

## Term 1 Week 9 – 31 March 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
School Holidays				
17 <sup>th</sup> April Public Holiday Easter Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> April First Day Term 2	19 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April
24 <sup>th</sup> April	25 <sup>th</sup> April Public Holiday ANZAC Day	26 <sup>th</sup> April Parent Information Night – Reading All Cycles 7pm-8pm	27 <sup>th</sup> April BMS AGM Time & Location TBC	28 <sup>th</sup> April
1 <sup>st</sup> May School Photos this week	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> May
8 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5	10 <sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5 Cycles 1, 2 & 3 Mother's Day Night 5pm-6pm	11 <sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5	12 <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.

## From the Committee of Management

Hello Everyone, wow this term has flown by!

A few things to update you on before we end the term:

The revised Rules of Association have been accepted by Consumer Affairs, and we are able to confirm the date of 27 April 2017 for the upcoming AGM. Consumer Affairs have confirmed that we are meeting our legal requirements by holding it within five months of the school's end of financial year (December 2016). **Please add to your calendar the date for the AGM - Thursday 27 April 2017 - Everyone welcome!**

We invite nominations with bio's for the CoM appointments for 2017. This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and expertise in the management and future direction of the school. For further information and nomination forms, please speak to a Committee of Management member or email the Secretary. Please submit your completed nomination form and a short bio to the Secretary of the Committee of Management at [secretarycom@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:secretarycom@bms.vic.edu.au) by close of business 18 April 2017.

As per the new Rules of Association this AGM will see the transition to three year terms, details around the transitional arrangements will be included with the list of nominations and presented to the community by the 20th April 2017.

Susi and key staff are making great progress on the Child Safe Standards, ensuring the school is well on its way to meeting requirements for the first stage of the review with VRQA for school reregistration. A huge THANK YOU to Susi and staff!

Parent awareness and information sessions on Child Safe Standards will be scheduled next term - stay tuned!

The Committee of Management wish to thank our wonderful staff, students and families for a great first term, and wish you all an enjoyable Easter break. See you next term!

### Update on the Building Project

Things are definitely happening on the building front! The rain has caused some delays, however things are progressing along nicely. If you've been in the school or driven past, you will have seen the old part of the building has been demolished and trees cleared to make way for the new hall.

The footings have been prepared for the multipurpose hall, and the slab will be poured during the school holidays. The floor coverings are scheduled to go down in the holidays in both Tigereye and Turquoise rooms, and construction of the COLA will commence.

## School Events

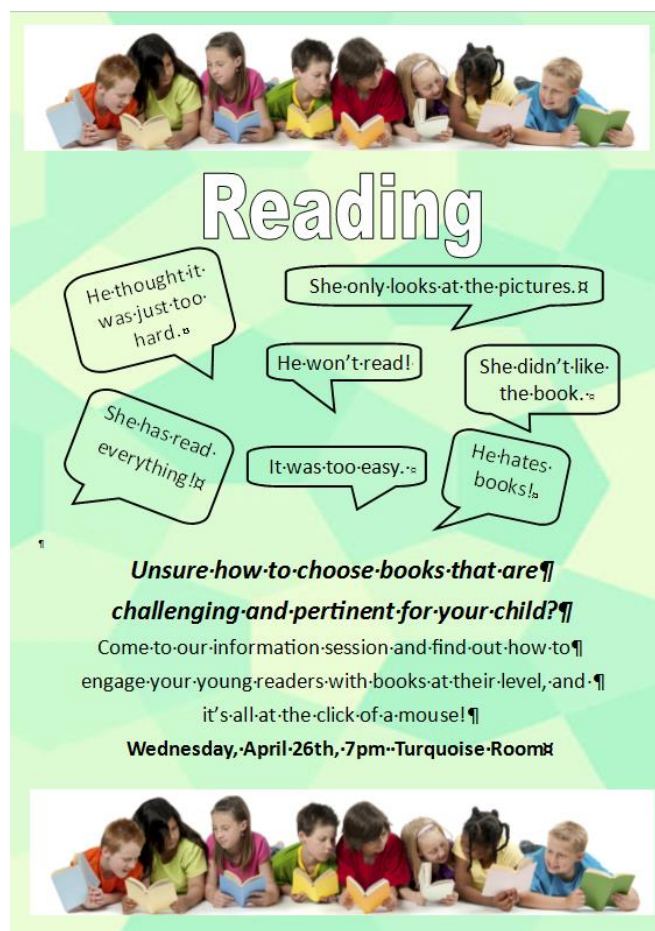
### Community Pancake Breakfast

Our pancake breakfast was a great success with lots of yummy food and delicious coffee. A big thank you to Karen Hayes for her organisation, Lindsey McLachlan for her coffee making skills, Jenny Hodges for the pancake flipping, all the other helpers and those that attended.

### Golden Horseshoes Easter Parade – Easter Saturday

We have a float entered in the Easter Parade and would love to have as many parents and children involved as possible. The theme is Bollywood so we are looking for any large pieces of bright materials to decorate our ute as well as saris, bells, tinsel and anything else that would be good for decorations.

All Cycle 2 & 3 children spent some time on Thursday afternoon learning some basic "Bollywood" steps from Dannielle Bell in preparation for the event.



**Reading**

He thought it was just too hard.

She only looks at the pictures.

He won't read!

She didn't like the book.

She has read everything!

It was too easy.

He hates books!

**Unsure how to choose books that are challenging and pertinent for your child?**

Come to our information session and find out how to engage your young readers with books at their level, and it's all at the click of a mouse!

**Wednesday, April 26th, 7pm - Turquoise Room**

## Order Forms due back this week

### Montessori School Photos

A reminder that **Order forms** and payment for School Photos are due today **Friday 31st March**.

School photos are scheduled for the week of May 1st.

If you're unable to complete by this Friday, please send/drop off forms to 7 Church St, Beechworth before School returns for Term 2.

### Bulbs Direct Fundraising Catalogues

Cycle 2 & 3 families have received a 2017 Bubs Direct Fundraising Catalogue in the parent pockets of Cycle 2 & 3 families. Unfortunately we were only given a limited number of these catalogues so if you do not require one please return it to the office so we can pass it onto other families. The catalogues that have been returned to us are being passed on to Cycle 1, Tots and Care Program families as we receive them.

50% of all orders go to the school. If you would like a catalogue and did not receive one please let us know.

Orders are due back at the office this week.

## 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 on 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 a change of details notification.

## Montessori Matters

### Montessori Inspired Autumn Leaf Activity

*From the Age of Montessori website*

Autumn is my absolute favourite time of year! The leaves are beautiful, and there is even that certain, autumn-like smell in the air. It is an excellent time to get outdoors with the kids; take a walk, ride a bike, or visit the parks in your area. While you're at it, why not take advantage of nature's wonders to create a fun, Montessori-inspired, botany lesson?

This is a two-part activity involving both leaf collecting and leaf identifying. In our case, the kids and I collected a variety of different leaves while out on a nature walk. (We were careful not to get into anything poisonous or itchy.) We collected leaves of different shapes, sizes, and colours and often made note of how the leaves grew on the tree, i.e. in bunches, pairs, irregular patterns.

Next, we needed the cards. There are many ways to go about getting these kinds of "botany" cards. You can download them for free at websites such as [Nature Detectives](#), or purchase them from Montessori supply sites such as [Montessori for Everyone](#).

However, if you find that the trees in *your* area are different than those in ready-made cards, you may want to just make your own cards. Print pictures of the trees in your area. You can always laminate such home-made learning cards if you want to use them again and again.

Now, your child can identify the trees and leaves by matching them with the appropriate cards. I learned from this activity as well. I never knew that the trees I pass by almost every day are Mesquite trees. Live and learn!





## Take the H30 Challenge

The rules are simple: switch from sugary drinks to water for 30 days and reap the rewards



h30challenge.com.au

Would you and your family like to feel healthier?

Most of us know that soft drinks, sports drinks, energy drinks are generally packed with way too much sugar. Drinking water is a great way to be healthier and a good way to reduce tooth decay.

How to Participate in the H30 Challenge

Sign up at <http://h30challenge.com.au/lga/indigo>

1. Choose a start date
2. Switch sugary drinks for water for 30 days and reap the rewards

Email : [toni.payn@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:toni.payn@indigoshire.vic.gov.au) as soon as you sign up to be in with a chance of receiving an awesome trucker cap.



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online.

Since the Challenge began 13 years ago, more than 2.2 million students have turned the pages of nearly 42 million books.

The Challenge for schools is now open and will run until Friday 8 September 2017.

Register online at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Regular reading from an early age is vital for success at school and has lifelong benefits. The Challenge encourages children to read more and promotes a love of reading, supporting the Education State target to have more students reaching the highest levels of achievement in reading.

## Community News

# BRIGHT RED

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

**EASTER HOLIDAY CLINICS**

**Ages:**  
5-14 years

**Times:**  
9am - 1pm

**Cost:**  
\$40 per day or \$100 for 3 days  
\$180 for both Wodonga & Albury clinics

**Location:**  
Yackandandah Sports Field  
South Wangaratta Reserve  
La Trobe University, Wodonga  
The Scots School, Albury

**Yackandandah:** Monday 3rd April - Tuesday 4th April  
**Wangaratta:** Thursday 6th April - Friday 7th April  
**Wodonga:** Tuesday 11th April - Thursday 13th April  
**Albury:** Wednesday 19th April - Friday 21st April

**ENQUIRIES:**  
To book a place, please email  
[info@murrayunitedfc.com.au](mailto:info@murrayunitedfc.com.au) or call 0403 815 921 today!

### Art Sale BONA

~Beechworth Old & New Art~

**This Easter!**  
Friday 14 -  
Sunday 16 April  
10am - 4pm

Pre loved and new art  
at affordable prices,  
fundraising for  
Quercus Beechworth.

Find us at Quercus  
Beechworth Hall  
Cnr Ford & Church St

Want to sell your old &/or new art?  
Contact: 03 5728 2386  
[reception@quercusbeechworth.com.au](mailto:reception@quercusbeechworth.com.au)  
[www.quercusbeechworth.com.au](http://www.quercusbeechworth.com.au)

**BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY BANK**

**FUN RUN**  
Easter Saturday  
**15th April 2017**


**10km Run, 3km Family Event**  
Major Fundraiser for Beechworth Secondary College



**BEECHWORTH secondary college**  
Balaclava Road, Beechworth

Register online at  
**www.beechworthfunrun.com.au**

FAMILY FRIENDLY - SPOT PRIZES - BBQ BREAKFAST AND COFFEE VAN AVAILABLE



**the maker's market**  
BEECHWORTH

THE PAPERED TREE  
JHCERAMICS  
LITTLE JAY JEWELLERY  
ORIGAMI PATCH  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
PIA AROMATHERAPY  
ARTIST ROSE WEDLER  
STONE PRINTS  
WARBY WARES  
STATIONERY

BUY LOCAL  
HANDMADE

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 1ST  
9AM-1PM**

DESIGNERS AND ARTISTS FROM NORTH EAST VICTORIA

7 CHURCH STREET BEECHWORTH **OLD STONE HALL** ART SPACE + VENUE  
www.facebook.com/oldstonehall

**Photography Workshops 2017**



**Beginners  
Session One  
12-3.30pm \$160  
\*Early Bird  
\$150**

**Intermediate  
Session Two  
4-6pm \$90  
(Field Trip)**

**Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera**  
**Sunday 23rd April**

Two Sessions in One day - Beginners + Intermediate

hosted by Photographers Erin Davis Hartwig and Brenda Pomponio

**Session One** If you've recently purchased a Digital SLR camera, this practical workshop is perfect! We'll work through the foundations of photography - exposure, shutter speed and aperture to give you the confidence to get off the auto settings. You'll be guided through shooting tasks on a walk around some of Beechworth's historic architecture. Afternoon Tea Provided

**Session Two** On completion of Session One or having previously completed equivalent course, we'll help consolidate what you know and put it into practice on location. In small groups we'll explore what makes a great photo, topics will include composition, lens choice and light quality. Learn practical shooting tips to help get the most out of your digital camera.

Contact Brenda 0411 845 180 or beechworthphoto@gmail.com Venue: The Old Stone Hall, 7 Church St Beechworth  
\*Early Bird - Book by April 2nd, Session One - \$150, Session One + Two \$235





# 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!

# GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION

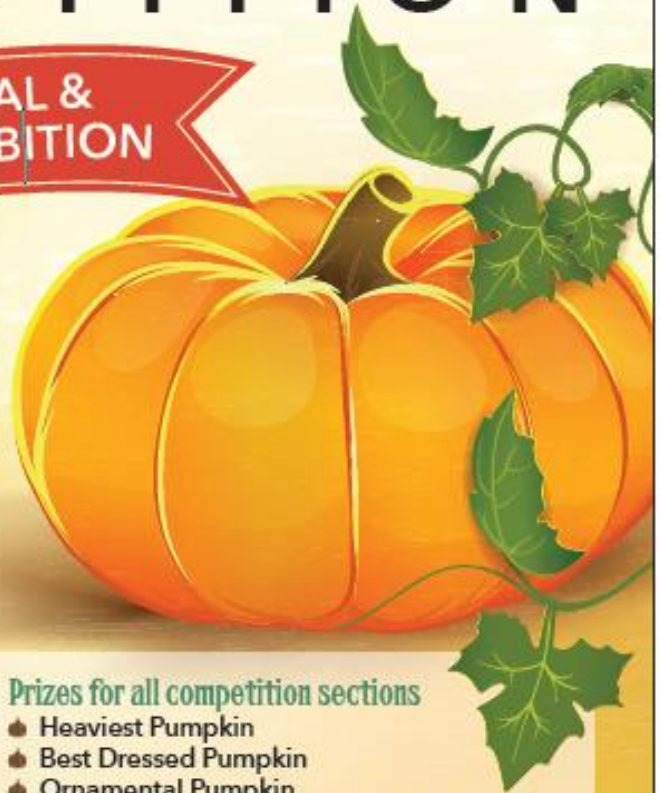
HARVEST FESTIVAL &  
CREATIVE ART EXHIBITION

**SATURDAY**

22ND APRIL 2017

9.30AM TO 2.30PM

Bowmans - Murmungee Hall  
Bowmans Road, Murmungee



Special guest for the day  
**JOHN FORDHAM**

Renowned Arborist & Horticulturalist  
ABC Radio  
Saturday Morning Garden Show



**Creative Art Exhibition**

View works by local artists in  
a range of medium



Find us on Facebook  
Giant Pumpkin Competition  
and Harvest Festival -  
Murmungee

## Prizes for all competition sections

- Heaviest Pumpkin
- Best Dressed Pumpkin
- Ornamental Pumpkin
- Children Under 13 - Heaviest Pumpkin
- Pumpkin Pie

## Grow it. Make it. Bake it and more...

- Q & A with our Special Guest
- Shearing demonstration
- Pet care talk by local Vet
- Devonshire Teas, BBQ, Pumpkin Soup, Pancakes etc
- Stalls & Live Music
- Silent Auction & Raffles
- Kids activities, Face painting, Family games

General Enquires - Dianne Ferguson 0419 336 569 or Karen Marsh 0409 230 638  
Stall bookings Debbie Tully 0417 101 773 • Creative Art Exhibition Lyn Brown 0417 428 487





# CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

**SATURDAY**

22ND APRIL 2017  
9.30AM TO 2.30PM

Bowmans - Murmungee Hall  
Bowmans Road, Murmungee

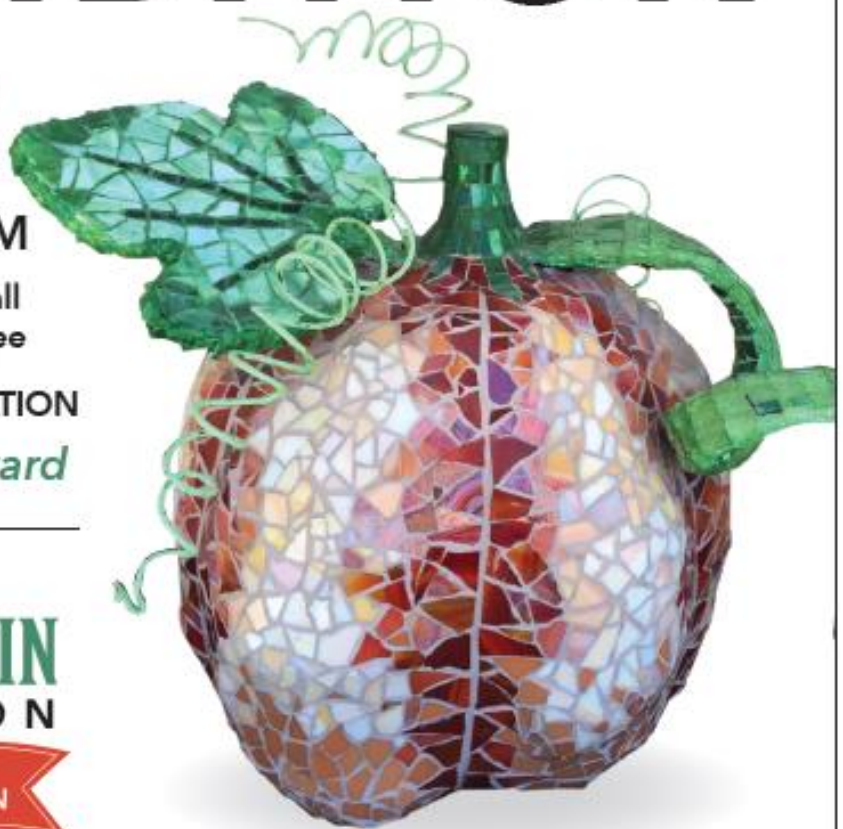
ENTRY GOLD COIN DONATION

*People's Choice Award*

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PART OF THE  
**GIANT PUMPKIN**  
COMPETITION

HARVEST FESTIVAL &  
CREATIVE ART EXHIBITION



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This is your chance to come and view works by local artists in a range of mediums. Some will be for sale.

ARTISTS FROM THE AREA ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
TO EXHIBIT OR SELL THEIR WORK BY 13TH APRIL – 3 PIECES PER ARTIST.

CONTACT LYN BROWN • 0417 428 487 • [murramungee@hotmail.com](mailto:murramungee@hotmail.com)





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At Baarmutha Park Beechworth

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FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS ONLINE:

- 1 Visit [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au)
- 2 Enter your postcode in the centre locator
- 3 Select the centre you would like to attend
- 4 Complete the registration process





### **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.