



**Week 11 - Term 4**

**18 December 2013**

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## DIARY DATES

Term 4:

December

18<sup>th</sup> Wed - Last day for students 3.15pm finish

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday & Friday – Pupil free days

**2014**

January 30 – First day for students

The last of school for the year will be Wednesday  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – with the usual finish time of  
3.15pm.

### Please return asap

It would be appreciated if you could please  
return the forms in the parent packs before the  
end of the year – emergency contact details,  
bus user agreement, fee agreement.

This is assist us with rollover of student records  
in preparation for the 2014 school year and eliminate double handling and paper wastage.

**Over the next two days the office will have restricted hours. A box will be placed at the front of the school for the return of any paperwork or it can be mailed or emailed.**

## From the Principal

### Staffing 2014

We are pleased to advise that the Emerald – Part time assistant position has been filled and Geraldine Denis-Hickey has been appointed to the position. Geraldine worked today in Emerald and a number of parents had an opportunity to meet her.

Thank you to the staff on what has been a massive year of planning to move, making the move happen, unpacking and re-establishing in our new space. May you all take the time to rediscover sleep, rest, relaxation and come back refreshed and rejuvenated for a new chapter in the story that is Beechworth Montessori.

Music – No appointment has been made at this stage and we will look at our options of programs and staffing before making a decision. In the meantime please share this vacancy within your networks.

Pancake breakfast raised \$350 and another \$154 in sales of goods. Thanks to the parents who drove this social and fundraising venture and to the student helpers – Ella, Sophal, Opal, Chloe, Hannah, Akeidha. It was a great initiative on so many levels. Thanks to those people who have embraced reigniting the P&F.

Concert – I had seen “bits” of the performance and knew of the plans but seeing it being performed with such joy was truly inspiring. I was so proud to know these children. Thanks to all the staff that supported Dannielle and accommodated rehearsals. There were many Montessori moments in this – from the children that were reluctant performers overcoming their hesitation to the students that become leaders in the planning and implementation. Thanks Dannielle for co-ordinating such an uplifting event.

Thanks – Bec for help in office, your help made a world of difference. Thanks also to Nicola who has come into get a taste of what she can anticipate in her new position when she commences in the office in 2014.

Farewell to the children moving onto other schools – for many reasons families come and go. Each of you have had a special place in the classrooms and we wish you all the very best in your learning journey.

Goodbye to our graduating students – Sophal Hopp, Meghan Kearney, Ella O’Meara, Louise Holden, Opal Thomas, Finn Jakobsson and Jarryd Carr. Our best wishes for your exciting Secondary education. Keep in touch.

My thanks to those on the Committee of Management and Project Management who have volunteered their time to enable the dream of relocation to become a reality. What a massive task it has been. We are here because of your tenacity and belief in this school.

Thank you to all our families for entrusting your children into our care and education.

Best wishes to everyone on a Christmas and New Year that meets all your hopes and aspirations. We look forward to seeing you all after a relaxing summer.

Until then, *Heather*

### **Graduation Concert Carnivale**

WOW! What a spectacular night last night was. Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback. I want to say though that in the end, it all comes down to the children. It was their show last night and they shined! They worked hard to get there, and they brought passion, enthusiasm, creativity and joy to the event. So I sincerely thank them for making it such a success. I also want to thank Kat for her support and work with the music components and Tania and Khy for their work on prop making....it was a bit of a mad rush to the end, and Khy came up with some impressive last minute ideas to get some props on the stage. I want to thank all staff for their efforts and support to bring it all together and to Heather for giving me the creative freedom to work with the children.

Thanks to Matt and Belinda Saunders, and to the wonderful John Griffin for their help in transporting props to and from the hall. And finally thanks to all the parents and friends in this community for supporting and encouraging such a creatively rich and fulfilling experience for the children. Have a fantastic Christmas and relaxing summer break.

Dannielle



### **We have been asked to share this information with our families:**

“Any families who need toys for their children for Christmas, go to the Salvos at the church hall. They have given out a lot of gifts to families but still have loads left. If you know of a needy family and would like to share these items please visit them either today or tomorrow.