



## Week 2 - Term 4

**16 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

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

### Car parking and drop offs

Thanks for parking facing Gilchrist Ave – this eliminates the need for reversing. Only cars with toddlers and prams should be using the carpark at the front of the building.

To drop children off, please drive down past the carparks, drop children off at the front of the building (Northern end) and continue around the turning circle.

The carpark will be sealed and line marked in the very near future – until then thanks for your co-operation in the very busy drop off and pick up times.

Please observe the 10km speed limit within the grounds as this is a shared zone of cars and pedestrians.

### From the Principal

Our service is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register

(BARR) and is therefore required to be closed on days declared CODE RED. We will be notified that we are required to close on days of Code Red, and it is anticipated that at least one or two days' notice will be given however this may not always be possible. Once we have been directed to close (by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) the decision will not change, regardless of changes in the weather forecast. This information will be communicated via email, SMS, a note sent home via children and a notice on the front door of the school and on the phone answering machine.

If a fire starts during the school day, our decision whether to bunker down at school or evacuate to the Memorial Hall safer place of last resort will depend upon the location of the fire and timing. We have nominated bunker down areas in the school and where possible will always support the CFA's position of "leave early". Beechworth Bus Lines will come collect the children to transfer them to the Memorial Hall if required. Our mobile phone (0459 282 940) will be our point of contact, unless mobile communications are compromised at the time.

On days of Severe and Extreme Fire Danger we encourage parents to activate their personal fire plans for their family and if this includes not sending children to school but keeping them with a parent, then we support this action.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact me directly.

Kind regards  
Heather

## Working Bees - Landscaping

Register your skills!

Do you have a particular passion or skill which you think would come in handy around the school, or for fundraising or social events? Or some equipment or machinery you would be willing to loan? Have you stood in the carpark and identified a need for the grounds or building which we may not have thought of yet?

We'd love to hear from anyone willing to put their name down on a register of skilled or simply enthusiastic parents who we could call upon to tackle the odd task here and there - maybe in person or by supervising or teaching a group of willing volunteers.

Going on the list doesn't entail any obligation or commitment, but would of course be very appreciated. If you're not sure if your skills would be handy, email anyway and ask!

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Christie Rodda & Mark Ladbroke  
Committee of Management

## General News

### P&F News

#### Toy catalogues

If you have a toy catalogue order please drop it off by Friday.

#### Wine Sales & Fundraising

The Wangaratta Lodge of St John is again conducting their Annual Fundraising Effort. This effort sells wines that are not normally available at retail outlets at realistic (discounted) prices and they **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 our 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 was included with last week's newsletter. If you require a form please call into the office. Orders must be received at the office by Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> to ensure early December delivery.

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## Cycle 2 News

### Moonstone

The moving process proved to be quite an enlightening experience for everyone in Moonstone, especially the teachers. Students were allocated a space and were to be responsible for packing and labelling its contents and this is when our education began. Sally and I were surprised to find many students lacking confidence in their ability to solve practical problems or trust their own judgment in making a decision. One reason for our astonishment lay in the fact that these same students more often than not are able to make independent decisions regarding their choice of activities, prioritising and time management. This independence did not translate over to practical life experience in this case. As soon as a logistical problem with the packing was encountered students immediately came to Sally or myself for a solution. Of course we decided not to assist apart from encouraging students to have faith in their own ability to solve the problem. Consequently Sally and I were pleasantly rewarded by witnessing some inventive improvised solutions. No lids for boxes? We'll make one! How do we prevent breakage? We'll stick wedges of cardboard between materials! These boxes are not stacking properly. Let's try another way! These scissors are too blunt to cut the packing tape. Hey, let's get a sharper pair! Moreover, the moving provided insight into the character of students and how they work and will endeavour to use this information to improve learning. One student who usually finds it tedious completing a three line handwriting activity zealously took it upon himself to take charge and oversee the whole of the packing operation. This

little foreman organised, kept records, prioritised and even delegated jobs with composure, confidence and aplomb way beyond his years. Another student was so engrossed in his maths activity he was oblivious to the fact that there was vociferous and exuberant packing going on around him. Thank you to Seane Pieper for the overseeing of our move and for everyone who tirelessly worked to make the transition as seamless as possible. A special thanks goes to Dick, Ron and Mick who went above and beyond to assist.

## Turquoise

Welcome back to term 4! This term we are studying zoology – namely the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates, the phylums within each group as well as omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. Questions you may like to ask...What is a vertebrate? Invertebrate? What are the 5 groups (phylums) of vertebrates? What makes a bird a bird? Etc.

Many thanks to all the families who have organised recorders. I have encouraged the children to keep them in their school bag – that way it is always available to practice at either home or school – the only catch is remembering to return it to your bag when you're at home!

This term we have Italian on Tuesday mornings (9am) so please be prompt, drama on Wednesdays and Sport on Thursdays.

Our travel bug, Monty, has finally left Australia and is currently residing in London having visited the Tower Bridge and Big Ben – hopefully he moves along soon.

*Karen and Donna*

## Cycle 3 News

### Across Both Rooms

#### **Melbourne Camp November 6-8 (Week 5)**

Please make sure you return your camp forms ASAP as we really need to confirm numbers.

### Tigereye

We have all been enjoying our beautiful new room and I would like to thank all our parent and student helpers for their help with the massive task of moving. We seem to have a lot more space in our new room and the students are enjoying exploring different places to work.

#### **Cooking**

Now that we have a lovely new kitchen we are planning a lot more cooking! We have started cooking groups who take it in turns to cook a lunch each week for us all to share. Week 1 was Louise, Opal and Daniel who cooked delicious pizzas and a chocolate cake. Each week we invite a different guest and last week it was Heather.

#### **Botany & Gardening**

We are continuing with Botany this term with a focus on gardening and landscaping our outdoor areas. So far we have planted some lettuce and herbs which we plan to put in small raised beds. We have also started a class worm farm. We plan to do some landscaping throughout the term in the Cycle 2/3 playground area- such as building steps down to the playground.

#### **Athletics**

Congratulations to Eadie Pfahlert who competed in the Upper Hume Regional Athletics Competition in Albury last Friday. Eadie came first in the High Jump (with a jump of 1.05 metres) and second in the long jump (with a jump of 3.24 metres). Eadie will now compete in the Regional Championships in Albury this Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Eadie!

#### **TIGEREYE WISH LIST**

We are in desperate need of more saucepans and oven trays for the new kitchen. We would also love some more gardening tools such as spades, shovels, mattocks or hand trowels.

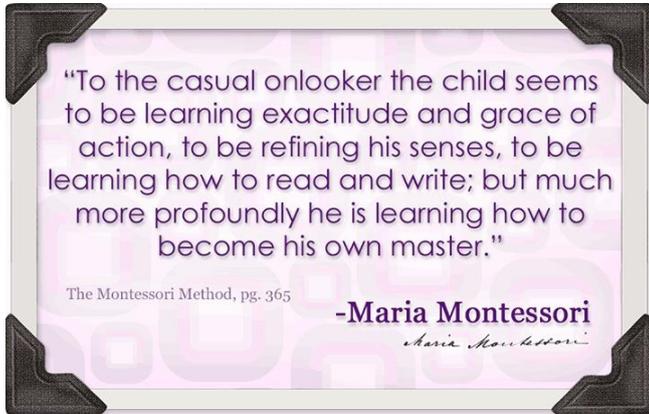
*Kat*

## Topaz

Students have more or less settled into their new room, after much excitement in week 1. I still can't get over the amount of light and beautiful sense of airiness in our new room! As a keen gardener, I see so many opportunities for indoor plants here. A propos of which, we are studying botany this term, a subject dear to my heart: the class will be going on an outing to visit my garden, take cuttings and get some ideas for planting out the Cycle 2/3 courtyard. (There will be a concept drawing coming soon....)

We are also learning about astronomy, and will visit the Planetarium at Scienceworks on camp. As ever, there is huge enthusiasm for project work. Everyone is expected to complete two small, structured projects this term: Botany – and either a Dream School or Astronomy project also. Anyone who has not yet admired our new space – drop in any time.  
Khy

## Montessori Matters



## Community News

### Yoga for Beginners

This 8 week course is for anyone who has ever wanted to find out about yoga. Studies have shown that people engaging in yoga on a regular basis have fewer health problems and lower levels of stress. The gentle stretching and body awareness of Satyananda Yoga along with special breathing practices and deep relaxation will have you feeling great! Participants need to bring 2 blankets and a cushion or pillow to class and refrain from eating for at least 2 hours before.

**Tutor:** Karen Bartsh (Satyananda Yoga teacher A13767)  
**Dates:** Thursdays 24<sup>th</sup> October to 12th December  
**Time:** 5.15pm to 6.45 pm  
**Venue:** Beechworth Youth Centre  
**Cost:** \$120.00

## Traditional Sri Lankan Curries



Be enticed by the fabulous flavours of Sri Lankan cuisine as you learn to cook and eat traditional curries.

Join Amandhi (of Beechworth Potluck Dinners) as she shows you how to create traditional dishes that will leave your tastebuds tantalised and wanting more.

**Where:** Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre, 30 Ford St, Beechworth

**When:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Time:** 1pm - 3.00pm

**Cost:** \$45.00

HURRY, limited places available for this course so please book your place by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013. (This Friday)

Call us on 03 5728 2386 or email on [programs@bnc.net.au](mailto:programs@bnc.net.au)

Please bring an apron

Containers provided