

**Term 3**  
**Week 9 – 9 September 2015**  
*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

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## **Term 3** **13<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### **September**

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

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

15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – International Peace Day Celebrations 1.30pm

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

## **Term 4** **5<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

*11 weeks*

*1 pupil free days – Report Writing Day*

*1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup*

**A reminder that Term 3 ends on  
Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm**

## **From the Principal**

Staff and Emerald Room parents have been advised that Lynda Raymond will be leaving at the end of the year to accept a position teaching at Cathedral College in 2016. Lynda joined the Early Years team 4½ years ago and was pivotal in her role as a Director, providing leadership and mentoring to staff over the years. Whilst we will miss her contributions to what makes a wonderful school we wish her all the very best in your future in the classroom. It is my aim to advertise for the Emerald Director's position next week. Staffing changes in schools are not uncommon and whilst there is understandably some uncertainty when there are changes, we should remember that change can bring exciting new beginnings. In the

case of this school we greatly value the role of our professionals, but also acknowledge that people's lives and needs change over time. As an organization our service is in the best possible place to attract new, qualified and passionate educators, with our established protocols, practices, and procedures will support any new staff in a smooth transition.

We are now at the point in the year when we prepare for the coming school year – last week I asked that all families advise us by the end of this term if their children will not be attending in 2016. This is so that we can make staffing decisions but also to avoid unnecessary financial burden placed on families not intending to return. As advised our Fees Policy requires 1 term's notice of intention to withdraw.

Over the coming weeks there will be decisions made regarding the 2016 school year and the newsletter is the place to keep informed. Any positions for staffing will be advertised in the newsletter and in various other places; including Montessori Australia Foundation and local newspapers. Parent packs will be distributed towards the end of Term 4, including a 2016 Fees Policy and Fee Agreement.

A reminder that as per our uniform policy and sun smart recommendations students are required to wear sun hats from September to April. We implement a no hat, no play policy so please support your child by ensuring that they have a hat in their bag each day. We greatly value children being able to run and play but also that they are sunsmart whilst doing so.

***Kind regards Heather***

## General News

### Lunch Orders – Week 10

Pizza scrolls – cheese option and ham, cheese and pineapple \$2

### School photos

The whole school photo and individual portraits for children in Transition are still be scheduled at a later date.

### Victorian Government's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you are the parent of Primary School Child and hold a current Health Care Card/Pensioner Card please advise the school so that you can claim the CSEF. The benefit to the parent is that \$125.00 will be allocated towards the child(ren) attendance at excursions or sports events and they will not have to pay until the \$125.00 is utilised. Applications close Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### Athletics

The Athletics Day was held on Friday September 4th and was a fantastic success. We couldn't have asked for a better day - weather wise it was perfect, and the way the students participated matched this. Students were terrific in having a go at everything, and the way they encouraged and supported each other was great to see. The Cycle 3 students had a massive day of running, jumping and throwing and did a good job leading the younger students through the throwing activities and relays, and I was proud of each and every one of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the various people that helped me to put the day together and those that were a big help on the day. Beechworth Football Club for the use of their line marker, Beechworth Home Timber and Hardware, Peter Humphreys and St. Josephs for the high jump gear, and Whorouly PS for their shot put and discusses. On the day all staff were a fantastic help, along with Daniel from Bluearth. It was also great to see so many parents and younger siblings in attendance.

Well done to all students and we are already looking forward to next year's event, planning it to be bigger and better than this year. If you have any feedback or suggestions, I'd certainly welcome this. Photos to come (we have a camera issue at present).

*Thanks again. Josh Carr, Phys Ed Director*

## Ruby Room News

I would like to welcome a new family who have recently moved from the UK, and join us here at Beechworth Montessori; Olivia and Matthew with their 2 children, Leo, who has begun in Amethyst room and Amber in Tots. We hope you all enjoy your new surrounds.

I just want to thank Greta and her mum Jodie for bringing in the cardboard cylinders for the children to use in the craft area. So far I have seen them being used to make a very, very long telescopes, king and queen puppets & wheels on a 'bus'; they are very handy!

Now that we are in the month of September our sun smart policy kicks into action again with hats and sunscreen/or long sleeved shirts, for outside use. As it is still freezing, long sleeved shirts are indeed a good idea as are coats and beanies. We do have sunscreen available in Ruby room for general use; probably best to wait until we see the sun though.

As part of the Montessori pedagogy, 'help me to help myself' is what children around the ages of Tots and up like us to do. Children have a different outlook to adults; the process is important to them not the outcome as much as it is to us. There is no rush in the Tots room, children are able to take their time so this is a great opportunity for adults to do the same. If it takes your child a long time to complete a task, and some activities do as they can be complex especially if washing dishes is a part of it, let them take that time for it is the **doing** and the repetition by the child that establishes the pathways in the brain and gives them the practice and refinement of these skills.

Our numbers over the last couple of weeks have increased and it is wonderful to see so many interested parents and children. It can be a little crowded so if a particular area is busy, such as the art area, redirect your child to a space and

an activity that is not as busy and plan to return and do art later. Once the weather begins to warm up it will be more inviting to use the outside areas for play.

I would like to remind everyone (and inform, if this is the first time you have heard this) that as the snack table caters for 8 children comfortably it is important to please ensure your child's snack plate and cup is washed and put back on the shelf after they have eaten their snack, ready for the next child. If your child has not finished their snack and would like to go do another activity, place their plate of snack in the fridge for when they are ready again. This will free the table space for those who may be waiting. All fruit not eaten can be taken home or placed in the compost bin. Please don't leave it for others to use.

Parents if you could wash your tea/coffee mugs after use I would appreciate it as I am starting to find a few empty or half empty mugs left after the playgroup session. Thank you to those who do.

So far we have 4 recipes for our recipe booklet for children. If you have a healthy recipe your child enjoys eating – can be sweet or savoury, please consider sharing it with us as we would like to put a booklet together. See Michaela or email [michaelar@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:michaelar@bms.vic.edu.au)

I am considering a working bee in 4<sup>th</sup> term – time to be decided - for the playground so if you can help please let me know.

There are 3 more sessions of Tots left this term before school holidays. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday

**Thank you**

**Michaela & Geraldine**

## Cycle 1 News

### Across Both Rooms

Please remember to bring a sun hat. Our sun smart policy requires hats to be worn from September to April. Whilst common sense will win out and we won't keep children indoors on days like today, we will need to confine children to shady areas on sunny days if they don't have their hat.

As the weather warms up we will be spending more time outdoors. As we have already done last week, we will begin starting the day outdoors as we return to our routine from Term 1. In Term 4 we will endeavour to start each day with outdoor time until 9.30am.

We need a home for our 3 chickens over the school holidays. They come with food and enclosure if necessary (you will need a ute to transport it) and you will be rewarded with fresh eggs daily. If you can help, please speak with a staff member.

**Lynda, Wiggy & Geraldine**

## Amethyst

Amethyst class has had a busy couple of weeks

### BEECHWORTH BAKERY

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 14 very eager children and four adults headed off down the hill to visit the Beechworth Bakery. When we arrived we were taken out the back where we were all given a piece of bread dough. These were turned into some fabulous creations, including volcanoes, balls, snowmen, worms and hedgehogs, to name a few. Next we had a great time cutting shortbread pastry into different shapes and decorating with currants and raisins. While everything was baking, we snuck up the back stairs and snacked on some apple. We also got to try some of our shortbread when it was cooked and it was yum! It was soon time to head back to school and Georgia and Annette volunteered to take our bread back to school in their cars so we didn't have to carry it up the "steep, steep hill". Thank you ladies. A big thank you also to Karen and Sascha who came with us and helped out.







## FATHER'S DAY EVENING

Last Wednesday was our Father's Day evening and we had a great turn out of children and their dads. Lisa and some of the children spent the morning making chocolate balls ready



for afternoon tea, which proved to be a big hit. It was lovely to watch the children demonstrate their favourite activities and look through their learning journals with their dads. Thank you to everyone for helping to make the evening a success.

Here are some of the special things the children love about their father's:

My Dad gives me ice-cream in summer.

My Dad gives me a ride on his motorbike.

My Dad gives me kisses and cuddles before he goes to work.

My Dad reads me books.

My Dad plays music on the computer.

My Dad makes me laugh.

I like going to the park with Dad.

My Dad is my best friend.

I like building with my Dad.

I like to eat toast and jam with my Dad.

I like going on the tractor with my Dad.



We made Tomato Sauce as a gift for our Dads. There has been a few requests for the recipe, here it is:

2.5kg tomatoes diced

500g sugar

1tsp cayenne pepper

8 cloves garlic

1 cup brown vinegar

1tsp salt

1tsp ground cloves

5 seeded hot chilli

2 cups fresh basil

2 chopped onions

Combine all ingredients in a pot and boil for approximately 1 hour

## READING TO US

This term, each Thursday afternoon two students from Turquoise come across to Amethyst to read a picture story book to the children. It has been a valuable and enjoyable way of building relationships with Cycle 2. Thank you to all the children who have read stories so far, we look for to more activities with the primary school next term.



We would like to welcome Leo Woodburne and Leonidas Fidge, and their families to Amethyst room.

***Tameeka, Martina, Melissa and Lisa***

## **Emerald**

All Emerald room families have been advised that Lynda will not be returning in 2016. It is with sadness that I leave the wonderful Montessori classroom, Emerald children and families, and the BMS community. However, it is time for me to further my learning and experiences working with slightly older children in a mainstream classroom. I have accepted a position as a classroom teacher in the Junior School at Cathedral College Wangaratta. I have invited all families to contact me to discuss continuity of learning and transitional arrangements to support the incoming Director. My priority is ensuring that your children remain happy, confident learners as they enter the 2016 school year.

### **Children's interests and learning:**

Thanks to Mabel for bringing in her beautiful hand painted egg which was well timed with our curriculum focus on the parts of the egg. We have spent time considering the various parts of the egg and dissected an egg to examine it for ourselves and made books labelling the specific parts such as the membrane, white spot, yolk, cord and shell. The children were fascinated by Mabel's egg and inspired to create their own. We had a great time in art class blowing the insides out (which we cooked and ate) and this week will be replacing those eggs that broke and beginning the decoration process. We will also be researching the origin of decorated eggs and the symbolism of them.

We will be extending our work on eggs in term 4 by hatching ducklings and chicks again in the classroom. Thanks to Juliet Plowman and Trudi Ryan for your assistance with this project.

Thanks to the Dad's, Mum's and special friends who were able to make it to Father's Night last week. The children enjoyed thinking about and articulating why they love their Dad's and how they are special to them and depicted their Dad in a drawing which they proudly displayed. The joy of sharing their classroom was evident and a lot of planning and preparation went into readying the room for the event.

### **Connectedness:**

We have had a number of regular and one off events recently which have brought the children into much closer contact with others in the school. These experiences are important to support children's understanding of how to be a responsible and contributing member of a community.

- Each Monday afternoon we have the pleasure of regular visits by Turquoise students to read to us
- We recently had Charlotte, Poppy and Sage (Cycle 3) visit to read their book (which we have ordered a copy of)
- Last week we visited Tigereye to view the science expo
- On Friday the school aged children participated in the school sport's carnival
- Next week we will participate in the whole school Peace Day event

***Lynda, Wiggy & Geraldine***







## Montessori Matters – Part 3

Continuation of the Cybersafety Education Parent session at BMS 19/8/15

### Protect:

Ensure that your child protects their private information keep it confidential

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Phone number
- Email
- School
- Bank
- Geolocation

### Devices:



- Under supervision
- Not in bedrooms
- Enact parental controls
- Have agreements of use
- Use internet filters
- Install firewalls, security, anti virus
- Have Wifi on timers

### Encourage your child to

- Protect passwords and usernames
- Change security regularly
- Secure and difficult to guess passwords
- Never share passwords
- Use only secure websites for shopping
- Don't respond to requests for passwords
- Set to private
- Accept requests only from people they know and trust
- Block offensive users
- Regularly search for themselves online
- Report fake profiles
- Don't join offensive online groups
- Delete unused accounts
- Turn off Bluetooth when not in use and change the name of their device
- Disable location services
- Stress that they do not take, accept or forward nude images of someone under 18 years.
- Use [www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org)

**YOUR JOB IS TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE**



## CHANGING MINDS ABOUT DEMENTIA

A training workshop for the community of Beechworth





This education program aims to build the knowledge and skills of the Beechworth community to support those who have dementia to live well.

**Content will address:**

- How the brain works
- What is dementia?
- Communicating well
- Supporting and engaging the person with dementia

**TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**  
Morning: 10:00am - 12:30PM  
OR  
Evening: 5:30 - 8PM  
Venue: Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre, Oregon Room  
Refreshments provided

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
To register your attendance or for more information, contact **Beechworth Health Service** Ph: 03 5728 0200 or Email: [anna.mackinlay@bhs.hume.org.au](mailto:anna.mackinlay@bhs.hume.org.au)  
This training is offered to you **free of charge** as part of the Beechworth dementia-friendly community project.

**NATIONAL DEMENTIA HELPLINE**  
**1800 100 500**  
[FIGHTDEMENTIA.ORG.AU/VIC](http://FIGHTDEMENTIA.ORG.AU/VIC)



## FREE MOVIE

# HOME

**Chiltern Memorial Hall**  
**Thursday 24th of September**  
**2pm, 86 Conness Street**

**Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre**  
**Thursday 1st of October**  
**2pm, 30 Ford Street**  
Bookings not required for movie

## School Holiday Fun

## Cartoon Workshops

With Adrian Osborne

**WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**  
10:00am till 11:30am  
Lion's Club Kiewa - Tangambalanga  
41 Kiewa East Road

**WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER**  
10:00am till 11:30am  
Rutherglen Youth Centre  
153 High Street - behind Council Office

Workshops suitable for ages 8 to 12 years  
Cost \$10.00  
Light Morning Tea provided  
Bookings Essential: 1300 365 003  
Info [www.Indigoshire.vic.gov.au/movies](http://www.Indigoshire.vic.gov.au/movies)






## COMMUNITY EVENT

## Still Alice: movie screening

Join us as we present this free event as part of Dementia Awareness Month.

The Changing Minds Beechworth action group in partnership with the **Beechworth Film Society** and Beechworth Bowls Club invite you to view the award winning movie **Still Alice** - the story of a linguistics professor and her family who find their bonds tested when she is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

We will also talk briefly about the work that is happening in Beechworth to create a more dementia-friendly community.

All welcome!

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
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**FREE EVENT**

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**1800 100 500**  **131 450**  The National Dementia Helpline and Dementia Awareness Month are Australian Government initiatives



## Photography Workshop 2015

Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera  
Sunday September 13th 10am - 2.30pm

For more info contact Erin 0419 390 088  
[erin@beechworthphotographers.com.au](mailto:erin@beechworthphotographers.com.au)  
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

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.

