



## Week 1 - Term 4

**9 October 2013**

*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

### DIARY DATES

#### **Term 4:**

#### **October**

16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – THRASS parent session – 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop  
6.30-7.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Grandparents Day 10am – 12 noon

#### **November**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Report Writing day

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Melbourne Cup

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Friday – Cycle 3 Camp, Melbourne

11<sup>th</sup> Monday – Remembrance Day 11am

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Montessori P&F Family Market Day and Picnic TBC

19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Piano Recital Night 7.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> Friday – Official Opening – State and Federal Parliament  
representatives in attendance

#### **December**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Reports due to Admin

13<sup>th</sup> Friday – Reports distributed

17<sup>th</sup> Tues - Graduation Concert, Memorial Hall 4-6pm

## From the Principal

Welcome to our new home. It's an amazing feeling to be here after years of planning, months of construction and a few intense weeks of long hours to prepare the environments. It isn't possible to convey the emotion that has gone into the relocation nor the work that has gone into the project from the staff, Committee of Management, architect/project manager and builders, and with the support of a core group of hardworking parents and partners. I hope you have had an opportunity to read the information contained in the last newsletter of last term regarding the history of the organisation, and also the building update and questions and answers prepared by Pamela Walpole, President of the Committee of Management (this has been placed in parent pockets and was emailed to all enrolled families). This information gives a wonderful perspective of the journey of Beechworth Montessori.

During the tours that are being held daily this week at 9.05, 11.30am and 2.45pm I have had opportunity

to communicate that this is stage 1 of the master plan and there are at least 3 other major refurbishments planned for the space. The beauty of the guided tour is that parents get to see the potential of the site and ask questions as they tour. If you haven't been able to attend one this week, I hope the future dates for public opening will work for you. As always, please contact me if you would like to speak to me regarding your individual circumstances.

There will be an early evening opening time for tours and a weekend day scheduled and this will be communicated via the newsletter and a notice in the local paper. We do have an official opening ceremony date scheduled for November 22 and are just waiting on advice from Government departments on who will be attending in an official capacity to open the building. Once these details are confirmed we will advise our community.

A traditional smoking ceremony was held by Uncle Wally, representing the local indigenous people. This cleanses the ground and buildings of the old energies and allows for the new energy to come into the building. This was in a small but important ceremony and was certainly very moving from my perspective.

There are so many people to thank – the risk is that someone will be inadvertently left out as there has been multiple levels of support. From sourcing carpet for mats, groundwork, landscaping, moving mulch, packing and unpacking, loading and unloading, donations of a range of



items, organising the smoking ceremony and other unnamed help .....” **A thousand thank yous to one and all”** ..... Please accept this as our personal thanks – community is what you make it to be. There were certainly new connections made between parents as they worked together. I would also like to extend a thanks to every family that has a child enrolled – particularly those who have been here since the very early days when things were new and uncertain. It is your faith in this pedagogy and your belief in this organisation that has contributed to our ability to dream big and create the reality from the vision. Our story is forever changed now – new families will only read of the bucketing water stories, won’t need to pick up sledgehammers and paintbrushes to create new spaces for learning .... but these new families will be integral to understanding and supporting Montessori education and to participate in our events, activities and supporting their children in their learning journey.

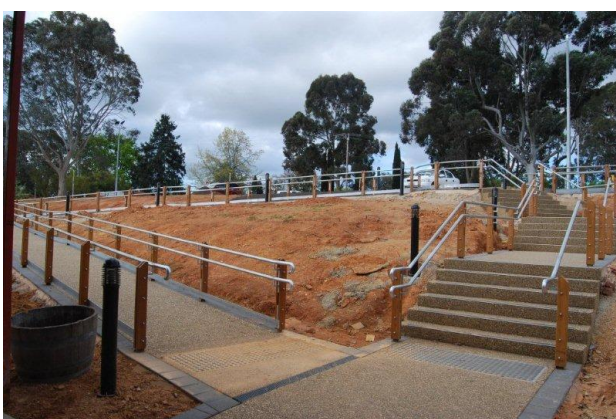
## Working Bees - Landscaping

There will be opportunities now we are in our permanent home for families to contribute to the landscaping of the grounds. Dates for planned working bees will be placed i-n the newsletter and notices in the foyer. These will be targeted projects with specific outcomes. Please watch this space for how you can become involved.

Your children may come home questioning why there aren’t the installations in the outdoor areas that they put on their wish list earlier in the year ..... it may be that these wishes (swings, swimming pools, bubble pits, tennis courts, fireplaces, trapeze items and trampolines to name a few) aren’t desirable/safe/affordable/lack of space for our spaces, or it may be that grass hasn’t had an opportunity to grow yet as the bobcats and excavators only finished work last weekend. It may be that we need to hold fundraising to enable us to buy the items we would like for the children. The fact that we now own the land means that we can thoughtfully plan the use of the spaces, and take the time to create the spaces using a process of observation of the way in which the children use it. The blocks will be installed over the next few days and the Peacock is proving to be a huge success (a slide that was included in the design concept was removed from the plans due to issues with safety and certification). I



see a new space for the whole school photo!



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## General News

### P&F News

#### Toy catalogues

If you still have a toy catalogue order it's not too late to place an order. Please drop the order forms off at the office by Friday next week.

#### Loads of Clothes

Does it run again? If anyone is interested in finding out more about this very successful market/fundraising event, please contact Heather and we will organise a time to meet. If there is not interest in running this again, the supplies in storage will be sold/disposed of OR we keep them, dust them off and get it running again in 2014.

#### Wine Sales & Fundraising

The Wangaratta Lodge of St John is again conducting our Annual Fundraising Effort. This effort sells wines that are not normally available at retail outlets at realistic (discounted) prices and we **donate the profits to local community groups**. Wangaratta Lodge of St John is pleased to invite our group to support and participate in this fundraising effort.

Our offer is made on the following basis:

##### **If your group sells:**

5 Dozen bottles, we will give you a donation of at least \$150.

10 Dozen bottles, we will give you a donation of at least \$400.

15 Dozen bottles, we will give you a donation of at least \$800.

The donations noted above are in addition to the 5% discount that is offered on the order form for purchases of one dozen bottles or more.

Last year we received a substantial amount from this fundraiser.

A Wine Order Form is attached. Orders must be received at the office by Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> to ensure early December delivery.

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## Community News

### AUDITION NOTICE

The Wangaratta Players are looking for little girls, lots of them! Next year the Players will be staging the family favourite musical "Annie" and we are on the hunt for a cast. We need to find 14 young girls-we are double casting- who can sing, dance and act who would love to be on stage in front of a big audience. Somewhere out there are two very talented little girls who, although they don't it yet, are our Annies- and it is our mission to find them! Roles available for audition are;

#### **Annie-the star of the show-11 years old**

**Duffy** - the oldest orphan - *13 years old*

**July** - the quietest orphan - *13 years old*

**Pepper** - the toughest orphan - *12 years old*

**Tessie** - the crybaby orphan - *10 years old*

**Kate** - the second-littlest orphan - *7 years old*

**Molly** - the littlest orphan - *5 years old*.

Remember you don't have to **be** these ages, just be able to **act** these ages! The Wangaratta Players will be holding auditions on January the 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Players home base, The Stage Door Evans Street Wangaratta.

## BSC reunion

Fellow BHS students that we are looking for people to supervise the decade room for a two hour block ( 10.30-12.30,12.30-2.30,2.30-4.30) on Saturday October 12th and are also looking for any memorabilia that could go on display in that room. (Art work,woodwork,uniform,projects photos etc, anything).

Beechworth Urban Landcare & Sustainability presents



*A day of backyard agricultural inspiration & vegetable gardening good time vibes.*

Join of Beechworth's most inspiring backyard vegetable gardens & fruit orchards open to the public - Ride from patch to patch, gather a clutch of knowledge, galvanise your green thumb & be inspired to grow your own food.



**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2013**  
9AM to 3PM

**PATCH TO PATCH PRECINCT - FREE ENTRY**

A whole area dedicated to vegetable gardening good times at the Old Frodo Station, Highway Beyond Beechworth.

- 6. Take sales, except whole in and map onto up for Patch to Patch Pedal.
- 6. Pop up Priority Local Cafe - delicious coffee & pastries to take, prepare all day, make or just for hungry gardeners.
- 6. Launch here bursting with information and free seasonal planning guide.
- 6. Prizes on the day, seedling sales - get your patch off to a flying start this summer.
- 6. Pop up Veggie Patch - breeding especially for the day, four apple trees of edible garden inspiration.

**PATCH TO PATCH PEDAL**

- 6. Pick up your map at the Patch to Patch Pedal and then walk to 10 of Beechworth's most inspiring domestic veggie gardens and orchards - go to meet their owners.
- 6. See local owners have visited riding bags, urban beekeeping, essential veggie growing guides, mega composting, extra gardening, no dig, soil management, water retention and seed saving and all manner of other tricks that will inspire you to start riding with your wheels!



**BUY TICKETS ONLINE OR ON THE DAY AT PATCH TO PATCH PRECINCT**  
\$10 ADULT \$5 KIDS \$20 FAMILY



For more info...  
[www.bul.org.au/patch2patch](http://www.bul.org.au/patch2patch)

Growing food at home is revolutionary. Tending, collecting, observing, harvesting, cooking & eating from your very own garden is the stuff of noble men and women!



**DRU YOGA**  
*stillness in motion*



**7 WEEK TERM**  
**STARTING OCTOBER**

**TARRAWINGEE**

23rd Wednesdays 6-7-30pm

**BEECHWORTH**

26th Saturdays 8-9.30am

29th Tuesdays 6-7.30pm

**WANGARATTA**

28th Mondays 6-7.30pm

**Investment**

**7 WEEKS** \$98  
payment by 1st class  
**CASUAL VISITS** \$20



**Bookings Essential**

Contact Melanie  
03 5728 7319  
[myoga3747@gmail.com](mailto:myoga3747@gmail.com)

**Indigo Shire Family Fun Day**

**Date:** Sunday 20th October 2013

**Venue:** Martin Park, Chiltern

**Time:** 10am until 2pm



**Featuring FREE events:**

- Children's activities, play dough, wand making, story reading, fishing rod making, bubbles.
- Jumping Castle
- Drumming lessons
- Children's entertainment and music by Trina Costin
- Face Painting
- Balloons
- Fire Truck Visit
- Police Visit
- BBQ
- SES

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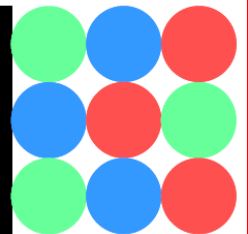


For more information please contact Sandra Forrest  
Indigo Shire Council, Community Development Officer - Early Years, 02 6028 1163 or [sandra.forrest@indigo.gov.au](mailto:sandra.forrest@indigo.gov.au)

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development



**Rutherglen Record Ride**



**Sunday November 3 2013**



Come and be part of history as we attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the longest single line of bikes ever! Staged on the Rutherglen - Wahgunyah section of the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail. Free entry!

We want you! Pre-register your entry and take part on the day for the chance to win a \$500 voucher at The Full Cycle Albury. Just visit [www.rutherglencvc.com](http://www.rutherglencvc.com) for details or scan the QR code to be taken to the page.



Join us afterwards in Lions Park for the inaugural Rutherglen Bike Market. Bikes and accessories for sale, demonstrations, food, live entertainment, prize draws and so much more. From 10am - 12.30pm.



**Rutherglen Record Ride**

Sunday November 3, from 8.30am  
Lions Park Rutherglen  
(Opposite Visitor Information Centre)  
Free call 1800 622871  
[info@rutherglencvc.com](mailto:info@rutherglencvc.com)  
[www.rutherglencvc.com](http://www.rutherglencvc.com)