

**Term 2**  
**Week 9 – 10 June 2015**  
*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

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## **Term 2**

**13<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> June**

*11 weeks*

*1 public holiday – Queen's Birthday*

*1 pupil free day – Report Writing*

### **To Be Advised**

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

### **June**

11<sup>th</sup> Thursday – 1.30-2.30pm Play – Warning: Small Parts. Memorial Hall. All rooms.

11<sup>th</sup> Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) forms due to the Office

15<sup>th</sup> Monday – 19<sup>th</sup> Friday – Cycle 1 Kindergarten (Funded and Unfunded children) Parent teacher interviews. Room schedules to be communicated prior to this date

19<sup>th</sup> Friday – Reports distributed – Prep, Cycle 2&3

22<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Cycle 1 Prep Parent teacher interviews. Rooms schedules to be communicated prior to this date

26<sup>th</sup> Friday- End of term 2.15 finish

### **July**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Landscaping/Gardening work at school – Help appreciated.

## **Term 3**

**13<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> September**

### **July**

13<sup>th</sup> Monday – Term 3 commences

31<sup>st</sup> Friday – Cycle 3 Winter Sports Carnival, Wodonga

### **August**

14<sup>th</sup> Friday – Pupil Free Day – Staff updating qualifications

31<sup>st</sup> Monday – Maria Montessori's birthday

### **September**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Father's Day Night 5-6pm

4<sup>th</sup> Friday – School Athletics Carnival

7<sup>th</sup> Monday – Pupil Free Day – Staff networking & MAF Representative meeting

8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Cycle 2&3 Parent teacher interviews.

Rooms schedules to be communicated prior to this date

10<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Cycle 3 Athletics, Wodonga

14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – International Peace Day Celebrations 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> Friday – End of Term 3. 2.15pm finish

## **From the Board**

The Committee of Management has been advised by our school's dedicated principal that she will be departing Beechworth at the end of her current contract in December 2016. Heather and her family will be leaving Beechworth to embark on a round Australia adventure. Heather has generously provided the school with a significant amount of advance notice and the board has formed a subcommittee to commence the process of finding a successor for the important role of principal. Whilst we will be sad to lose an outstanding individual and her family, Heather has ensured the school is in great shape with an excellent team in place. We look forward to working with her over the next 18 months for the remainder of her contact.

A reminder our Parent Liaisons, Helen and Harry, will be at the school Thursday morning from 8:30 to 9:30. Feel free to say Hello and if you have any questions or comments they would like to hear from you.

**Karen Smith**

**BMS Committee of Management Chair**

## **From the Principal**

I have advised the Committee of Management and staff that I will not be seeking to renew my contract when it finishes in 2016, and my family and I will be heading off on an extended trip around Australia.

I discovered Montessori as a new mum and I embraced the philosophy and community. This led me to apply for the Principal's position and now in my 6<sup>th</sup> year of leadership of the school I look at all that this wonderful team of educators, ancillary staff and Committee volunteers have achieved and I know that this organisation is bigger than one person .... when people work collaboratively, co-operatively and

respectfully together, anything is possible. There is a dedicated, committed and passionate group of people who make this organisation what it is and I wholeheartedly believe that will continue beyond my leadership. This school will always hold a special place in my family's life and I look forward to seeing what is achieved in the future. Until we leave things will continue as usual. At this point I would like to acknowledge the selection panel and Committee of Management who

took a “chance” on a passionate, enthusiastic and optimistic educator with no proven track record in Montessori leadership – thank you for believing. I hope that all of you in our community hold onto that belief for the future ... that there’s something special about Montessori and the possibilities are endless.

**Heather**

## General News

### **Financial Assistance for parents of children in primary school – Forms due Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

The new Victorian Government have introduced a Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) for children enrolled in primary school and whose parents hold a valid means-tested concession card. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per students will be \$125. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card at the start of Term 2 (13 April) or Term 3 (13 July) then you may be eligible. Please collect a copy of the form from the front office and once completed return by June 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.

### **Lunch Orders next Wednesday**

Pizza – Margherita and Hawaiian options  
\$2.50 per slice

## Parents & Friends

### **School Holiday – Landscaping works – Front of building ... Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

During the school holidays we will be planting the front of the school with more native ground covers, infilling the gaps, and also planting at the the area near the bike shed as well as laying more weed matting. The Beechworth Prison Community Team will be available to assist. Parents can contact Jenny Pena either via email (jenny\_pena1@bigpond.com) or mobile 0418 890 557. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

### **Hello from the P&F wood-fired oven fundraising group! - Can you please donate for the hamper?**

We are putting together a food hamper of local produce, wine, preserves, etc for a prize in a raffle which will be drawn on the winter Sri Lankan curry night (new date in term 3 to be confirmed).

We would appreciate any small donations you may have to offer.... home-made jams, pickles, pumpkins, or any other product of the North East. Contributions can be left with staff in the office, or when the hamper appears in the foyer may be placed directly into the box.

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the foyer from next week for \$1.

***Many thanks, from the wood-oven fundraising group.***

## Cycle 2 News

### **Across Both Rooms**

#### **Excursion**

The ‘Mandela in Me’ performance was riot of colour, dance and song. It was fabulous for the children to experience a small part of South African culture. The performers spoke briefly about Nelson Mandela and the aim of the group in spreading the message of tolerance and peace across cultures and countries and be accepting of who we are. The workshop afterwards allowed the children to get up close and personal, ask questions and learn a few of the dance steps and songs. A favourite of most was the gumboot dance which originated in the coal, diamond and ore mines of South Africa as a way for workers to relieve their stress and homesickness from families. Another highlight included the 9 different languages that most South Africans speak – including the clicking language of the Ndebele tribe that we had listened to and enjoyed in Term 1. They then tried to teach us a song using the click language but I must say we weren’t very successful! It was also great to see the children experience life away from school and the expectations and experiences that go along with it.

## Moonstone

### **Biomes**

On Friday we enjoyed a walk through La Trobe collecting natural objects for our next art lesson exploring 2D relief to suggest a rainforest biome. The desert biomes will soon be on display which are absolutely stunning images created with a collage of tissue paper and application of chalk pastel. Now it is time to start collecting natural objects/a box for construction of a three dimensional biome for the animal of choice.

***Susi & Sally***

## Turquoise

### Botany

The children continued to explore and use the microscope in the room (kindly lent to use from Topaz) and were amazed at the small world previously unbeknown to them. The children also had lessons regarding tree rings and their relationship to age, and environmental factors like drought, flood, fire and disease.

### Zoology

For the past 2 weeks the children have been learning and researching birds. Questions to consider.... What do birds have in common? Why do birds have hollow bones? What are the three types of feathers? Why do birds have different shaped beaks? Why do birds have different shaped feet?

*Karen & Sonja*

## Cycle 3 News

### Across Both Rooms

#### Cycle 3 Camp

We are in the process of finalising our camp for 2015. The camp will take place in Term 4, from Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> through to Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We will begin our camp at Sovereign Hill where we will be participating in the living history program as students of St Alipius School. Students will attend two days of school where they will experience life in the 1800's dressed in full costume and experiencing lessons of the time period. There will also be lots of time for them to go gold panning and explore. On Wednesday we will leave for the YMCA Camp Wyuna, Queenscliff where students will experience the unique biodiversity of the area by snorkelling, rock rambling and other water activities. Both these camps complement the History, Ecology and Zoology areas of the curriculum. If you have any concerns please come in and see either Kat or myself, Terie.

If you would like to find out more information checkout the following websites:

<http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/costumed-school/>

<http://www.geelong.ymca.org.au/index.php/camp-wyuna-information>

#### School Lunches

We would like to thank all families for supporting our school lunch program. At last count we had made approximately \$1,200 towards our chicken and guinea pig enclosure. It has been amazing to watch the cooperation, organisation and team work amongst the students. Charlotte and her peers will begin planning where the enclosure will go in the playground, how it will be designed and what materials it will be constructed from. If you are able to assist the students in any way we would appreciate your help, please email Terie at [terieq@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:terieq@bms.vic.edu.au)

## Tigereye

### Making a Stop Motion Film

The Year 5s in Tigereye have recently been making stop motion films about different geological time periods. Mathilda made a stop motion film on the Permian time period. I asked her a few questions about her film.

#### **What do you know about the Permian period?**

It was really swampy at first on earth and then it went really dry. There were lots of reptiles and creatures that had an endoskeleton. It was about 250 million years ago.

#### **What sort of animals did you make for your stop motion?**

I made a Dimetrodon (which is a giant lizard) and a Casea (a smaller lizard).

#### **What happens in your film?**

The Dimetrodon lays her eggs and doesn't leave them. The Casea comes around the corner but doesn't eat the eggs because he is vegetarian but the Dimetrodon is very protective and doesn't want to risk the eggs being eaten so she kills and eats him. Then the Dimetrodon chases and kills her babies. She does this because she is really hungry. This means that only the really fast ones survive.

#### **Did you like making a stop motion and why?**

I really liked making all the animals although taking all the photos takes a long time. I'd like to do another one in the future.

## Casting an eye around Tigereye



Last week, I sat down for a rare few minutes and just looked around the room. There was so much different stuff happening– Mathilda was making a stop motion film set in the Permian period, Tash was making a comic about the properties of liquids, Ruby was planning a science experiment, Will was writing a biography about Steve Jobs, Takara was sketching something, Fred was doing some algebra. I was sitting in the corner just watching and marvelling, at this beautiful environment called a Montessori classroom... Some days I forget how special this approach to learning really is and get wrapped up in all the busy-ness of teaching and life. Other days, I remember to stop, to relax and to look around at all the good stuff happening. It's at those moments that I feel so lucky to be a teacher in such an awesome environment.

**Kat**

The Grade 6 girls making DNA

### **Topaz**

TOPAZ

As part of our History studies next term we will be focussing on the theme of 'making' with the concept of exploring where ingredients and materials come from and using them to create, cook, and grow etc. If you are able to sew, weave, knit, felt, spin, garden, propagate, cook or construct and have time to spare we would love to include you in our classroom. Please send an email to me: [terieq@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:terieq@bms.vic.edu.au)

**Thanks Terie**

## **Supporting your Montessori Child**

Here is the new Healthy Eating Pyramid diagram. It has embraced the latest research around food items.







### Yackandandah Museum

21 High Street,  
Yackandandah

Entry by donation



A great place to visit for school  
holidays!

**\*Explore the historic cottage built in 1857**

**\*Try the new "I Spy"**

**\*Don't miss the WWI exhibition**

**\*Grab a self-guided cemetery tour  
brochure for just \$3.00**

Open: 11.00 – 4.00; every day in Victorian  
school holidays

(02) 6027 0627 [museum@yackandandah.com](mailto:museum@yackandandah.com)

[www.yackandandahmuseum.wordpress.com](http://www.yackandandahmuseum.wordpress.com)

### Community Christmas Market Saturday 5th December

a market especially for our local community groups!

Once again the Beechworth Community Christmas Celebration is opening with the Community Christmas Market on the first weekend in December.

This is an opportunity to raise funds with a Christmas theme, be on hand to chat with people about your group, display your group's activities, or just be a part of celebrating Christmas, Beechworth style!

Schools, Community Groups and Clubs are invited to book a site:

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am-2pm**  
**Christ Church on the Hill,**  
**Cnr Ford & Church Sts, Beechworth**

- Sites are open to not-for-profit community groups only, for fundraising and promotional purposes.
- No site fees.
- Bookings and enquiries please contact Market Co-ordinator Anne Stelling on 57283302, or [astelling1@dodo.com.au](mailto:astelling1@dodo.com.au)

Displays, demonstrations, exhibitions, handmade arts, crafts and Christmas produce; old fashioned family sports events, music, children's Christmas crafts and activities.

**What will your group add?**



**Beechworth**  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**  
*bringing the streets alive with the spirit of Christmas*

**Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre** presents

### COOKING for KIDS



July School Holidays

- Cinnamon Scrolls
- Boston buns



**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
**Venue:** BNC Kitchen, 30 Ford St Beechworth  
**Time:** 1pm – 3pm  
**Cost:** \$35  
**Ages:** 8-16 years

MAX.  
8  
PLACES

Please book your place by calling us on 03 5728 2386 or email on [kitchen@bnc.net.au](mailto:kitchen@bnc.net.au)



# BEECHWORTH NIGHT NETBALL

WINTER COMP JULY 14 TO SEPT 15

**TUESDAY NIGHTS AT  
BEECHWORTH COMMUNITY  
RECREATION CENTRE**

Located at Beechworth Secondary College

## COMPETITION FEES

VNA registered players \$50  
New players (includes VNA insurance) \$117  
VNA registered junior player \$43  
New junior players (includes VNA insurance) \$90

Open for ladies in Year 9 and above 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!

Please contact Kristy on  
[kristyannhoward@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kristyannhoward@yahoo.com.au)  
or Kylie on 0417 596 614 for more  
information or to register your interest.

Or find us on Facebook

Registrations close on June 23

## EXISTING MEMBER COMPETITION

Refer a new member who joins  
the comp and go into the draw  
to win a dinner for two at the  
George Kerford Hotel.

You are invited to

## Candle Day Curry Night

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Baarmutha Park Function Centre,  
Balaclava Rd, Beechworth  
7pm

\$25 per person

Licensed premises – no BYO please.

Our guest presenter is Susi Allen, on their family's  
experiences with the farmers of Erromango island,

## Vanuatu

Please come and share a delicious curry feast with us.  
Funds raised will assist Amnesty International, the Sandalwood and  
Essential Oil Association of Erromango and Indigo Atauro Friendship Group  
projects in Timor Leste.

Bring some extra cash as there will be raffles and sales.

**Please RSVP by 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

Kerrie Connor 0357282173

[beechworthcurrynight@gmail.com](mailto:beechworthcurrynight@gmail.com)

❖ Please talk to Kerrie about contributing a curry, dessert or  
accompaniments when you book. Our meal is a joint project!



**Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre** *presents*

# COOKING *for* KIDS



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Sushi for kids

- Handmade nori rolls



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