundraising event - hosted at the Old Priory on November 25th - [tickets available online!](#)

MC'd by John Walker & Kel Clark, and featuring live entertainment by Beechworth Music Festival, a keynote address from beyondblue ambassador and Channel Ten presenter Brad McEwan, auction conducted by Tony Stockdale, raffles, delicious finger foods, and of course, champagne on arrival.

To make this night a success, we are seeking major and minor prizes to be auctioned and raffled during the event. Sponsorship partners will be acknowledged at the event, on our website, and on social media from time to time. If you can contribute to the Gatsby Night, please email exec@b2b.org.au

The Elephant Walk

Stepping off from Beechworth on Easter Sunday, April 1st, 2018, Lisa and a number of supporters will walk for 22 days in the name of suicide awareness and stigma reduction. This journey is significant to Lisa, who shared her life with her husband Sean in Beechworth, but it all started under the North Side of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, where Sean proposed, and this spot marks the finish line of B2B's Elephant Walk.

B2B's dedicated committee, all survivors of suicide, are working hard to make this happen, please reach out if you can help. Here are some ideas for sponsorship that will get us closer to the Elephant Walk.

- Financial assistance (for start-up costs - insurance, permits etc.)
- Donation of major and minor prizes for our major fundraiser – The Gatsby Night (more info over page)
- Bulk screen-printed hi-visibility singlets, polo shirts and caps
- Miscellaneous promotional items
- Hydration and nutrition for long distance walkers and support crew
- ...and lots more!

Make a Donation

Financial contributions to B2B can be made via our website or at givenow.com.au/btobridge

Every dollar helps us on our mission to set the bastard free.

Get the conversation started!

Please visit [our website](#) and help set the bastard free by sharing our cause on social media.

BEECHWORTH TO BRIDGE
PRESENTS
THE GREAT GATSBY FUNDRAISER

NOV 25, 2017, 7PM
THE OLD PRIORY
BEECHWORTH

\$50
PER PERSON

FEATURING

- GUEST SPEAKER BRAD MCEWAN
- MC JOHN WALKER
- AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES
- GOURMET FINGER FOOD
- DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
- MUSIC BY BMF

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WWW.B2B.ORG.AU #SETTHATBASTARDFREE

**SATURDAY
DEC 2ND
4.30 - 8.30**

twilight maker's market

Welcome in Summer with this special market event showcasing North East Victoria's designers, makers and producers. Shop for unique handmade goodies from our talented makers for Christmas. Enjoy 'Le Cart' Sri Lankan street food and Indigo Vineyard wines to the artful sounds of local folk talent Benny Williams.

**BUY LOCAL
HANDMADE**

Lucky door
prizes valued
at \$250
to win!

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE

<http://tinyurl.com/twilightmakersmarket>

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets \$15 includes a glass of Indigo Vineyard wine plus entry into one of two amazing hampers valued at \$250 on offer!

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ARCADIA
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ART SPACE + VENUE

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

