

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

Term 4	
3 rd October – 15 th December	
11 weeks	
November	December
11 th Friday – Remembrance Day	7 th Wednesday – Volunteer Afternoon Tea
15 th Tuesday – 4.30pm Memorial Hall School Performance & Raffle drawn	9 th Friday – Reports Distributed
17 th Thursday – Multipurpose Hall Q&A (8.30-10am)	9 th Friday – Graduation Dinner
21 st November – Constitutional Changes Q&A (8.30-10am)	15 th Thursday – Last Day of Term – 3.15pm finish
23 rd Wednesday – Grandparent's Day	15 th Thursday – Christmas Catch Up & Graduation at The Priory
25 th Friday – Schools as Neighbours BBQ at BPS	
Term 1, 2017	
1 st February – 31 st March	
9 weeks	

*Our thoughts and condolences are with the Stelling family at this time.
Bob Stelling was well known throughout our community and will be missed by many.*

From the Principal

I will look forward to seeing as many of our community as possible at the memorial hall for our concert next Tuesday evening. I have watched some of the children try costumes, practise their scripts, music and songs, and we are in for a treat. Thanks to Conrad and all the Directors that have supported the children to prepare for the event.

I am very pleased to provide an update on recruitment activities for Director's positions which have been undertaken in the past 6 weeks. I thank everyone for their patience – such announcements are always highly anticipated, but the recruitment process including advertising, shortlisting, first and second round interviews, referee checks and finalization of offers takes considerable time. I take this opportunity to also thank the other members of the recruitment panel for their important contribution – Karen Bowey and Pamela Walpole.

Initially recruiting for one position (Cycle 2), following Terie's decision to resign her position of Cycle 3 director at the end of this year, the recruitment panel undertook a concurrent selection process for both Director roles. From job advertisements placed on the Montessori Australia Web-site over the term 3 break we were pleased to receive strong interest and applications from local, metropolitan, interstate and overseas applicants. The majority of applicants had completed or were working towards completion of Montessori

qualifications, many with AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) or MWEI (Montessori World Educational Institute (Australia)) training (which includes practical workshops) for the 6-12 age range, as well as clear commitment to lifelong learning, something that is highly valued by our organisation.

On behalf of the recruitment panel I am therefore delighted to be able to share with you our new appointments for 2017:

Alison White will commence as full time Director in Topaz from January 2017. She will move to Beechworth Montessori from Sydney Montessori School, Gymea, where she has worked as the primary Montessori Coordinator, Cycle 3 and music teacher since 2015. Prior to this Alison was at the Inner Sydney Montessori School in Balmain for three years as a Cycle 3 teacher and previous to that at Melbourne Montessori working in Cycle 2. Alison relays a passion for her work, and deep understanding, together with a spirit for team work, and learning from and developing with others. She is highly qualified for appointment to our school, as she holds a MWEI (Montessori World Educational Institute (Australia)) Graduate Diploma in Education (Montessori) 6-12 years, as well as an AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) 6-12 Montessori Diploma. In addition Alison holds a Graduate Diploma in Musicology, a Bachelor of Arts in Music, Medieval Studies and Languages, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Professional Writing and Media.

In securing Alison's appointment, we have agreed to work with her present principal to release Alison towards the end of Term 1 so she may return to Sydney Montessori School (where she is a senior and highly valued member of staff) to briefly support staff transitioning into her role there. We anticipate that Alison's experience and depth of understanding of Montessori education will be highly valued by all in our community, and she, along with our present staff, students and parents, will contribute significantly as we work to continue to build a great school into the future.

The panel is also delighted to share that Nicola Bussell has accepted our second Director role, and will be placed fulltime in Moonstone in 2017, having worked part time 2 days per week in this role since the commencement of Term 4 as well as undertaking work in planning for and organizing the introduction of reading groups across Cycle 1, 2 & 3 rooms. Nicola also brings a long standing passion and commitment to Montessori Education. When she enrolled her eldest child Jack, she made the commitment to do a 50 minute twice daily commute from Carboor so their family could access our school. Her first role at Beechworth Montessori prior to the birth of her third child Emily was as Cycle 1 Assistant in 2011. She returned to work in Office Administration at BMS in 2014 but was by then inspired to commence and is part way through completing her Diploma of Early Childhood and Primary Education (Montessori) 6-12 years with MWEI (Montessori World Educational Institute (Australia)), an undertaking our previous principal Heather Gerrard supported and encouraged her to do. In addition Nicola has completed a Graduate Diploma in Education, graduating with honors, and has a particular passion and interest in literacy teaching, having attended specific training in THRASS and dyslexia and other learning difficulties support. Nicola is a member of SPELD (Dyslexia and other learning support) Victoria and also has a keen interest in farming and agriculture.

Martina Ryan continues in her role as Assistant in the Moonstone room, and together they form a very experienced team – Martina holds an Early Childhood teaching qualification, has completed her AMI 3-6 training and is currently studying to add a primary teaching degree to her qualifications. The panel viewed that the team spirit of Cycle 2 staff and also within Moonstone augers extremely well for the future.

In addition, as previously advised Sharelle O'Reilly has joined our administration team in the Communication, Compliance and Human Resources Officer Role. This is an important appointment as we move towards our school re-registration in 2017. Sharelle is also teacher qualified, and has worked in customer service, training and early child compliance in prior roles.

We trust that you will join us on congratulating Alison, Nicola and Sharelle on their appointments, and look forward to working with them in the year ahead. We are extremely excited about the possibilities for all of our children at Beechworth Montessori in 2017, and the continuing development of our wonderful school.

Last week, staff worked together to analyse the summary response reports from our recent surveys completed by staff, parents and students. As previously mentioned, the feedback from all three groups is predominantly positive, with 84.3 % of students, 83.3 % of staff and 52% of parents (our highest ever response rate) completing it. If you are interested in taking a look at the feedback trends, there is a copy of each summary report on the table in the foyer for you to look at your leisure.

Thanks to the Poppy, Bianca and the two students from Tigereye who will be joining me on Friday to represent the school at the Beechworth RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Commemoration Service, which commences at 10.40 am. At school children will also be invited to observe a minute's silence, within their rooms. I encourage you to generate conversations with your children about the significance of Remembrance Day and the symbolism of the poppy in the interim.

Have a great week.
Kind Regards, Bron Martin
Principal

From the Committee of Management

Committee of Management Changes

As some of you will be aware Harry Bussell was elected South Ward Councillor for the Rural City of Wangaratta during the recent local government elections. Given this exciting opportunity and after consideration of his commitments, Harry has made the decision to step down from the Committee of Management (CoM). During his time as President, Harry has overseen improved CoM governance training, improvements to our financial forecasting and the design phase of our Multipurpose Hall. This is an exciting time for Harry and his family and we wish him every success in his role as Councillor.

The CoM met on Monday and have elected Dean Cleave-Smith as President and Anthea Scott as Treasurer, the position previously held by Dean.

Q&A - Multipurpose Hall - 17-November 08:30 - 10:00am in the Foyer

Penny Everingham (sub-committee chair) and Matt Saunders from the Multipurpose Hall sub-committee will be in the foyer for a Q&A on the Multipurpose Hall Project. A barista will be on hand to make this an informal session over coffee. If you are unable to make the date there will be Q&A Forms in the foyer next week.

Q&A - Constitutional Changes - 21-November, 6:30 - 08:00pm in the Foyer

Dean Cleave-Smith (sub-committee chair), Lara Block and Bron Martin from the Model-Rules sub-committee will provide an overview of the drivers and outline the draft changes to our school's constitution (model-rules). This is the first of a series of consultative sessions around model-rule changes the school community will be asked to approve in the lead up to next year's AGM.

School Fees 2017

Term 4, it's the time of year for the school to confirm fees for the coming year. As a CoM we have worked to achieve a balance between fee affordability and the ability for the school to continue to invest in key initiatives such as staff pay-parity, room heating, floor coverings and construction of the multipurpose hall. Towards the end of last year we advised that school fees were projected to increase by 10% in both 2016 and 2017, however we are pleased to confirm that the 2017 increase will now be capped at 5% or \$55 per term. This represents the lowest annual increase in 5 years.

Casual attendance Fees for Tiny-Tots and the Education Care Programme (ECP) will increase between 11 and 14%, however significant discounts will apply to school term based enrolments resulting in the same or lower

cost than 2016. The fee increases are largely driven by higher than forecast administration costs associated with casual enrolments in the programmes. Further details will be available in the Parent Packs which will be out soon.

CoM Casual Vacancy - are you thinking about putting up your hand?

The CoM is seeking expressions of interest from members of the school community who are interested in working as a member of the CoM to help shape the future of our school. We have a single vacancy that we wish to fill effective immediately with the position running through to the school's AGM in March 2017. Expressions of interest close Friday 11-November.

If you're interested please submit a "Committee of Management Nomination Form", available by contacting Jacqui Alessi (CoM Secretary) at JAlessi@allessigroup.com.au or the School's Admin team.

Instrumental Music Night

Last Wednesday evening our annual Beechworth Montessori Instrumental Music Night was held in the Cycle 1 courtyard. Despite rain being forecast, we had clear skies. The evening was an opportunity for our instrumental music students to gain performing experience and display their musical progress. We saw mighty fine performances by all our budding young musicians!

First up on the piano we had Charlie. He was our youngest performer and was very keen to play even though he'd only had 3 lessons. Another newcomer is Isabella who played beautifully. Madeleine is a star! Ruby showed us the amazing progress she is making! Dylan entertained us with an Austrian Waltz, while Cooper even performed an encore. Harry played with confidence, showing his potential as a future rock n' roller! Both Matilda and Mya, dressed immaculately, put on great performances. Bianca performed stride piano and demonstrated her incredible progress over the last year. Natasha played a Christmas carol then performed a duet with Mathilda on violin. Hats off to Mathilda for being our only non-piano performer for the evening.

Many thanks to everyone who so willingly helped moved the piano back to the piano room and packed chairs away at the end of the recital.

Peter Benson





'Gratitude' Magnet Fundraiser

In 2015 & 2016 *The Resilience Project* taught us that practising empathy, gratitude and mindfulness are key to fostering resilience and positive mental health in young people. Many ideas have sprung from The Resilience Project sessions, one being developing fridge magnets that reminds us to practise gratitude.

We have collated words that primary school students from Beechworth Primary, St Josephs, Beechworth Montessori School and Wooragee PS tell us they feel grateful for and with this have created a **poetry style magnet** with words that pop out and can be used to practise gratitude every day at home on the fridge.

- Gratitude magnets are 210mm x 297mm.
- Cost per magnet is \$5 (with approx \$2.50 going back to your school for fundraising)

To order: Please fill out the form that has been sent home with your child and return with correct money to the office by **Friday 18th November**. We expect the magnets to be ready for you by early December 2016.

Taking time to think about what we are grateful for is good for our wellbeing!

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School Concert

Next Tuesday 15th November is the day of our school concert. Rehearsals will be held at Beechworth Memorial Hall throughout the day so please look out for the permission slips that will be sent home this week.

Students will need to be at the Memorial Hall by 4.15pm so that we can start on time at 4.30pm. We aim to be finished by 5.30pm.

General News

Please remember SUNHATS!

Children are required to wear them from the start of September as per our Sun Smart policy. We always have a stock of hats, short sleeved polo shirts and long sleeved polo shirts available for sale from the office.

Raffle

Tickets for our fundraising raffle are for sale. The prize is a gorgeous 8 seater Red Stringybark table made by Eucalypt Woodwork Co. Books of 10 raffle tickets were placed in all parent pockets. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The raffle will be drawn at our school performance on Tuesday 15th November so ***please ensure tickets are returned by Monday 14th November.***

If you require any further tickets to sell please see us in the office. We will also require all unsold tickets to be returned.

Early Years News

From the Ruby Room

Hello from the Ruby Room,

Wow the sun is finally shining and we are so happy to be spending time outside. As mentioned previously we have lots of exciting things happening in our yard with a larger tanbark area, succulent planting, potting herbs and planting our new vegie seedlings, we can't wait to see how it all comes together. Unfortunately, the working bee was cancelled for numerous reasons but we appreciate all the interest from families. We will hopefully re-schedule before the end of the year if time permits.

We had a few children bring in fish and nuts for lunch and would like to remind everyone that we are nut and fish free. We have children with strong allergies so we have to be mindful of these. Please continue to encourage children to pack up their activities after they worked with it. If you are participating in the tiny tots program it is important for the children to learn and have guidance from adults to put activities away inside and outside neatly, sometimes independently, but also with assistance when required.

We had a few children sick, so we do hope they are all getting better. We would also like to welcome our new families to tiny tots and ECP, we hope you enjoy your time and we would love to hear about your experience. Sadly we say goodbye to Anderson, we wish you and your family all the very best.

We have had a few parents interested in coming to share their cultural backgrounds and some cooking activities which will start from next week so please chat to Rangi or send her an email (rangip@bms.vic.edu.au) we would love for you to join us at your convenience.

Have a great week,

Rangi, Lisa, Sue and Geraldine

From Cycle 1 (Amethyst and Emerald)

CONCERT PRACTISE

The kinder children have been getting together each morning to practise their item for the school concert next Tuesday.

After studying the story Tiddalik, the prep children wrote a group negotiated script to perform at our school concert. They have spent the past two weeks reading the script, practising their parts, and getting their positions on stage just right.

This week the children began to design and make some simple costumes for the characters.



Cycle 2 News

From the Moonstone Room



Thanks to cycle three for sharing their knowledge about ducks.

We have been busy with several projects.

In biology we have been

studying parts of the stamen (male part of the flower) and the pistil (female part of the flower) and the functions these serve for continuing the species. For geography we have been revisiting the names of continents and oceans and how they are positioned in relation to each other. Our study on food chains continues with researching Primary, Secondary and Tertiary consumers.



From the Turquoise Room

Turquoise:

Geography: This week we rediscovered the continents and oceans, their definitions and their names with most children now able to confidently identify the continents and oceans on a map.

Botany: We have delved further into flowers looking more closely at the male (stamen) and female (pistil) parts and their functions. We have explored pollination and why this is so important. We have also explored the botanical definition of fruits and vegetables and discovered that many of the foods we traditionally associate with vegetables are actually fruits!

Zoology: Our work on food chains continued, this time looking at producers, consumers and decomposers and their vital roles within an ecosystem.

Art: Did you enjoy the Georgia O'Keefe inspired creations? Last week we started making flowers from recycling bottles.

Other: We have been taking note of the UV index daily and the children have seen the ever creeping rating starting as a UV of 4 in week one of term, now jumping to a UV of 11 this week! That means it has changed from taking 45min to burn unprotected skin to less than 10 minutes! Please remember those hats for sport days and lunch times. We have also been discussing making demands versus requests and the impact it has on the person you are addressing and their willingness to listen and comply!



Cycle 3 News

Science Fair Fun

Thanks to all the classes, teachers and parents who came to our Science Fair. It is always a wonderful thing to see the Cycle 3 students share their experiments and their learning with the wider school community. Well done to Tigereye and Topaz students for completing your wonderful projects.

Kat & Terie



Bertie S & Berti W with their spectacular volcano.



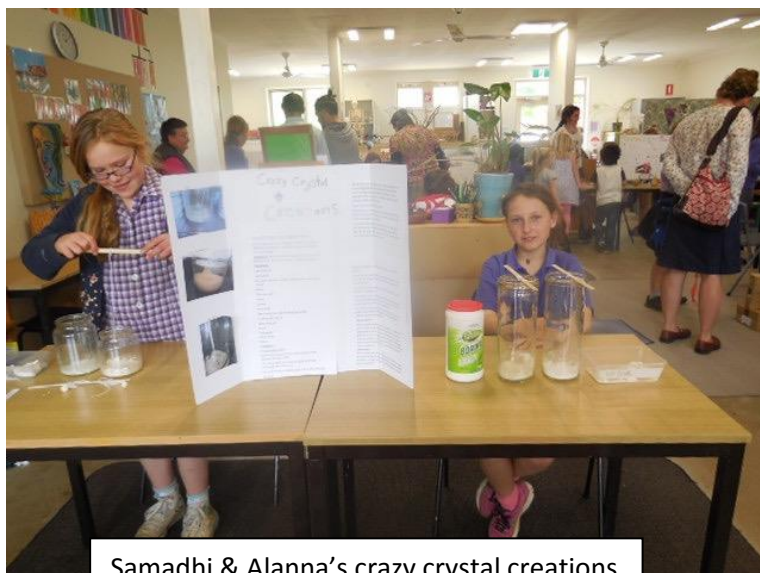
Pipa & Kestrel's infinity mirror



Noah & Jack's 'Power of a Rubber Band' interactive exhibit.



Poppy & Madeleine's Robot who can draw



Samadhi & Alanna's crazy crystal creations

Community News

Beechworth Netball Club

Seeking junior players, senior players and senior umpires (PAID). Enquires contact 0407906937.

Pre-season commences 6pm 24th November Baarmutha Park, Beechworth.

Junior training commences Thursday 24th Feb. Contact sarah264@hotmail.com

2017 NPL TRIALS

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SAT 5, 12 & 19 NOVEMBER 2016			
Saturday Times:			
U12B - 10.00 - 11.30am	Pitch 3	La Trobe	
U13B - 12.00 - 1.30pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	
U14B - 12.00 - 1.30pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	
U15B - 2.00 - 3.30pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	
U16B - 2.00 - 3.30pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	

MON 7 & 14, WED 9 & 16 NOVEMBER 2016			
Monday & Wednesday Times:			
U12B - 5.00 - 6.00pm	Pitch 3	La Trobe	
U13B - 6.00 - 7.15pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	
U14B - 6.00 - 7.15pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	
U15B - 7.15pm - 8.30pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	
U16B - 7.15pm - 8.30pm	Pitch 2	La Trobe	

Note: There is no cost to trial. For further details on the trial process visit <http://www.murrayunitedfc.com.au/mufc-player-trials/>

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November
11th - 27th

Opening Friday
November 11th
5.30 - 7pm

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En plein air workshop with celebrated local Artist Nina Machielse Hunt \$80 (strictly limited places)
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**Registration Night
@ Beechworth Swimming Pool
Monday 14th November 5.30pm to
7.00pm**

Fun water activities to introduce you to our Club and get to know your fellow swimmers, followed by a BBQ – drinks.

to join swimmers can be any age but must be able to competently swim a length of the pool a number of times.

2016/2017 Swimming Club Registration:
\$142* + season's pool pass.

7yo swimmers: \$0, 8yo swimmers: \$53

*(includes SwimVic, SwimAust, Club membership & insurance).

Club registration will all be completed online.

Our registrar will be present on the registration night to assist with this.

EFTPOS available on night for optional purchase of bathers & club shirts.

NOTE: Correct funds are required for payment to pool staff for season tickets as they DO NOT have eftpos

Child season pass: \$82.50

Family season pass: \$192.80

Information about the club can be requested at

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