



Term 4

Week 1 – 8 October 2014

Distributed weekly on Wednesday

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

Maria Montessori

*A year calendar of events was distributed at the start of the year.
This section includes those events and any updates.*

Term 4

6th October – 17th December

10½ weeks

1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup 4th November

1 pupil free day – Report Writing 3rd November

October

10th Friday – Gum Tree Pies fundraiser delivery 12 noon & 3.15pm pick up

11&12 Sat & Sunday – Loads of Clothes Market – Memorial Hall

13th – 17th Mon – Fri – School photos taken

20th Monday – Cycle 2&3 Book Week costume day

November

3rd Monday – Report Writing Day – pupil free day

4th Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day – school closed, public holiday

10th – 14th – Mon – Fri – Cycle 3 Camp Canberra

11th Tuesday – Remembrance Day 11am

10th Mon – 14th Fri – Cycle 1 Prep Parent Teacher Interviews.

17th Mon – 21st Fri – Cycle 1 Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews.

18th Tuesday – Instrumental student performance evening at Old Priory 7.30pm

26th Wednesday – Grandparents Day Cycle 1 10-11am, Cycle 2&3 1.30-2.30pm

28th Friday evening – Graduation Dinner for Grade 6 children and parents.

December

2nd Tuesday 2014 School Concert – Memorial Hall. 1.15pm

10th Wednesday – Volunteer Afternoon Tea 1.30-2.30pm

12th Friday – Reports distributed

17th Wednesday Last day for students, end of Term 4, 3.15pm finish

***More dates to be added throughout the term.
Keep checking this section to stay informed***

From the Principal

I spent a wonderful two weeks in NW WA where we reconnected with family and friends and experienced marine life in abundance. Winter always takes its toll on me so I've replenished by Vit D levels and look forward to Term 4 which is traditionally a very busy and quick term. Whilst we finalising the current year, administratively we are already well under way in our preparations for 2015. Have a look at the diary dates included in the newsletter and if any events are of interest to you, jot them into your diary and we hope to see you in attendance. As usual, more items may be added as they arise – particularly P&F events.

Do you discuss the information in the newsletter with your children? Does your child read the newsletter at home or school? A copy is placed in each classroom for children to access or the teacher to share the news but it would be a great opportunity to share with your child if you could either read it together at home or at least discuss the items; particularly diary dates, upcoming events and classroom news. If you don't receive a printed copy and would like to in future, please let us know in the office.

This year we will be changing the format of our end of year celebrations. Instead of one end of year concert and graduation ceremony at the end of the year we will now hold two events. The **Graduation Dinner** will be held late November for graduating students, their parents and staff. This will be organised by the students (involving the grade 5 students preparing the food and environment) and staff and be held at the school on a Friday evening. Students will present speeches to the attendees and be presented with their farewell momentos. The **2014 School Concert**, celebrating the

year with performances by students and directed by the Music Director Conrad Forrer and staff, will be held on Tuesday December 2nd at 1.15pm at Beechworth Memorial Hall. The P&F are planning a separate family event; more details to come. Please mark these dates in your diaries if they are relevant to you.

Kind regards, Heather

General News

Walk to School this October

We are excited to be taking part in VicHealth's Walk to School from 6-31 October.

Walk to School encourages primary school students to walk to and from school every day in October to highlight the ways walking improves children's health and wellbeing. Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

We'll be encouraging families and students to walk to and from school as often as possible during October to help students learn healthy habits for life. Staff and students will be encouraged to think of ways in which they would like to engage with this initiative within each classroom. We'll be providing parents with an 'Information sheet for parents and guardians' with all the information you'll need about Walk to School. You can also visit the Walk to School website for more information:
www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Not sure how to get started?

There are lots of ways families can get involved. You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to talk, help your child learn road safety skills, and get to know the local neighbourhood together
- arrange for your child to walk with other families or friends, giving them time to socialise and share their journey
- drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, particularly if you live a long way from school, or have limited time
- mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that's great too!

If you'd like more information, or you've got an idea for Walk to School 2014, then please contact me via the school .

Helen Sellar 0427 283 221

Cycle 2 & 3 book week costume day!

On Monday 20th October the Cycle 2 and 3 students are having a book week costume day. It is a gold coin donation. Please dress up as your favourite book character. Tell you class about your character and bring your book to school. We are fundraising for Indigo Shire Junior council bird nest boxes, and for Arturo island long drop toilets.

Thanks ***Eadie and Alex***

Dogs at the front entrance to the school

It would be appreciated if people could tie up dogs away from the front entrance to the building when dropping off and collecting children. We have had several parent requests and comments over concerns they have. Many children are intimidated by barking dogs and we encourage children in our pet education programs not to touch an unattended dog. We understand that not all dogs are barkers or dangerous however your assistance would be appreciated.



October is Walk to School Month so Jump on Board the Walking School Bus!

The Walking School Bus allows children to build more exercise into their daily life and develop road safety skills. Children walk to school with their peers under the supervision of volunteers who have completed training and a Working with Children Check. The Walking Bus is coordinated by Beechworth Health Service as part of the Health Promotion program.

In Term 4 the Bus will walk on Tuesday Mornings starting Tuesday 7th October. Please note the bus walks in the morning not home from school in the afternoon.

Meet at the Beechworth Post Office - 8:25am
Depart to Beechworth Primary School, St Josephs & Montessori - 8:30am
Children can meet the bus at any point along the way
Parents are welcome to walk with the Bus

Children need to be registered to join the Walking School Bus – forms are available at the school office. For more information call, text or email Anna Mackinlay, Health Promotion Officer at Beechworth Health Service.

Mobile: 0487 425 908

Email: anna.mackinlay@bhs.hume.org.au



Trivia Night

Hi I am Indigo from Cycle 3 in Topaz. I am hosting a trivia night on Friday 7th November at the Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre for parents of students in Cycle 2 and 3. The theme will be the Montessori learning curriculum so come along and find out what your children do all day!!!! Hope to see you there, from Indigo. P.S. More info coming your way soon!!!!

P&F News

The Beechworth Loads of Clothes Market is THIS WEEKEND. Are you coming??

This is a major fundraiser for Beechworth Montessori and lots of families are pitching in to help.

We are still looking for **clothes racks** to borrow and **helpers** to sort and hang clothes on Thursday evening 6-8pm and Friday morning 7-11am, also someone with a ute or trailer to help bump out on Sunday 3-4pm and a couple of people to help unload. Please contact Anne Stelling if you can help 0428 565 195 or astelling1@dodo.com.au.

Don't forget to come shopping this weekend at the Loads of Clothes Market. Be sure to bring your own shopping bags. Thanks to the volunteers and supporters It's been great to spread the organisational load over so many people.

LOC Team

Cycle 2 News

Moonstone

Moonstone welcomes Matilda Reeves and transitioning students Luca Mallamace, Spencer Colson and Tilly Ryan.

What's on this term in the classroom During our study of Africa we are focussing on note-taking and research skills to develop and strengthen writing skills. We will investigate matter through a variety of experiments and learn to follow, record and write procedural texts. Art shall take us on a journey through the amazing world of geometry culminating in the creation of an African inspired mask. The cooking theme reflects the spices and flavours of Africa. Welcome back Sally.

Returning readers Please support your child to return their reader each week. Our new readers are in sets of 4 so that we can work with small reading groups to maximise student learning by creating peer discussion while learning specific comprehension strategies. Therefore we appreciate the regular return of readers.

Grace and courtesy in our classroom encompasses the world of manners while eating. We actively encourage good eating habits and good manners. Students are reminded to sit on bottoms on chairs to eat, remain seated while eating, eat over a plate to catch the crumbs, take time to enjoy all their food in their lunchbox and more. You can also remind your children at home that good manners are part of how we enjoy participating in society.

NEWSFLASH

Did you know that the newest country in the world is in Africa? South Sudan officially the Republic of South Sudan, in north eastern [Africa](#) gained its independence from [Sudan](#) in 2011. Its current capital is [Juba](#). The consequences of this fact have had significant ramifications in our classroom. Every book we have in our classroom and borrowed from the library about Africa is out of date. Africa has 54 countries (not 53). Sudan is not the largest country in Africa, Algeria is.

Susi & Sally

Turquoise

This term the children will focus on the continent of Asia. They will follow their own areas of interest be it zoology, geography or cultural studies, or all three. Children are encouraged to report their findings back to the class so everyone may benefit from their research. Art will also have an Asian focus, primarily looking at Japanese art for the term. The Asian theme will continue in the cooking program preparing and sampling delights from across Asia. The children will also be involved in a series of lesson on the states of matter. Once again learning how to write scientific reports, and observe experiments carefully.

This term's timetables remains the same as term three. That is - group lessons on Monday and Wednesday afternoons so it's best to avoid planned absences at these times where possible, music on Tuesday, sport and Italian on Fridays and Bluearth every second Thursday commencing this week.

Karen & Sonia

Cycle 3 News

Upper Hume Division Athletics

This Friday the 10th Fred, Eadie, Uli, Akeidha and Tas are all competing in the Upper Hume Division Athletics in Wodonga. Good luck everyone!

Tigereye

Tigereye Newsletter Week 1 Term 4 2014

Welcome to Term 4! Hope everyone had a really restful holiday. I certainly feel very refreshed and relaxed after a lovely family holiday to Queensland. It's going to be a busy (but very fun!) term with Camp, Graduation and our Talent night.

Red Room Poetry

Last term students wrote poems about an object that was special to them. Some students then entered the 'Red Room poetry competition' and their poems have been published on the Red Room Poetry website. You can check them out at <http://redroomcompany.org/poetry-object/poems/>. Please note that Charlotte Holden's poem and Issy's poem are wrongly labelled as teacher poems!

Science Expo

We ran our Science Expo in the last week of Term 3 and it seems that all the students and parents who attended really enjoyed the experience. I loved looking around the classroom and seeing the Tigereye students enthusiastically explaining their projects to students from Cycle 1 & 2 as well as to Topaz students and parents. Some students are keen to do another science project this term because they enjoyed it so much.

Kat



Topaz

Welcome back, it's great to see so many rested and healthy students return after what sounds like very adventurous holidays! We are now at the busy end of the year with many plans being made for school camp, a student lead trivia night and of course, graduation.

Graduation will take place at the school on Friday, November 28th, with more details sent home closer to the date. We have eight graduating students this year; Jackson Haw, Stephanie Holden, Elias Haebich, Liam McMullen, Francis Duncan, Tas Kearney, Indigo Walker Stelling and Finbar Moody. Some of these students I had the pleasure of directing when I taught in Cycle 1 and have watched them progress from shy 3 year-olds to confident 11 and 12 year-olds.

Our focus this term in Topaz is choosing work from a wider variety of subject areas, from Geography, History, Science, Geology, Zoology, Botany, and Human Physiology. We have likened making wider choices to our body's nutritional needs for eating a wider variety of fruit and vegetables. Our brain needs variety to keep us focused and engaged!

Some of our older students are researching Australian History and creating a time-line of our Prime Ministers. Other students are researching how Ancient Civilizations catered for the fundamental needs of their citizens. Our younger students are working in Zoology researching the basic, individual and habitat needs of their chosen animals.

Pencil Cases: Can parents check their children have pencils, erasers, scissors and a glue stick as many students have been borrowing and sometimes not returning, items from each other. This causes many disruptions in our room!

Terie

Community News

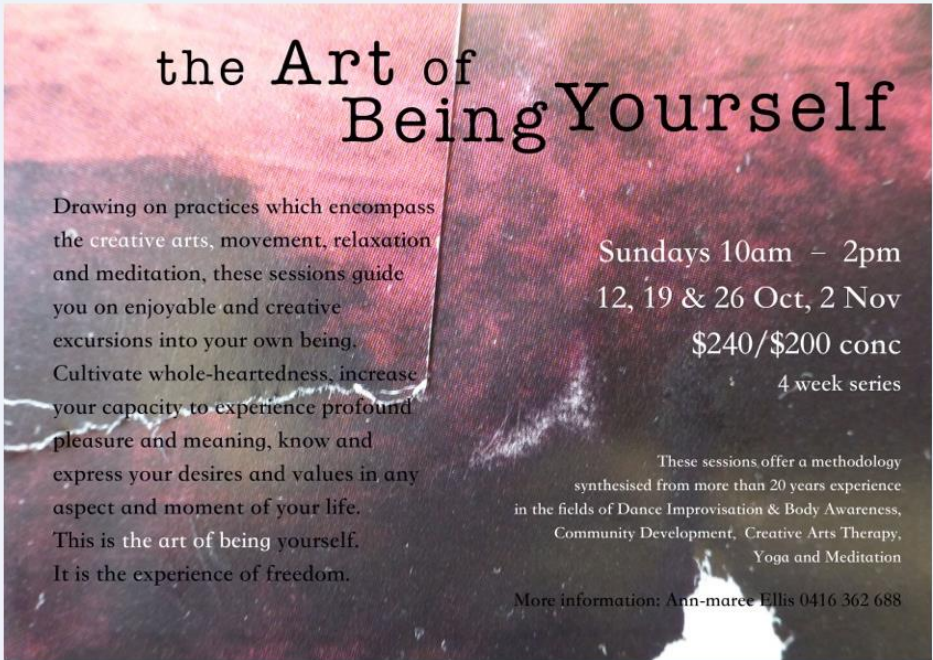
MILO Cricket

All 8 to 10 year olds!

Beechworth Cricket Club has entered 2 sides to play in a 10 week programme against the Valley clubs, eight per side.

The first two weeks we play ourselves to learn the game format at Beechworth Primary and then after that we travel to Dederang for the first carnival game.

Friday nights 5.15pm start , cost \$99 including shirt and club cap, first night 07/11/2014 Beechworth Primary. Cricket Victoria run event.



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Being Yourself

Drawing on practices which encompass the creative arts, movement, relaxation and meditation, these sessions guide you on enjoyable and creative excursions into your own being. Cultivate whole-heartedness, increase your capacity to experience profound pleasure and meaning, know and express your desires and values in any aspect and moment of your life. This is the art of being yourself. It is the experience of freedom.

Sundays 10am – 2pm
12, 19 & 26 Oct, 2 Nov
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These sessions offer a methodology synthesised from more than 20 years experience in the fields of Dance Improvisation & Body Awareness, Community Development, Creative Arts Therapy, Yoga and Meditation

More information: Ann-maree Ellis 0416 362 688



INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL AND BULS PRESENT

NICOLE FOSS

A COMPASS FOR TURBULENT TIMES

In a public presentation, international strategist, Nicole Foss, will share her practical views on how to prepare for the future threats of financial crisis, peak oil, climate change and resource limitations

THURSDAY 9TH OCT, 7-9PM
BEECHWORTH TOWN HALL
FREE ENTRY

In her solution orientated presentation Nicole will be detailing what we can do in advance to secure our families and communities for the long term in the light of a coming period of uncertainty. Nicole will address the implications of peak oil, climate change, financial crisis, population growth, food insecurity and political unrest and the need for us to simplify our lives and focus on building resilience in our local communities. She offers a diverse range of choices available to people at the individual, family and community levels.



LOCAL ORGANIC COMMUNITY BBQ, 6-7PM
BEECHWORTH TOWN HALL GARDENS
GOLD COIN DONATION

Join Beechworth Urban Landcare and Sustainability (BULS) at the rotunda in the Town Hall Garden, prior to Nicole's talk, for a fresh, local and organic BBQ. Produce proudly supplied by Swaraj Harvest Organic Farm, Milawa Organic Beef and Silver Creek Sourdough. Vegetarian options available.



Canadian Nicole Foss is a former Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, where she specialised in nuclear safety in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and conducted research into electricity policy at the EU level. Nicole has been a specialist in nuclear safety in the UK, and editor of the journal The Oil Drum Canada where she wrote on peak oil and finance.

contact & more information www.buls.org.au



THE RUTHERGLEN SHOW WITH LITTLE ATHLETICS PRESENTS SHOW DAY FUN RUN

Rutherglen Show Grounds

Registrations Open at 8.30am

Run commences at 9.30am

Under 8 - 1km \$1.00

Under 14 - 2.5km \$2.50

Open - 5km \$5.00

Family ticket \$10

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Entry to the Show additional

19th October, 2014



~ Circus In Yackandandah - Term 4 ~

International circus artists, Xavier and Zoe Pinard, are pleased to offer circus classes in Yackandandah.

With 25 years experience as artists and 10 years experience as teachers the classes deliver an exciting and varied circus training program.

Through skills such as tumbling, trapeze, handstands, juggling and pyramids, your children will have fun while developing core strength, balance and agility.

In term 4, we are offering the following class times.

Tuesday - 3.50pm - 4.50pm

- 4.50pm - 5.50pm

Wednesday - 2.30pm - 3.15pm (3-4yrs)

- 4pm - 5pm

- 5pm - 6pm (advanced class)

Saturday - 9.00am - 10.00am (Adults class)

- 10.00am - 11.00am

Cost - \$150 per term (5% off for first sibling, 10% off for second or more)

3 - 4yrs classes \$130 per term

* To secure your child's place, please contact Zoe via email or mobile.
xavierzoe@mac.com or 0478 055 091

Healthy Together Walk

Sunday October 19 - 10 am to 11:30am

Beechworth Chinese Gardens

Our local Primary Schools, Kindergarten and Childcare Centre are working to create healthy environments and promote children and young people's health and wellbeing.

We would like to invite our community to join with us for a morning walk followed by a healthy snack and some activities to get us moving. We will go ahead with this rain hail or shine – if it is wet put on your coat and come for a walk!

Parents and carers are expected to be responsible for their children on the day, this is a walk for the whole family - please invite your family and friends – pets are welcome too.

Meet at the Beechworth Chinese Gardens for a 2.2km walk (approx 25mins at a medium pace) in the lake area and then back to the Chinese Gardens for a snack and activities. **BYO hat, sun cream and water bottle.**

Lucky door prize - \$50 Beechworth Green Grocer Voucher.



Beechworth, Stanley & Wooragee Brigades Are Now Recruiting



Beechworth, Stanley & Wooragee Fire Brigades are looking for community minded men and women who are ready to join an exciting team of volunteers who protect the communities of Beechworth, Stanley & Wooragee in a range of different ways.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They have diverse backgrounds, interests and skills. We need people who can assist with firefighting especially daytime responders and the non-firefighting areas of running a brigade, such as community education, fundraising and maintenance.

Come along to a **free information session** where you can find out all you need to know about being a CFA volunteer. Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be available.

Date: Wednesday 15th October
Time: between 5pm – 8pm

cfa.vic.gov.au

Photography Workshop

Brenda Pomponio from 13 Acres and Erin Hartwig from Beechworth Photographers are combining their knowledge and experience to offer a interactive beginners workshop.

This practical workshop is perfect if you've recently purchased a Digital SLR camera. We'll work through the foundations of photography with you - exposure, aperture, shutter speed, lenses and composition and explore what makes a great photo. Learn some of the digital language, get an understanding of file formats, DPI and Resolution.

You'll be guided through some practical shooting tasks on a town walk around some of Beechworth's historic architecture. Come and enjoy a day with Brenda and Erin and learn how to get the most out of your digital camera.

Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera

Sunday November 16th 10am-2pm

For more info contact Brenda 0411 845 180 or hello@13acres.com.au

Cost \$170 (lunch provided) early bird \$150 if you book by 30th September. Venue - the old stone hall 7 Church Street Beechworth.



Junior Music Program for 3-4 year olds

A fun introduction to music to the little ones through singing, movement, imagination and musical games. Parents will need to accompany children in the class and join in the fun! Classes to start in Term 4.

There are 4 sessions that you can choose from:

Wednesday	Thursday
10am - 10.40am	10am - 10.40am
12.30pm - 1.10pm	12.30pm - 1.10pm

Other days/times could be arranged if there is enough interest.

Class size: 4-6 children

Cost: \$10 per lesson

Venue: To be announced

For more details please contact Sok Yi Bulmer (Bachelor in Music Teaching and Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning) at 0404 617 650 or

leesokyi@yahoo.com