

Term 2 Week 2 – 20 April 2016

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Full newsletter will be distributed fortnightly with a brief memo in alternate weeks.

Term 2	
11 th April – 24 th June	
11 weeks	
April	
22 nd Friday – Cycle 3 ANZAC Day Excursion	
25 th Monday – ANZAC Day Public Holiday	
May	
4 th Wednesday – Mother's Day Night	
6 th Friday – School Cross Country	
10 th Tuesday – 12 th Thursday – NAPLAN Testing	
13 th Friday – Beechworth & District Cross Country at Yackandandah	
19 th Thursday – Open Day – 9.45am for 10am start to 12.30pm	
20 th Friday – Upper Hume Division Cross Country	
June	
10 th Friday – Pupil Free Day – Report Writing Day	
13 th Monday – Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday	
22 nd Wednesday – Prep, Cycle 2 & 3 Reports Distributed	
24 th Friday – Last Day of Term 2 – 2.15pm Finish	

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2, everyone is very settled and productive work and learning is well underway. The new COM met on April 11 and I would like to congratulate Harry Bussell as President, Rachel Kerkvliet as Vice-President, Dean Cleeve-Smith as Treasurer, and Jacqui Alessi as Secretary as the new office bearers. The next CoM meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday 27 April, and it is the aim to have subsequent meetings confirmed after that.

Over the holidays, the Beechworth Community Team worked in our grounds for a week. They focussed primarily on the front of the school and also worked in the Cycle 1 outdoor area. I am sure you will notice the difference with the tidier entry to the school, and the clearing work of dead wood in the Cycle 1 yard. In addition, they have offered to come back next holidays, to support the school with putting steps into the Cycle 1 yard. We are extremely grateful for the Beechworth Community's Team's interest and work in our school, and particularly thank Jenny Penna for organising this.

After consultation with the Marketing Sub-committee, we have decided to run our Open Day during the school day on May 19, rather than in the evening, as earlier advertised. We are aiming to showcase the wonderful learning that occurs at our school, and the breadth of opportunities available to the students. We would love to see as many present families here as possible as well, and encourage you to bring any friends or family that may also be interested in viewing our school in action. In addition we will be extending invitations to local children's agencies and universities, as many of them are also really interested in the Montessori difference, and this is a great opportunity to open our doors to the local and wider community and show people our great school and what we do here.

Mother's Day night is also coming up, on May 4. Please mark this date in your diaries now as we would love to see as many mothers and carers as possible. On Friday, Cycle 3 will be attending a pre-enactment of the dawn service with Terie and Dana. Students will be laying a wreath, both on Friday and also at the Anzac service on Monday. I hope to see some of you there, as we show our respect as a community.

Enjoy the long weekend,

Kind Regards,
Bron Martin



From the President of the Committee of Management



A warm welcome back to term 2. I am extremely humbled to be elected as the new President of the Committee of Management for Beechworth Montessori School. I would like to extend a very big thank you to the retired members of the Committee for all their hard work over the past 12 months, which is greatly appreciated and has contributed to Beechworth Montessori moving forward.

I am thrilled in my new role, that I am surrounded by an exceptional group of people who bring great vision and energy to their respective roles; Vice President Rachel Kerkvliet, Treasurer Dean Cleave-Smith, Secretary Jacqui Alessi along with general members Anthea Scott, Mat Saunders, Pamela Walpole, Penny Everingham and Zoe Pinard.

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year and will regularly share with you news of our progress.

Harry Bussell

General News

Thank you

To the prisoners from Beechworth Correctional Facility who came and worked on the garden at the front of the building over the school holidays.

To Beechworth Home & Hardware for their kind donations of native plants for the path and garden at the front of the building being worked on by Moonstone and for the herbs for the Cycle 3 vegetable gardens.

Parent Helpers Required: Cycle 3 would love to have some parent helpers to assist with preparation of school lunches on Thursdays. You do not have to have a child in cycle 3 – all help is appreciated. See us in the office if you would like to get involved.

Guitar, Piano, Violin and Chines (Mandarin) Lessons at Beechworth Montessori: Please remember that we do have independent lessons for piano, guitar, violin and Chinese (Mandarin). If you are interested in your child participating in any of these, please let us know in the office. We can then provide you with the relevant contact details.

Lost Property: A watch and an ipod were found in the car park late last term. If you think they could be yours, please see us in the office.

Wangaratta High School SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) Program: Information Packs will be dropped at the school this week. Please pick one up from the office or let us know and we can send one home with your child.

School Photos – Urgent - Order forms due

Thanks you to families who have returned order forms and made payments.
For those who haven't yet...can please return order forms by **Thursday 21st**

Additional order forms are available at the school office.

Early Years News

From the Ruby Room

Dear Mum and Dad, please remember to pack me some warm clothes, and sheets for a rest or nap. I love playing outside, but I need a rest to relax as well. Thanks for looking after me.

We made pumpkin pikelets

This week we cut, measured, spooned, mixed, cooked, cleaned and finally ate some pumpkin pikelets with honey. We had to work together to make the batter finding all the ingredients, measuring the right amount, taking turns to pour, spoon and mix.

We also helped each other to wash, dry and put away the dishes.

We helped cook, turn and flip the pikelets onto the plates.

Finally we spread some honey on the pikelets and then enjoyed eating them.

Analysis of learning: The children worked together to make, cook and eat as a group.

Outcome 2a: Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities.

What next? Allow time, space and materials for the children to experience more cooking skills together.

From the Ruby Room Team



From Cycle 1 (Amethyst and Emerald)

Last Thursday we went to the Apex road safety school in Wangaratta. The children showed their knowledge of road safety in the lead-up to riding around the tracks, and had a demonstration of why a bike helmet is essential. Thank you to Jacqui Alessi, Jacqui Lesley and Lucille Brown for accompanying us.

Following is a recount as written by the children:

On Thursday we went on a big bus to Wangaratta. We went to the traffic school. Prue talked to us about the road signs and about safety. She did an experiment with an egg in a helmet. Prue dropped the egg (with a tiny helmet on it) and it didn't break. Then she took the helmet off and dropped it again. It broke!

Next we rode the bikes. We had to look for other bikes coming and stop. We had to stop for red and orange lights, and go when the light turned green.

When we finished riding we went back on the bus to Beechworth. Some people fell asleep and some people didn't.

We had lots of fun.



Cycle 2 News

From the Moonstone Room

Autumn term has arrived! Perfect weather for planting out our habitat – I would like to thank Quentin Pfahlert for generously donating a load of compost and for time spent in the garden with students. Lou Richie saw an opportunity and seized it – buying up a load of remaindered plants for us – so I would like to thank her too, as well as Home Hardware, who gave us an incredible bargain! I have bought in a beautiful selection of native plants to put in – although our big picture plan is to have a mixed planting to attract as much life to our garden as possible. So some exciting changes are being made outdoors.

Some students have also been enjoying doing botanical drawings of autumn leaves as purposeful drawing connected to study is an alternative to silent reading after lunch.

For parents of Year 3 (and 5) students, the ACARA website is a great spot to get your NAPLAN questions answered – for now, our students appear to be enjoying the relative novelty of the work we are doing to familiarise them with the test style.

From the Turquoise Room

Rocket Day:

It's been a while but our last day of term was spent building rockets! The children had a wonderful time adapting their designs trying to create the most successful version in terms of distance travelled. Child adapted the number of fins, the size and shape of fins, the location of fins, the shape and size of the nose cone, as well as the addition of weights to the tip of the rocket. The most successful rocket of the day travel 60m. A big thank you to WHS who kindly lent us their rocket launcher.

Term two:

This term we are learning all about the atmosphere and its weather. We are also investigating states of matter, atoms, molecules, compounds, and the periodic table. Make sure you stop by and see our first display of the term, our posters depicting the layers of the atmosphere and what can be found in each layer. Art is concerned with further enhancing fine motor skills; in particular mastering precise ruler and pencil work to create parabolic curves, which we will then turn into needle and thread creations.



Cycle 3 News

From the Tigereye Room

Welcome back to everyone and hope you enjoyed Easter and the holidays. Lately we have been enjoying the beautiful weather by getting outside a lot. We have sometimes been reading and writing outside, gardening and just working at desks in the Tigereye alcove that has been newly decorated by Arnya, Ruby and Mietta.

Just a reminder to please check in with your child to make sure that they have all their stationery supplies such as glue sticks, erasers and plastic document wallets. Our weekly school lunches are now happening on a Thursday– make sure you get your order forms in early in the week. If any parents/grandparents are interested in helping out in Tigereye with cooking on Thursday mornings for the school lunches please let me know. Tigereye cooks the lunches on the odd weeks of Term and Topaz cooks on the even weeks.

All about Atoms by Samadhi

In science we did some research on atoms we found out that atom means uncuttable. We also found out about the periodic table that each element has the same sort of atom for example every helium atom has 2 electrons, 2 neutrons and 2 protons. We made models of hydrogen, helium, lithium, and beryllium out of lollies.

Outside Journal writing by Arnya

It feels like I am stranded on an island but in a good way. I can hear birds chirping and the low hum of the trucks that are moving materials. It begins to feel like I am at the beach lying on the sand, staring up at the sky looking over a perfect beach with beautiful shells and coloured sand.

From the Topaz Room

Topaz Year 6's Autobiography's!!!

On Wednesday the 13th of April we officially started our autobiographies. Now I was very excited for this because that meant I could (hopefully) spend most of the day writing and not do maths. I wish.

We had to cover where and when we were born, what our earliest memory was, what our favourite activity from Cycle 1 was, where did we go to school and when we started, who our friends were/are, what the best/worst thing that has ever happened to us, what we would like to be when we leave school, where we will be in twenty years and what we will have done.

Amelia is going to be the Prime Minister of Australia and a Poet. Charlotte is going to be a Lawyer and an Artist. And Cassia is going to be a Chef. As you can tell we're a pretty awesome bunch. We've got dreams!!! To conquer!!!! Although, we will miss this awesome school and it will definitely miss us.

By Amelia Leach and Charlotte Holden.

Cycle 3 science experiment

You'll need

- Alka seltzer or effervescent tablet
- photographic film canister with a tight lid
- water

Procedure

We put the Alka seltzer in the film canister and put water in and shook it really fast, then tipped it up-side-down. The first few times it didn't work because there was too much water in it and the air couldn't expand. So we only half filled the canister with water and it worked well. The canister shot up about 6 metres or more in the air. We had another attempt and it went even higher when it was just filled a quarter. Cassia and Noah also did the experiment with us.

By Harry and Nick



Community News

Chess Kids Australia

RJ Shield Chess Tournament

Yarrawonga

Albury

Sunday 24th April

Time: 12:45pm to 5:00pm

Building 754, Charles Sturt Uni, Elizabeth Mitchell Drive, Thurgoona, NSW

Cost: \$25 per player

A TOURNAMENT FOR EVERYONE

The RJ Shield events are the longest running series of junior chess tournaments in Australia. They were first started by Hilda O'Callaghan in 1994 and known simply as "Novice Tournaments". They were later named after legendary International Master and former Australian Chess Champion, Robert Jamieson. Robert is still involved with these events; if you start playing in RJ Shield's you might just be lucky enough to meet him one day!

Come along for a fun day of competition chess, whether you're an established player or a novice, this is the tournament for you. Learn new skills, meet new friends and even gain a chess ranking, or better the one you have.

Age divisions, under 8's, under 10's, under 12's, under 14's and OPEN (14YRS TO ADULT)

Trophies awarded in all age divisions. An additional trophy is award to the best girl in each division.

Certificates are awarded to each player, ranging from participation to high distinction.

Please register online at www.rjshield.com/yarrawonga - click on ENTER. Any difficulties call Karen 0437176769 and I will be happy to help. Cost is \$25.00 per player.

Please ARRIVE BETWEEN 12.30pm to 12.45pm so we can register names and start the tournament at 1.00pm.

There are only fifty places available so get in early and don't miss out.


Coffee, tea, cold drinks and snacks are available for purchase on the day.

This tournament is run by Chess Kids Australia in conjunction with YCP-12 Community Workshop, all proceeds, after costs, will be donated to the workshop for materials and supplies.

World's Biggest Garage Sale!
Saturday April 23rd 8am-5pm
1234 Diffey Rd Beechworth (near intersection with Zigzag Rd)
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Email: netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com

Cost: \$50

Reg. Date: 10th April 2016



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Commences Friday May 6th
Friday 9:15am to 11:45am
The Spa Beechworth, Albert Rd, Beechworth
Day of Mindfulness : Sunday 12th of June

Wodonga

Commences Wednesday May 4th
Wednesday 6pm to 8:30pm
24 Brockley St, Wodonga
Day of Mindfulness : Sunday 12th of June

Cost : \$475 inclusive of comprehensive workbook and guided practice recordings. Discounted options are available depending on your circumstances

Early bird discount : register and pay by April 22nd to save \$50 off the full-fee price

To register please visit www.bordermindfulness.com, email Ben at info@bordermindfulness.com or call on 0419 699 306.



AIA Vitality MiniRoos

Kick off this season 12 April at Savoy Park Tuesday nights - 5pm to 6 for 10 weeks.

Cost \$65 credit card payment only registration - Coach Danielle Caponecchia

Parent Player and Registration information click here: <http://myrtlefordsoccer.com.au/registration/registration>

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Registrations close
Saturday, 7 May 2016

MONTESSORI 0-3 WORKSHOP 'ME DO IT' – SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE IN THE HOME, NIDO AND INFANT COMMUNITY

Saturday, 14 May 2016 9:00am - 4:30pm
VIC

This workshop is ideal for educators and parents and will offer insights and practical strategies to support the emerging independence of children in the first three years of life.

"The child's conquests of independence are the basic steps in what is called his 'natural development'. In other words, if we observe natural development with sufficient care, we see that it can be defined as the gaining of successive levels of independence."

The Absorbent Mind, p. 76

This workshop will explore the supports and obstacles to the development of independence with regard to language, movement, eating, toileting, sleeping and self-concept. This includes both the physical and psychological supports and obstacles to the positive growth of the child under the age of three.

"The child's conquest of independence begins with his first introduction to life. While he is developing, he perfects himself and overcomes every obstacle that he finds in his path. A vital force is active within him, and this guides his efforts towards their goal."

The Absorbent Mind, p. 83



SARA BRADY holds AMI diplomas at both Assistants to Infancy and Children's House levels. She has a Masters in Education from Loyola College in Maryland. Since 1999 Sara has worked extensively in a variety of Montessori settings: long-day care, preschool and Montessori in the home. She has enjoyed working in Nido and Infant Communities as well as parent-infant classes. Sara lives in Sydney, Australia with her husband and three children. Sara is qualified as an AMI Assistants to Infancy trainer.

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0-3 Workshop – 'Me Do It' – Supporting Independence – VIC Saturday, 14 May 2016

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