



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

<p><b>Term 2</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>11 weeks</i></p> <p><b>May</b> 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Open Day – 9.45am for 10am start to 12.30pm 20<sup>th</sup> Friday – Upper Hume Division Cross Country</p> <p><b>June</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday – School Disco (5.30pm-7pm: Prep &amp; Cycle 2 / 6.30pm-8pm Cycle 3) 10<sup>th</sup> Friday – Pupil Free Day – Report Writing Day 13<sup>th</sup> Monday – Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Prep, Cycle 2 &amp; 3 Reports Distributed 24<sup>th</sup> Friday – Last Day of Term 2 – 2.15pm Finish</p>	<p><b>Term 3</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>10 weeks</i></p>
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## From the Principal

This week has been a busy one with the lead up to our Open Day tomorrow. A big thank you to Rachel Kerkvliet, Jacqui Alessi, Nicki Munroe and Matthew Woodburne for their assistance today in setting up the foyer in readiness. The children have been busily cooking away in their rooms to provide some tasty food for our visitors to enjoy. The day will start at 9.45am with tea and coffee in the foyer and a brief presentation by Terie, Michaela and myself about the history and uniqueness of a Montessori education in our wonderful school. Cycle 3 children will be on hand to give visitors a tour of our school and grounds. Montessori materials will be set up in the music room for visiting children to engage with, if they would prefer, whilst their parents are observing in the rooms. Tots will run as usual between 9 and 12, so visitors are welcome to decide to join in the Tots program, rather than observe in Cycle 1, 2 or 3. As practical life is such an important part of the Montessori Curriculum, the excellent cooking skills of all at the school will be showcased! This will be done in two ways; firstly by Topaz running our lunch orders as usual on a Thursday, and secondly by every classroom in the school providing a dish for visitors to taste and share in the foyer. Obviously whilst our goal is to give visitors a taste of the beauty of a Montessori Education, and to present the school as it normally operates, there is still planning and preparation to be done by the children, the staff, particularly room directors and assistants, but also by admin staff, and everyone that has helped on the marketing Sub-Committee. So thank you for everyone in helping to prepare for what I am sure will be a great day.

Last week Paul McGill and Matt Pfahlert worked with the CoM, around considerations for the school moving forward. I would like to thank them both for their time and expertise. The Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship have generously offered us 10 tickets to the premier of "Most Likely to Succeed" on Friday night at the George Kerferd Hotel from 6.00pm. Please let us know at the office if you would like one. ACRE were also in the school, filming with Tigereye last Thursday to capture our work to date with their entrepreneurial projects, so we will keep you updated on how and when you can view this footage.

Libby Hosking was at Beechworth Montessori yesterday working with our cycle 1 & 2 staff to professionally develop us around inclusion within the school and meeting the needs of all our students. Libby has a wealth of experience in this area and we greatly appreciate her spending the time with us.

Have a great week!  
Kind Regards,  
Bron Martin

## Message from the Board and Principal

The Montessori Board is meeting with the Architect of the proposed Multipurpose Hall and upgrades to the school tomorrow. We look forward to discussing the possibilities of this exciting project with our school community over the coming weeks.

## General News

### School Lunches

School Lunches next week are soup – chicken and corn soup or vegetable soup. They are served with bread and are \$5 each. Please make sure you have placed your order by end of school on Wednesday.

### 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.

The Cycle 2 & 3 lost property is growing by the day. Please check or encourage your children to check if any items belong to them.

### School Nursing Program

The School Nursing Program questionnaires have been distributed to all Prep families this week. If you do not receive yours, please contact us in the office. These need to be returned to the school Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## Early Years News From the Ruby Room

What do we do in Ruby room?





We dress up, do an experiment, ride trikes, sit still, clean up or make a mess, sometimes we work independently or in a small group. Always there is lots to do, so we can't list everything but hopefully these photos tell a story of some of our time in Ruby room.

You can see everyone is very busy in both the Tots session and ECP.

We would like to welcome Sally and little Jasmine to Tots. Also welcome to Nicholas and Laura (Jame's mum) who have been working in our ECP sessions.

Can parents please remember to pack a warm coat and beanie/hat for the children for outside time and if it is raining a rain coat as we go outside for a run if it not so wet. This helps to build the our resilience but we need to be warm and dry too.

We have been making some apple muffins and apple strudel...so many things that can be made with the delicious apple!

It would be great to see you come with a friend on Open Day this Thursday to share the Montessori magic. Enjoy the day as it provides for opportunities to visit each classroom in the school and see what happens in those classes.

Everybody welcome!

Michaela, Martina, Lisa, Geraldine

## From Cycle 1 (Amethyst and Emerald)

### Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

Each Wednesday we participate in the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). The activities take place outdoors, weather permitting, however continue program indoors when it is too cold or rainy.

PMP assists to develop gross motor skills and provides a physical base for the development of literacy and numeracy skills. Studies have shown, for example, that good balance may aid a child to sit well for a length of time without slouching, fidgeting or sprawling, and may assist in well-formed and neat handwriting.

PMP activities are organised in stations, with small groups rotating around each activity and developing skills in: balance, crossing the midline, eye-foot coordination, muscle tone, bilateral coordination, eye-hand coordination, motor planning and vestibular stimulation.

The activities are designed to build on previous sessions and are adapted for each individual.



## Cycle 2 News

### From the Moonstone Room

Last week Reuben and I did a NAPLAN test in Turquoise room. All the tables and chairs were moved around and it wasn't just Reuben and I. It was all the grade 3,5,7 and 9's were tested. It was very fun. There was a numeracy, language and grammar test.  
Eli.

Last week all the year 3's and 5's did NAPLAN.  
This is a test that includes language conventions, writing and numeracy. All students all over Australia in year 3,5,7 and 9 have to do naplan. We did it in Turquoise; all the tables and chairs had moved. Naplan was fun and hard at the same time - I thought numeracy was the best.  
Reuben



Our beloved tigers are almost gone. You may not know this but it has been happening behind our backs. We are holding a wacky hair day on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May for a gold coin donation. Please come along and have fun and help us save them. We will be crowning the King and Queen of wacky hair and having a parade.

Harriet, Charlie, Maya and Matilda

### From the Turquoise Room

**Resilience:** If there was ever a week to challenge the resilience of the Turquoise children, it was last week! Cabin fever with a wet wet weather, combined with either sitting the NAPLAN tests or changing rooms because of the NAPLAN Tests, all compounded by an absent director! Well done to all and a huge thanks to everyone who assisted Turquoise through the week.

**Mother's Day:** It was great to see the families that could make it to Mother's Day Night. Remember, you are always welcome in the room to observe or sit with your child. On most occasions you don't even have to plan ahead, just check with me on the day and in all but extraordinary circumstances it should be fine. Hope you all enjoyed the sewing/line creations from your children.

**Atmosphere:** Our exploration of weather continues. The children have now discovered what causes wind, the types of wind, and the water cycle. Questions you may like to ask include..... What are the types of wind? What is the difference between a cyclone and a tornado? What causes wind? What is evaporation? Transpiration? Condensation? Precipitation?

**Matter:** The children have been exploring atoms, parts of atoms, making atoms, elements and the periodic table. Questions to ask...What are the parts of an atom? What is an element? Can you name 5 elements?

**Readers:** A huge thanks to the 6-8 families who are managing to return readers most weeks. A friendly reminder to all families to endeavour to do the same so I can check on your child's progress, change a reader if appropriate, update spelling lists etc.



## Cycle 3 News

### From the Topaz Room

In Topaz we have been doing short writing workshops each Wednesday. The younger students wrote these 'Who am I?' pieces for the older students, which was a great way for them to get to know each other. Can you guess who they are? Match the student with the photo.

#### Who am I?

I hate chocolate unless it is melted or with something. I film 20 minute videos. I use a hockey stick as a weapon. I have never been high in the sky. I have two new family members. I do an instrument. I hate fractions. I live on a street with some churches. I can't catch the bus. I think time is so long. I love video games. I like all kinds of soup including pumpkin, vegetable and noodle soup. I like basketball, even though I don't train to do it. My sisters are going to become artists

#### Who am I?

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I am obsessed with books but I cannot write stories. I hate spiders, creepy crawlies, maths of any kind and I have never caught the bus home. I was born in the 8<sup>th</sup> month, I like to think myself very unique. My after school time is filled with sport and activities, so are my weekends. My quest for truth is not my decision. I am going to win master chef when I am older. I love animals and you will never see them on my plate.

#### Who am I?

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My hobbies are swimming and tennis. I love to stay outside in the sunshine. I love my family and have never gone overseas but I go on lots of holidays. I have alpacas and a bunny. She is about one year old. We have lots of alpacas and my favourite one is Verona. I love pizza and pasta so I would like to go to Italy. I hate going on bus rides every day. I am as silent as a mouse. I love chapter books and series of books about mysteries and fairy tales.

#### Who am I?

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I love cats. I had 2 but they died, that was sad. I love school because of my friends. I love expressing myself through my dancing. I have three different addresses in three different towns. My drawing comes to life on the page. I have never been overseas. I love my motorbike, but never get to ride it. I do not like fractions and I love GaGa.

#### Who am I?

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I live on a farm, but my mum and dad aren't farmers. I love riding my bike over jumps around our house. I love eating liquorice flavoured ice cream. I hate chocolate, but love nougat. I have chickens and sheep and there are cows on our land. When I grow up I want to be a builder.

#### Who am I?

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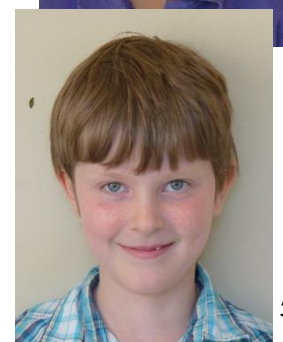
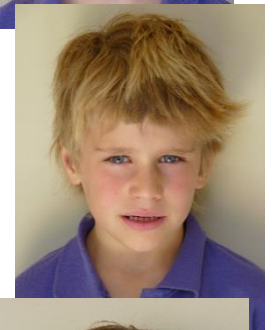
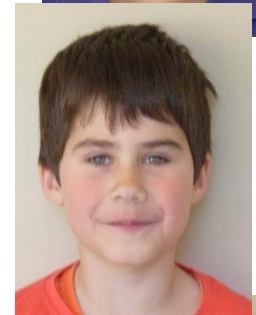
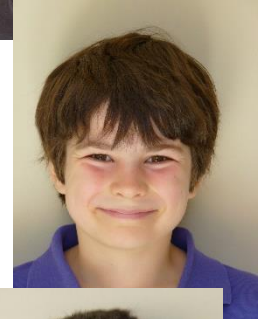
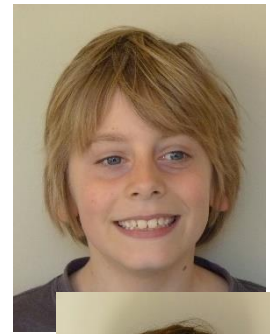
I get called burrito baby and weasel. I look like someone else. One of my uncles grew his hair long and the other pierced his ear. My family says I'm unique and crazy at home. I'm good at hiding which irritates my sister. I like short distance running. I play GaGa on rainy days, even though I get out really quickly.

#### Who am I?

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I've been overseas a couple of times. I live on a farm with lots of animals, two dogs, a couple of guinea pigs, and chooks, ducks, geese and guinea fowl. I'm a mirror to someone else. Most people say my sister is very cute. I love video games, but I have no internet. I live near Beechworth. I love bicarb and vinegar but not to eat or drink. I have two dams. I live on a farm in the bush. I have a blue lunchbox. I dislike fractions. I live next to Eli and I play GaGa. I love school. I love Graeme Base.

#### Who am I?



## From the Tigereye Room

### Science

This term Terie and I are teaching Science with the year 4s across classrooms. Terie has been teaching lessons on simple machines with the Year 4/5 boys and I have been teaching lessons on atoms, elements and molecules with the Year 4 girls. Soon we will swap so that all the girls do simple machines and boys do atoms/molecules. So far, it has been going really well and Terie and I have been enjoying getting to know students who aren't usually in our class. The students are also enjoying this chance to come together.



Tigereye & Topaz Year 4 students making models of atoms with the atom board.



Hagen & Nick with their simple machine.

### Cross country

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Kobi, Tash, Madeleine, Cooper, Bianca, Jack, Hagen, Sage, Arnya, Poppy, Bertie, Berti, Kestrel and Alanna went to cross country. We went in a mini bus. There were 14 other schools, the first race of the day was 9-10 yr. olds. We competed at Yackandandah cross country track. Bianca, Madeleine, Hagen and Bertie, will be competing in the upper Hume this coming Friday. By Madeleine and Cooper



## Help wanted

Do you have Friday morning off?

Do you know how to make coffee?

We are going to start selling tea and coffee every Friday morning from 8.30 to 9.30 out the front of the school but we need a parent helper.

We are running a social enterprise to support a school in Africa that needs money for materials .if you are available please contact the office.

Thank you!

Samadhi, Alanna, Daisy & Zoe.



## Whole School Photo Preview



## Community News

### Room Required

Indonesian assistant needs a room to rent:

Nifi is a lovely young Indonesian women from Java who is working at Beechworth Primary and Secondary this year as a language assistant. Her current accommodation is coming to an end so she is looking for a new place to live. She is very independent and has excellent English. This could be a great cultural experience for you and your family to host someone from a different culture! Nifi will be here until the end of the year but would be happy to stay somewhere even for a month or two. She is able to pay around \$120-150 per week. If you have a spare room, or know someone who does, please contact Nifi.

Her email address is: [hanifia.arlinda@gmail.com](mailto:hanifia.arlinda@gmail.com) and her mobile number is 0472 518 884. Thank you

### Myrtleford Girls Only Gala Day

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-2pm

Savoy Park, Myrtleford

This is a free event and open to all girls aged 6-14yoa  
Entries open to individuals or teams.

U7: 4v4

U9: 7v7

U11 & U14: 9v9

For all enquiries or to register, please email your child's  
name, age and residing town to  
Football Federation Victoria, Zone Development Officer,  
Atila Kerestes: [akerestes@ffv.org.au](mailto:akerestes@ffv.org.au)  
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Indi Fundraiser for  
**Mittagundi**

**Bush Dance & Auction**

Saturday, May 28th  
Beechworth Memorial Hall

BBQ dinner from 6.30pm  
Bushdance & Auction 7.30pm - 11pm

Tickets \$30/ \$60 family  
buy them early @ [www.mittagundi.org.au](http://www.mittagundi.org.au)

For more info or to help out call  
Claire Peck 0467 678 818

**St Joseph's Primary School Fundraiser**

Finger Lickin' Food and Foot Stompin' Live Entertainment!  
Friday 20th May, Tanswells Commercial Hotel Beechworth



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**\$50 per person including a BIG 2 course southern style meal and awesome show by THE PIGS!**  
Doors open 7pm

Don't miss out, only 60 tickets available from St Joe's school office from  
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Wed	29 June	7pm
Thurs	30 June	10am & 1pm
Fri	1 July	10am & 7pm
Sat	2 July	3pm & 7pm

@ The Butter Factory Theatre, Wodonga



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**This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years**

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

- \*Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- \*Manage everyday behaviour problems
- \*Set rules & limits
- \*Teach new skills
- \*Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

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We also present free community legal information sessions upon request. The Child Support Legal Service:

- is independent from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink and Child Support).
- provides free confidential appointments for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer.

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 Victoria Legal Aid



## NRL Holiday Clinic

**FUN / FITNESS / FRIENDS**

Come along this Holidays and enjoy a Rugby League Experience

Venue – Sarvaas Park, Albury

Date – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Time – 10am to 1pm

Cost - \$40 (Includes pictured pack)

Age – Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12

To register -

1. <http://www.playnrl.com/programs/>
2. Type Albury into the search panel
3. Click on the Clinic
4. Follow the link for more details.
5. Contact Dean Whymark  
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Most Likely to Succeed documents the  
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It's an inspiring movie aligned with  
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### ENQUIRIES:

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DATE (2016)	TOWN	VENUE
11 May	Bright	Theatre, Cloud 9
12 May	Myrtleford	Performing Arts Centre
13 May	Mt Beauty	Neighbourhood Centre
17 May	Wangaratta	Performing Arts Centre
18 May	Wodonga	The Cube
20 May	Beechworth	George Kerferd Hotel
23 May	Benalla	Performing Arts Centre
24 May	Shepparton	Village Cinema
25 May	Mansfield	Secondary College

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Department of Human Services Victoria





Beechworth Secondary College is calling for all interested families to get a *Registration of Interest* completed if they are intending to enroll students in the Montessori Adolescent program for 2017 or beyond.

**Places are limited and class numbers will be capped.**

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To assist us in forward planning, it is important that we have an indication of enrolment numbers for the next few years. Please complete a *Registration of Interest* (available from the BSC office or website) for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 intakes:

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# THE BSC OLYMPIAD

## Tuesday June 7th

Students in Grades 4, 5 & 6 from all schools are warmly invited to attend the BSC Transition Olympiad!



## Transition Day 1

Come and join in the fun. Meet the teachers, make new friends...come and see our terrific students and wonderful school in action.

A great day for everyone!

**WHAT TO BRING:**  
Lunch or money for the BSC canteen

**TRANSPORT:**  
Refer to your school for specific details



**Need to know more? Contact:**

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