

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

<p>Term 3 11th July – 16th September <i>10 weeks</i></p> <p>July 27th Wednesday - The Resilience Project Education Sessions for staff (4pm to 530pm) 28th Thursday – Cycle 3 Ski Trip 29th Friday – Cycle 3 Winter Sports in Wodonga – POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE TBC 29th Friday – Visit from Victorian Montessori Principals</p> <p>August 5th Friday – Pyjama Day 8th Monday - Responsible Pet Education Sessions 19th Friday – Meals on Wheels 31st Wednesday - Maria's Montessori Birthday 31st Wednesday - Father's Day Morning 730am to 8.30am</p> <p>September 2nd Friday – School Athletics Carnival 2nd Friday – Toy 5th Monday to 9th Friday – Parent Teacher Interviews 6th Tuesday – Beechworth District Athletics 9th Friday – International Peace Day Bush Dance Celebrations 16th Friday – Last Day of Term 3 – 2.15pm Finish</p>	<p>Term 4 3rd October – 15th December</p>
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From the Principal

It was great to see many parents at Hugh van Cuylenburg's presentation for the Resilience Project last night, and I know that some of you also attended on Monday in Yackandandah. Feedback from Directors who accompanied each of the student groups has been that the children, from prep to Year 6 in their relative groups, found his advice amusing, thought provoking and tangible. Hugh's message is that we can work to positively move our place on the mental health scale by practising gratitude, mindfulness and empathy. He also reminds us that music, exercise and laughter add to our mental health, and demonstrated through a number of anecdotes that we can positively affect our own and our children's mental health by reflecting each night through noticing and reminding ourselves of 3 things in our day for which we are grateful. He called these "dismoments." Through the leadership of Gabrielle Tange and Anna McKinley from Beechworth Health with the support of FRRR funding, our goal is that as a community, both within our school and within Beechworth, as well as across the towns of Beechworth, Yackandandah and Tangambalanga we can all practise Hugh's ideas to collectively support and grow community well-being. To this end, staff will be participating in a session together tonight. You will notice initiatives in our school specifically aimed to support student and school community to embrace Hugh's work. I hope that you find meaning and purpose in these, and work with your children to further strengthen resilience and gratitude for life, and an outlook that includes time for music, exercise and laughter, both for you as parents and them as children. This will help us individually and us as a community ride and grow from the tides of change.

On reflecting on a couple of conversations I have had this week, I will aim to be in the foyer on Tuesday mornings, with coffee and tea available, so that if any of you are wanting to create an opportunity to discuss any ideas you may have for the school with me in a less formal setting, you can. In addition, please be aware, that we are presently working on creating survey instruments for each stakeholder group across both the school, and early learning settings, so that we can accurately collect your thoughts and ideas, and gauge your point of view, to inform future decision making. We will also be surveying students and staff, and instruments are being tailored to each stakeholder group. If there is anyone who is concerned about anything in the school, please feel free to make an appointment to come and see me.

Last night the Building Sub-Committee briefed the staff about the progress to date with the multi-purpose hall building project. Melissa and Karen have offered to join the Building Sub-Committee as staff representatives and will be joining the next meeting with architect, Greg Kennedy, scheduled for next Thursday 4 August.

As many families will be aware, Cycle 3 will be cross country skiing tomorrow at Mount Buffalo. This is a great opportunity for use to have a challenging experience as a group, and I would like to thank Kat for taking the initiative to organise this, and also Matt and Scott for offering to help with instruction. Here at the school we will be hosting principals from other Victorian Montessori Schools on Friday. I look forward to reporting on some of the conversations and insights we share together next week.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents that have started the term, volunteering and helping in the classroom, whether it be through reading, cutting fruit, going on excursions, or sharing your skills.

I would also like to remind all parents that, if you arrive early for pick up or need or want to wait around at school for any reason, you are more than welcome to relax on the blue couches in the foyer to catch up, work or practise mindfulness. Please do not feel that you need to spend time waiting in your car waiting for children if you would be more comfortable inside. We look forward to our levels of comfort further increasing in 2017, when we will be better heated!

Have a good week.
Kind Regards,
Bron Martin

SAVE TASSIE DEVILS!!!

PYJAMA DAY!!!

Wear your clothes to school and bring pyjamas to school and get changed here.
Tassie devils are getting diseases in their mouths and is causing them to die.

All classes may participate.

Cost; a gold coin donation

Date; Friday 5th August

Organised by; Elsa Wilkinson and Hannah Cherry

Thanks for participating in our project

Elsa and Hannah



Cycle 3 Winter Sports Cancelled

The Winter Sports Carnival organised for this Friday 28th July has been cancelled due to rain causing the closure of the parks where it was due to take place. We are currently working with the other schools involved to set another date.

Toy Catalogues

The Toy Catalogues from Parent Direct and Chalk have arrived at the school. These catalogues are filled with hundreds of great value, fun, educational toys perfect for birthday and Christmas presents.

By ordering from Chalk and Parent Direct, 20 cents of every dollar you spend will be donated back to our school to spend on educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids. So not only do you receive quality toys but your purchase also assists in the ongoing learning for your children throughout the year. In addition, if we have more than 20 orders we receive bonus vouchers.

Ordering is easy. Fill in the order form and return to us. We'll place the orders and let you know when they have arrived at the school. Delivery is free for orders over \$150, \$7.90 for delivery to your home and \$3.90 for delivery to the school.

We have placed copies in parent pockets of children in the Tiny Tots and kinder programs. If you received a copy and do not want the catalogues, please return them to the office. If you did not receive a copy but would like one, please register your interest at the office and we will order a copy for you. Alternatively we have 3 office copies and plenty of order forms so you are welcome to peruse the office copies and place your order from them.

We will be placing an order from the school on Monday 5th September so please ensure all orders are left at the office by Friday 2nd September.

Educational Care Program at Beechworth Montessori

Our occasional care program is now running every day. From 12pm to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and also from 9am to 12pm Monday and Wednesday. We have both casual and permanent places available most days. See us in the office if you are interest.

Early Years News From the Ruby Room

We have a few short term staff changes as Martina will be doing a 5 week teaching placement at Beechworth Primary School and will be back to Montessori beginning of week 8 of this term. We would like to welcome Jessica and Nicola who are working in ECP while Martina is on her placement, Zoe who is facilitating Thursday morning Tiny Tots (welcome back Zoe) and to Mel and Luka to our Tuesday Tiny Tots program this term. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing some fun times together.

Thanks to all of the parents who have responded with warm coats, beanies and suitable footwear so the children are able to venture outside even when it is very cold conditions.

We would like to invite any older children attending ECP after school to bring a book they would like to read or any craft they may be working on and ideas to share about what they would like to do when here.

We are hoping these staff arrangements will not cause your child to be unsettled. If you would like to talk to one of us here at Ruby Room please feel free to approach us.

Thank you for your ongoing support Michaela, Lisa, Geraldine, Jessica and Nicola

From Cycle 1 (Amethyst and Emerald)

Over the past three weeks we have been practising our sewing skills on Friday afternoons. Our first project is sewing a running stitch around an outline, and adding beads or buttons to embellish the design.



Cycle 2 News

Across Both Rooms

Zoology: as mentioned in the last newsletter, this term we are studying invertebrates. Last week Moonstone joined Turquoise in determining how the animal kingdom is divided, and what the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates is by discussing the prefix 'in'. We then discovered 8 differing phyla and the reasons behind each grouping. For example, molluscs are all grouped together as they all have soft bodies. Questions to ask your child...What does the prefix 'in' mean? What percent of the animal kingdom are invertebrates? Can you name the 8 types of invertebrates? Can you give the brief reason why they are in each group? Can you give an example of an animal in each group?

The Resilience Project: Hopefully as many parents as possible were able to attend one of Hugh's sessions to further promote a healthy mental health. The children loved his stories and we will continue to use mindfulness, meditation and gratitude in our rooms.

Mel Meyer has been kind enough to create a Gratitude Journal where students may add positive comments especially when feeling life is being unfair. Many parents have been practising this activity at home where students are encouraged to find positives in every situation and to be grateful for the many wonderful and varied gifts that we are blessed with.

From the Moonstone Room

Moonstone students have been inspired by the creative mind of Leonardo de Vinci. During a group lesson students were shown how artists during the time would hide messages in their paintings. We studied the Last Supper and students were mesmerised to know that a contemporary musician was curious regarding the positioning of the characters hands in the painting. The musician marked the position of each of the characters on a musical stave superimposed onto the painting and played the score. It sounded dreadful until he remembered that Leonardo often wrote backwards. By reversing the musical score he received a surprising melody.

At the end of the lesson students were inspired by Leonardo's many other inventions and were encouraged to invent something that would make life easier in the 21st century. This will be a work in progress and students will have the opportunity to plan and make a prototype out of their invention using various materials.

From the Turquoise Room

Geography: I'm pleased (and somewhat relieved) that the children now have no problems naming Australian animals and are making great gains in their knowledge of states, capitals, flags, plants, places etc. Our art work is also taking shape with the children using pointillism to create a story using symbols from the Indigenous Dreaming Time

Language: I bit of fun this week with alliteration—where as many words as possible in a sentence start with the same letter. The children have had fun incorporating this with Australian animals. Eg The wobbly wombat was woozy while worrying and waiting for the wagon.



Pointillism



Great story



Wet Weather lunch times

Cycle 3 News (Tigereye & Topaz)

Science Fair Projects

This term, Tigereye and Topaz students are partnering up to complete a Science Fair project together. We have deliberately paired each Tigereye student with a Topaz student as a way of promoting more work across the classrooms. Students are currently in the planning phases for their projects and so far some interesting projects emerging that we will present to the school community at the end of the term.

Geology

Some Tigereye students have been learning about the three different types of rocks- Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic and how these were formed. We have some great samples of these kinds of rocks but if anyone out there has some interesting rock samples for us to look at we would love to see them!

Chit Chat

Tilda, Arnya, Charlotte Holden, Amelia, Bianca, Tash and Oaka have been working on a Cycle 3 Magazine called Chit Chat. Here are some of their articles:

Bolted Down

I'm sure that everyone knows that in the girl's toilets there is a bolted down door, but what is behind it? Here are some ideas:

"There is definitely a bath, maybe there is a ghost that has a bath in there, and then the ghost goes around stealing people's pencils and glue sticks! That's why no one has all of their needed stationary!" – Tilda

"It could be anything really, definitely a bath tub, heaps of toilet paper, there could be dead bodies for all we know." – Oaka

"A bath tub" – Pipa

"I swear I saw creepy lights in there once. One blue and one red, I almost definitely saw a zombie once!" – Arnya

"A ghost that haunts." – Ame

"A genie lamp!" – Cooper

"A bath" – Ruby

"A bath" – Kestrel

"I can hear screams so maybe, like ghosts?" – Charlotte. H

No one knows for sure what's behind that door, but if it wasn't so horrifying why would it be bolted down? Will we ever find out? Can we trust our teachers to tell us the truth about these school walls?

(Further info will be in next week's Chit Chat.) *By Tilda*

The BFG Movie Review

The BFG is about an orphan girl named Sophie, who gets kidnapped by a giant, (that looks really ugly.) The giant takes Sophie to Giant Country. Sophie gets stuck, but realises that she likes being with the BFG. She goes on lots of adventures delivering dreams to people. (The BFG's job is to make people have dreams.) They go to a big tree and collect dreams. After they get the dreams they shoot them at sleeping people.

I thought that one of the best parts was when they went to a big magical tree and the BFG catches dreams.

By Arnya

Ratings 1-10. 10 good 1 bad

Samadhi's rating 2 ½ stars

Tilda's rating 5 stars

Tashe's rating 6 stars

Maddy's rating 9 stars

Maya's rating 10 stars

Oaka's rating 100 stars

Bb's rating 8 stars

Community News

A KINK IN MY *Armour*

Author Lizzie Rose

An empowering true tale of one woman who overcame adversity in its harsh, raw and naked form, *A Kink in My Armour* also tells of sadness and pain, of true inspiration, love, compassion, and empathy. It is an inspiring testament that a person can live through four decades of horrifying abuse and still move forward to lead a more positive and fulfilled life. No matter what challenges she faced, this woman showed true strength and courage, took control of her life and in the end became the victor.



LITERARY LUNCH

Fundraising for



Sunday 4th September
Neighbourhood House
30 Ford St, Beechworth 12 noon
Lunch & Talk \$40 pp

Purchase tickets: At Beechworth Books
or St Josephs PS or
Phone Jo on 57281243

Netball Competition – Term 3

After such a successful Net Set Go season this year, we are keen to offer a junior netball competition for players in year 3 to year 6 and also those that participated in 8-10 Net Set Go program. It will be held at the Beechworth Netball courts commencing in week 4 this term. (The first game will be in the Beechworth Secondary stadium due to Beechworth Bushies having a home game)

We are aiming for 4 teams that will play over 7 weeks – so that the players get to play every position! The games will be 8-10 min quarters and will commence at 9 am for the first game.

Annette Shallue, Loz Shallue and Kristy Howard have offered their time to assist with coaching and they will put the teams together once all names have been registered.

There may be a small cost if we have to pay the stadium for its use.

The competition will commence on **Saturday 6 August** and finish on **Saturday 17 September 2016**.

Each player MUST have VNA registration (Victorian Netball Association) in order to play and if they do not have their registration unfortunately they will not be able to play due to insurance reasons. You can register online at Netball Victoria. For those who have participated in Net Set Go or Midgets season, they will have registration.

If you have a child interested in playing the competition, can you please email to annette.shallue@hotmail.com the following details:

- Child Name
- Date of birth
- Parent contact details
- Year at school
- Current VNA registration – Yes or No

The closing date for registering interest is Sunday 31st August 2016.

Thank you and we are looking forward to a great competition.



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