

Term 3 Week 7 – 30 August 2017

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

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 th August	29 th August	30 th August Father's Day Night 5pm	31 st August Maria Montessori's Birthday	1 st September Coffee Morning Pasta Night 6pm at The Priory PLEASE RSVP
4 th September	5 th September	6 th September Toy Catalogue Orders Due	7 th September Beechworth District Sports	8 th September Coffee Morning Cycle 2 & 3 Athletics Program
11 th September Cycle 2 & 3 Cartoon Workshop Parent Teacher Interviews Week Dental Visit Week	12 th September	13 th September	14 th September	15 th September Coffee Morning Cycle 2 & 3 Athletics Program Cycle 3 (nominated students) Meals on Wheels
18 th September	19 th September	20 th September	21 st September	22 nd September Coffee Morning Last Day Term 2.15pm finish
School Holidays				
9 th October First Day Term 4	10 th October	11 th October Upper Hume Athletics	12 th October	13 th October Coffee Morning

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.

Barista brews compassion

BY CHRIS YOUNG

COOPER Roscouet was so moved by a news item about Syrian refugees that he decided he simply had to do something.

The year five student at the Beechworth Montessori School had learned of the refugees plight when his class watched a segment of ABC-produced educational program 'Behind the News'.

He, along with a couple of other students from the school, ran a slushie stand at an event at Beechworth skate park last November and sent the proceeds to the United Nations.

Since then, Cooper has set-up a coffee machine in the foyer of his school every Friday and made parents and teachers hot drinks, still donating the proceeds.

His efforts haven't gone unnoticed - last week the school received a certificate and a handwritten letter from the United Nations Human Rights Commission thanking him for his work.

The money Cooper raised has been put towards installing better lighting in refugee camps to make them safer.

He said getting the letter in the mail last week had been an exciting moment.

"It was amazing that the money was able to give the camps some light," he said.

"I'm glad it's been able to go for so long, most people like it."

Cooper's teacher, Kate Beaton, said he had been determined to do something about the refugee crisis almost immediately after seeing the news segment.



HELPING HAND: Year five student Cooper Roscouet has been making coffees every Friday morning to raise money for Syrian refugees.

"There was a youth event at the skate park at the time, and Cooper had mentioned something about making slushies as part of his social enterprise work," she said.

"It had been put out there if anyone wanted to come and do some fundraising at this event.

"They made slushies at the school here one day, but they got it sussed to do it down at this event and actually did really well.

"They had this wonderful sign, saying 'do you know how lucky you are, do you know there are millions of Syrian refugees'.

"I think the great thing was that he felt really strongly about it, that's what drove him.

"I guess I was surprised that he would keep it going, sometimes kids can have one-time things but Cooper has kept it going."

The initial slushie stand

late last year raised just over \$230, but with the addition of the Friday coffee stand, the school believes the running total is closer to \$700.

Cooper's parents used to own their own cafe in Beechworth, and it was his father who taught him how to brew the perfect cup -

which has proven a hit the school's teachers.

The Beechworth barista is hoping to reach more than \$1000 raised by the end of the school year.

It's certainly an upgrade from the more traditional apple on the desk - and the perfect way to end the week.

Learning through community service is the topic of conversation this week as we enjoyed sharing Cooper's story with the wider community through the Border Mail interview. It reminds us all of the depth of the Montessori philosophy bubbling along each day in our classrooms and community. It was Maria Montessori's vision that a peaceful world, created by children, would make the world a better place. Montessori teachers know that by performing community service, we are helping develop and educate the whole child. Students learn the joy of giving of themselves, and develop compassion because of these real, practical life volunteer experiences.

In this newsletter, Montessori Matters presents some thoughts about the value of civic responsibility. Enjoy!

Farewell Rangi

This week we received the sudden news that for family reasons, Rangi and her two delightful little boys, Aaron and Asher, would be leaving us. We thank Rangi for her commitment and contributions to our Early Year programs and the passion she shared for Montessori education. We wish Rangi and her family all the best in the future.

Athletics Australia Coach

As part of the Sporting Schools, Year 1 - 6 students are participating in 4 week program with Athletics Australia with an accredited athletics coach. This program encourages students to be physically active and grow the passion for the sport of Athletics. With one session down there are 3 more sessions running on Friday 8, 15 and 22 September.

Maria Montessori's Birthday 31 August

Exactly how old would Maria Montessori be if she were alive today? Why are we so inspired by this Italian woman? What actually did Maria Montessori achieve in her life?

Read about this truly incredible woman by following this link to a Timeline of Maria Montessori's Life and find the answers to these questions.

<https://montessori.org.au/timeline-dr-maria-montessoris-life>

Smiles on Site Dental Van

The Smiles on Site Mobile Dental Service arrives a week later than originally expected – the week starting 11th September. We have been informed that the rather impressive semi-trailer will be parked in the carpark at the top of the steps for the week. Parents will need to park in the main carpark. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. There is still time to return the Dental Consent forms to access this service. Please note that we will receive a schedule of appointments so if you would like to be present while your child is being seen you may.

Safety of children moving to and from the car park

You will notice we now have a staff member on duty at the pedestrian crossing supervising the arrival and departure of students to and from school. We ask for parent/carers assistance in this matter by walking with their children along the footpath and across the crossing to their cars in the carpark.

Thanking you

Susi

Update from the Committee of Management

Hello Everyone,

As many of you are aware Susi Allen was appointed as acting Principal position through to the end of the year. During the first half of the year Susi's calm and considered approach to the many challenges that present a school Principal has been a stabilising influence over our school. The level of assurance and confidence in Susi leadership is apparent and has been welcomed by many in our school community - parents, staff and the CoM alike.

This stabilising effect on the school has resulted in the CoM reconsidering if the second half of this year was the right time to work through the recruitment for a school Principal and as a result I have been in discussion with Susi as to the possibility of her staying on through to the end of 2018, I am pleased to confirm that as a result Susi has accepted our offer and will remain with the school through to the end of next year.

I believe this a fabulous outcome for our school and congratulate Susi on the appointment.

The CoM remains committed to an open recruitment process for the Principal position and this will now commence in the middle of next year.

Regards, Dean

Dean Cleave-Smith

President - Committee of Management

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up. Below is a schedule of interview times for Cycle 2 & 3 classes. Booking sheets are located in the foyer. Feel free to email feonar@bms.vic.edu.au or phone 5728 2940 through requests for times.

Beechworth Montessori Pasta Night

When: Friday 1st September at 6pm

Where: The Priory, Beechworth

Cost: 2 types of pasta plus dessert
\$25 adults / \$10 children

No charge for children under 3 years old

Concession discounts may be available, see us in the office

RSVP essential TODAY

	Moonstone Nicola	Turquoise Karen	Tigereye Kat	Topaz Alison
Monday 11/9		3.30pm – 7:10pm		3.20pm – 4.40pm
Tuesday 12/9	8.10am-830am 3.30pm – 7:10pm	8.10am-830am	4pm – 6pm	3.20pm – 4.40pm
Wednesday 13/9		8.10am-830am	3.45pm – 5.30pm	3.20pm – 4.40pm
Thursday 14/9	8.10am-830am 3.30pm – 7:10pm	3.30pm – 7:10pm		3.20pm – 4.40pm
Friday 15/9		8.10am-830am		

Cycle 1 booking sheets will be next to the sign in books by the end of the week.

Sun Smart Policy – From 1st September

In line with our school Sun Smart policy, the children are required to wear a sun hat from the start of September. These include broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire hats. Caps are not acceptable as they do not protect the neck or ears.

The following information comes from the Sun Smart website regarding how to choose a good sun hat:

- a hat should shade your face, head, ears and neck
- a broad-brimmed hat should have a brim of at least 7.5 cm
- a bucket hat should have a deep crown, angled brim of at least 6 cm and sit low on the head

Toy Catalogues

Don't forget to place your Toy Catalogue Order. Up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to us to buy educational resources that will be used by your children. Plus for every 20 orders, we get an additional \$200 to spend. Have a look through the catalogue, then place an order at online and nominate is for the fundraising voucher during checkout. Alternatively, fill out the order form, return it to the school and we will lodge it for you! You are welcome to list the school as the delivery point and we will let you know when your package has arrived.

Smiles on Site Dental Van

Beechworth Montessori School is participating in the Smiles Onsite (Dental Van) program. We offer a FREE Dental Examination for all students and Medicare Bulk Billed treatments if needed. Our Dental Van will be at Beechworth Montessori School in Week 9 of Term 3.

If you would like your child/children to participate in our service please fill in the dental consent form by clicking on the blue link. This form can be filled out on your computer, smartphone or iPhone. <https://form.jotform.co/72129241286859>

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we hope to see your child/children at our clinic!

Regards, Smiles Onsite Team



Peer Support Program Sessions

Week 5 – The Best Way to Play – 1st September

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

Week 6 – Joining In with Others – 8th September

In this week's Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

Early Years News

From the Ruby Room

Since the last newsletter, Ruby Room has been working very hard towards the "Normalisation" process of children attending the Educational Care Program. Maria Montessori observed that when children are allowed freedom in an environment suited to their needs, they blossom. After a period of intense concentration, working with materials that fully engage their interest, children appear to be refreshed and contented. Through continued concentrated work of their own choice, children grow in inner discipline and peace. She called this process "normalisation" and cited it as "the most important single result of our whole work" (The Absorbent Mind, 1949).



By working towards normalisation, as a result we obtain: a child who loves to work, great levels of concentration, self-discipline and sociability (or joyful work). We can see children already thriving at this stage of the year, they are happy, they are settled and they just love to work! As we continue to have new enrolments, we keep working on maintaining the peaceful environment that children enjoy to be surrounded by, and it is an absolute pleasure to work around them.



For the next four weeks, Ruby Room will be focusing its learning on Spring season and gardening. We all love the colours and the sunshine of this time of the year, and we already enjoy a very well deserved break from the cold weather. Bienvenida Primavera! (Welcome Spring)

Jess.

From Cycle 1 (Amethyst & Emerald)

OUTDOORS

The prep children are enjoying their Monday lunch times in the Cycle 2/3 playground, and eagerly look forward to this each week. It is interesting to note the activities the children participate in, such as playing soccer, climbing, wandering, and talking, and who they play with.

On Monday we started rearranging our playground. Some children helped turn over the softfall, while other children helped to move and set up the kitchen under the A-frame, and set up an area under the oak tree where they can play with natural materials such as logs. One child had lots of great ideas about where we could put things and how we could use various areas of the playground.



PLAYGROUND IDEAS

We are looking for a parent who has some artistic talent to sketch the Cycle 1 playground, in order to begin designing our new look, improved outdoor area. If you think this might be you, please speak with either Tameeka or Melissa to indicate your interest.



We are holding a parent meeting regarding improving our playground after school on Thursday 7th September. We will be discussing our ideas, and look forward to hearing any you may also have. Volunteers will take on particular projects, which can be done at a time convenient to you.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

The children had a fantastic time on Thursday as they participated in the school sports carnival at Mayday Hills oval. The prep children took part in a 100m and a 75m race, and the kinder children ran the 75m race. All of the children were then put into teams with the Cycle 2 and 3 children to do beanbag and Vortex throwing, shot put (with a tennis ball) and running over hoops. Lastly, the groups competed in group races such as a water relay and beanbag balancing.



FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Rangi and Aaron, who spent their last day at Beechworth Montessori with us on Monday. Their smiley faces and cheery dispositions will be missed in Cycle 1 and we wish them well for the future.



Montessori Matters

Montessori Grace & Courtesy: Learning Through Community Service

From North American Montessori Centre

Often, when we think of the lessons of grace and courtesy in the Montessori environment, we think of teaching and modelling socially acceptable behaviours and customs. Another aspect is the emphasis of learning to give back to humanity and the earth. In essence, it's learning to serve others.

Community Service projects integrate the academic and behavioural lessons learned with the Montessori concept of Cosmic Education. By teaching civic responsibility, children of all ages learn the value of being a contributing member of society. They see firsthand that they are able to strengthen the bonds within their own communities. Both beneficiaries and students are transformed by the power of the service.

Infants, Toddlers, and Pre-schoolers

The key word here is intergenerational. Have you ever seen the eyes of an elderly person light up when they hold an infant or play with a toddler? And what pre-schooler doesn't like to cuddle up on someone's lap to hear a book read aloud? Part of the joy for young children is they are performing a service to their community simply by being themselves.

With the shift away from intergenerational families in many parts of the world, bringing the generations together is a learning experience for everyone. Grandparents whose own grandchildren live hundreds or thousands of miles away feel important and loved and young children learn from the great gifts and wisdom our elders have to impart.

Primary

Whether it's mentoring younger children by reading to them and listening to them read, Montessori children are eager to learn about their world and their place in it. Their sense of justice has been awakened and they are keenly in tune with what is fair and unfair. They are open and eager to help others, whether it is a friend who has fallen on the playground or victims of natural disasters.

By incorporating service learning into the Montessori environment, Montessori children begin to understand that not only are they helping others, but they are growing as individuals. Many times, children are so eager to help that they may not fully understand all of the implications. We can make this a true learning experience if we look at it as a big picture project, not just something to satisfy an immediate need.

We can assist children to define:

- **Mission statement (purpose)** – Brainstorm what the mission or purpose of the project is. Help them write it out. Putting it in writing helps give credence to your efforts.
- **Task** – Break down the project into tasks. Allow children to choose tasks for which they feel best suited.
- **What I can learn** – Every part of a service learning project is an opportunity to learn and grow. Help children realise their potential.
- **Journals** – Children can keep a journal of their progress. What are they currently doing? How does it make them feel? What is left to be done?
- **Reflections** – At the end of project, time to reflect upon their experience can be done first in a journal, then as a community/family sharing time.
- **Future Ideas** – Ask children if they have any plans for projects in the future. Will they build and expand upon the one just completed or will there be something new altogether?

Children learn by observing the world around them. Therefore, it is important that adults model our commitment to giving back to the community. Parents can take an active role to involve their families in their communities in addition to what students do in school. As **Martin Luther King, Jr** stated, **"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve"**.

Community Notices



The Quercus Spring Course Guide is now available.

The online link is <http://quercusbeechworth.com.au/current-course-guide/>

Please call 03 5728 2386 if you have any queries.

If you would like a printed copy email Beechworth Montessori or pick one up from the foyer.



Dancers Wanted

We are looking for dancers to join our exhibition team to perform at events during October and November.

Auditions for the Beechworth Celtic Festival Tattoo will be held in September.

Lessons will cost \$5 per session and may be held in Wangaratta and Beechworth
Phone Narelle on 0419976570 or email
rell_33@hotmail.com



Myrtleford District Basketball Association

Registrations are now open for the upcoming Myrtleford District Basketball season which starts in October.

Registrations close on the 5th September 2017
- get in quick so you don't miss out!

To register google Myrtleford District Basketball Association & follow the links.



Invitation to: headspace Albury Wodonga Community Report Card



Please join us as we report to the community around how headspace Albury Wodonga has provide support to young people since opening.

We invite you to share with us your feedback on how we best continue to improve our service and support young people in the community.

When
Wednesday 6 September 2017
12.45 commencing at 1.00pm - 5.30pm

Where
Albury Entertainment Centre
525 Swift Street Albury

Please RSVP via email to
headspaceAW@gatewayhealth.org.au
by COB 25 August 2017.

Afternoon Tea provided please advise of any dietary requirements





BRIGHT RED FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

Ages :

5 – 14 years

Times :

9 am – 1 pm

Cost :

\$40 per day or \$100 for 3 days (Wodonga only)

Location :

South Wangaratta Reserve
Yackandandah Sports Field
La Trobe University, Wodonga

Dates :

Yackandandah

Sept Mon 25th Tue 26th

Wangaratta

Sept Wed 27th Thu 28th

Albury-Wodonga

Oct Tue 3rd Wed 4th Thu 5th

ENQUIRIES:

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Positive Parenting Telephone Service



This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

- *Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- *Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
- *Manage everyday behaviour problems
- *Set rules & limits
- *Teach new skills

This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

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9am – 12pm Sunday

2017 Dates

August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th
every 2nd Sunday

Come join us for yoga and brunch.

*Weather permitting it will be held in the
garden out the back of The Vine.*

*Alternately we will do the yoga and
relaxation at the Senior Citizen's Hall
and then stroll to The Vine for a lovely
morning and meal by the open fire*



Food Choices

Baked potatoes, Scones,
Pancakes, Yogurt,
Granola cups, Baked
eggs, Croissants, Quiches
Chakra pizza plus lots
more (GF & Vegetarian
options available)



*Included: yoga, brunch, choice
of 2 drinks (wine, champagne,
coffee, tea, juices, hot choc),
goodie bag & more. Full list
available when you enquire/book*

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Active Indigo Plan Community Bulletin



Indigo Shire Council is preparing an **Active Indigo Plan (Recreation Plan)** for the next 8 years—this plan will guide how we support the physical activity needs of our community. We are working with Wendy Holland from communityvibe to do this. **We want to know:**

- How do we encourage people to be more active?
- What can Indigo Shire Council and the community do to improve recreation facilities?

Give us your feedback and go in the draw to win some great **prizes** including 5 x Indigo Shire Pool Season passes and 5 x \$50 Rebel Sport vouchers.

Have your say!

Complete the survey

Complete our online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/activeindigo> by **Monday 11 September 2017**. Hard copies of the survey can be obtained from Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries. You can return these via post or in person to Council.

Attend a listening post

Listening posts, where you can come along and meet the project team and share your ideas about recreation and active living in the Shire, will be held at:

- **Yackandandah** – Sunday 20 August at the Yackandandah Lions Club Community Market from 9am – 12pm. Wellsford St, Yackandandah
- **Beechworth** – Saturday 2 September at the Beechworth Farmer's Market from 9am-12pm. 27 Ford St, Beechworth
- **Chiltern** – Sunday 3 September at the Chiltern Market from 10am – 1pm. 18 Victoria St, Chiltern.
- **Sandy Creek** – Saturday 9 September at the Recreation Reserve from 11am-3pm
- **Rutherglen** – Sunday 10 September at Rutherglen Farmer's Market from 9am – 12pm. Rutherglen Lions Park, Douglas St, Rutherglen

Provide feedback on the draft Active Indigo Plan

Keep an eye out on local media and Council's website: www.indigo.vic.gov.au/activeindigo so that you can make comment on the draft strategy. This will be ready for input in November.



Contact us

Wendy Holland (communityvibe—0438 433 555 ; wendy@communityvibe.com.au) or
Sven Erikson (Indigo Shire Council Recreation Officer—0499 222 877)
are available to speak to you at any time about the Active Indigo Plan.

