

**Term 4**  
**Week 2 – 15 October 2014**  
*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*



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

## **Term 4**

**6<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> December**

*10½ weeks*

*1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup 4<sup>th</sup> November*

*1 pupil free day – Report Writing 3<sup>rd</sup> November*

### **October**

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Mon – Fri – School photos taken

20<sup>th</sup> Monday – Cycle 2&3 Book Week costume day

22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Cycle 2&3 Questacon Incursion

22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Cycle 2&3 Cricket Clinic

30<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Ringwood Secondary College Band Excursion 10am,  
Memorial Hall

### **November**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – Report Writing Day – pupil free day

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day – school closed, public holiday

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Parent Information Session 6-7pm. Supporting your  
child in literacy

10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Mon – Fri – Cycle 3 Camp Canberra

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

10<sup>th</sup> Mon – 14<sup>th</sup> Fri – Cycle 1 Prep Parent Teacher Interviews.

17<sup>th</sup> Mon – 21<sup>st</sup> Fri – Cycle 1 Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews.

18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Instrumental student performance evening at Old  
Priory 7.30pm

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

28<sup>th</sup> Friday evening – Graduation Dinner for Grade 6 children and  
parents.

### **December**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2014 School Concert – Memorial Hall. 1.15pm

10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Volunteer Afternoon Tea 1.30-2.30pm

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

17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Last day for students, end of Term 4, 3.15pm finish

## **From the Principal**

We welcome Nick Smith who is here on work experience for this week and next. Nick spent some time here a few years ago and has come back to undertake work placement. We warmly welcome him to the rooms.

*Kind regards, Heather*

## **BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER (BARR)**

Beechworth Montessori School has been included on the BARR for 2014-2015. **On days declared Code Red in our Bureau of Meteorology district the school is required to be closed.** The decision to close will be confirmed by 12 noon on the day prior to the planned closure. This will be communicated to parents via a notice sent home with children, via email and social media, a message left on the school answering machine and a poster on the main entrance door. Once closure is confirmed, the decision to close **WILL NOT CHANGE**, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This will reduce confusion. No staff will be on site when the school is closed by the risk of fire. On high risk days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan. The school will reopen once the Code Red rating has been removed. Parents are advised on these days to check the CFA website and to listen to local radio.

## **General News**

### **Walk to School this October**

Don't forget to take the opportunity to walk to school this Spring before the temperatures get too hot! We are supporting VicHealth's 'Walk to School' running from 6-31 October but would like to encourage all of our children and families in maintaining a physically

active lifestyle as part of learning healthy habits for everyday life.

Walking to school is a great way to help kids achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

We'd like to encourage you to walk to and from school as often as possible during October. You can visit the Walk to School website for more information [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au) or contact *Helen Sellar* on 0427 283 221.

### **Cycle 2 & 3 Book Week Costume Day!**

Cycle 2 and 3 students are hosting a costume day as a part of Book Week this coming Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. You can dress up as your favourite book character, tell your class about who you are, and bring your book to school. Please bring a gold coin donation to participate. All money raised will go towards the Indigo Shire Junior council bird nest boxes, and for Arturo island long drop toilets.

Thanks ***Eadie and Alex***

### **Community Walk**

This Sunday from 10 – 11.30 there will be a Community Walk around the Lake and the Chinese Gardens in Beechworth. Meet at the Chinese Gardens to start the 2.2km family walk. At the conclusion of the walk there will be some activity stations and refreshments. Christie Rodda will be organising the Tunnel Ball and would love as many of our school families as possible to join her and her children on the day for some fun, light hearted activity and I'm sure some laughter! There will also be a fruit bats activity and the organiser would love the help of our fruit fly circus students if they are attending. The weather is predicted to be beautiful, so come on along and enjoy a great morning out as a family and as a community. BYO sunscreen and drink bottle, but snacks are supplied back at the Chinese Gardens.

## **P&F News**

Thank you to everyone who was a part of the Loads of Clothes Fundraiser this last weekend. Whether you were a seller (who hopefully has some extra cash and more wardrobe space now), a purchaser with some lovely new things to wear, or importantly, a 'helper', your contributions combined to again make this a very successful fundraising effort for the benefit of us all. Thank you to each one of you.

## **Ruby Room News**

Hello and welcome back to term 4. I would like to offer thanks to our room 'fairy' who has been busy making some beautiful cleaning cloths and fixing our broken trampoline. Thank you dear Zoe for your generosity. Already we had some new creatures come and visit us in Ruby room. The rain has brought snails to gardens and the children have been fascinated with watching and gently handling them in a small terrarium that has been set up. We have had baby chicks come. Thank you to Emma and Zoe for bringing them in. I am sure everyone enjoyed them. Yesterday we had Julia and her sister Maya's guinea pigs come for a visit. Julia was very pleased to be able to show them to everyone. We discovered how quick they can run.

The children have been preparing an artificial home for bean seeds to sprout so we can observe the shoots come out one end and the roots come out the other. This has required them to be diligent in caring for them by ensuring they are watered regularly. There has been a lot of surprise and joy watching these beans sprout.

We have also been experimenting with coconut sugar in our cooking of mini apple muffins instead of sugar and juice instead of milk. So far the children in Tots and ASC have enjoyed eating them. We will be cooking and preparing foods that are less processed and refined so the children and parents get an opportunity to taste various healthy foods.

Now it is term 4 all children must be wearing a hat for them to play outside. Unfortunately no hat means no play outside so please check your child has one in their bag when they come to Ruby room.

Thank you

Enjoy

Michaela, Lisa and Mel

## Cycle 1 News

### Across Both Rooms

Welcome back to what will be a really quick term! It was lovely to finish off term 3 with a family picnic lunch. Thanks to all those who were able to attend – we hope to make this a regular event each term following the very positive feedback from those who could come. Like all our events, we will try to hold them across different days of the week to give all families the opportunity to come to something – if we hold everything on a Friday, there are many with other commitments who always miss out.

There is a book week dress up day approaching for cycles 2 and 3. Please note that cycle 1 does not participate in dress up days for some very specific reasons:

- According to Montessori philosophy, fantasy (which many dress up characters are based on) is most developmentally appropriate from cycle 2 onwards once children have a very firm grasp of the real world which cycle 1 is based on
- Arriving at school in costume can be very distracting and disruptive to children – we have observed that children frequently have great difficulty settling in to their work cycle when exciting events occur first thing in the morning – this is quite different in the other cycles as children have the maturity to deal with excitement and distraction more constructively.

Thanks to the parents who were able to attend our first combined Emerald/Amethyst botany and zoology class. We planted vegetables, weeded the garden, installed tanbark under the tree and ensured our new chickens were comfortable in their new home. Thanks to the Ryan family for applying for the funding that paid for the chickens and their coop and for arranging to purchase and erect the coop.

We are seeking fertilized chicken eggs to hatch in an incubator in Emerald room. If you have any fertilized eggs, please bring them along next Monday 20 October – we'll monitor their progress and base our language and science/zoology programs on them.



### Amethyst

Over the holidays we had Robert's cousin from the Netherlands stay with us. They dedicated a whole day to look through family photographs, it brought them much joy but for me the joy came when Robert stumbled across this photograph of Nick (his brother 15 months younger). In 1946 at the end of the Second World War, Robert lived in Tilburg, a town in the south of The Netherlands. He and his brother Nick attended the Montessori kindergarten, which was located in a convent not far from their home.

If you look closely at this picture the activities you can see are still in our cycle 1 rooms. Nick is working with the farm labeling nouns, the girl behind him is working on a language activity labeling objects and on the table to his right is the



large movable alphabet. Both Robert and Nick still talk about their years in Montessori. Robert's most vivid memory is sitting at desks, which were labeled by animal names, he belonged to the money table. Although we no longer have seating arrangement such as this, it is in Maria Montessori's earlier writings.

A little Hoogenraad treasure that shows the timeless nature of Montessori.



## Emerald

We welcomed Lilly Dodds and her family late last week. Lilly joins us in the third year of the cycle and is settling in well much to the delight of the older children in the room.

The children have settled in to the new term very well. Small changes to routine such as Geraldine arriving back (lovely to have her here again), animals visiting the room, and school photos are having very little impact on the group which is indicative of how comfortable they are feeling in our new look classroom.

Our head lice remedy booklet is almost ready to be produced – I hope to have it copied and distributed this week. Thanks to those who contributed.



We have commenced work on Asia as part of our cultural studies. We are currently focussing on China and Japan with emphasis on The Great Wall, the use of Dragons in celebrations and have made sushi to eat. If you are able to contribute in any way, please see Lynda. We are looking forward to contributions from Yukiko (Zensho's Mum) and the Quons (Stella and Scarlett's family).

## Community News

Get ready for summer with a Spring Clean  
and **sell your unwanted gear** at  
The Beechworth Scout's



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**8.30-2pm**

Behind the Scout Hall in Lower Finch St, BEECHWORTH  
**\$25 per site - Sites are limited - book now!**

Sausage sizzle and drinks available on site

Site bookings - Amanda 0412563620 - amanda.mcinnis@bigpond.com



**BEECHWORTH and STANLEY**  
**SPRING OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND**  
**Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October, 2014**  
**10:00am – 5:00pm**

SEE all six gardens for \$20 (payable at any participating garden) – with the Beechworth gardens donating all proceeds to Oxfam and the Stanley gardens donating all proceeds to the Stanley community-owned post office and heritage-listed athenaeum.



**1. Robert Cowell's Garden**  
**14 Fletcher Road, Beechworth**  
**PLANTING** began in this garden in October 2009. The design philosophy is one of grids and strong lines following the house design. I wanted to keep the plant palette to a handful of species.

I feel that the garden respects space amongst the plantings. *Buxus sempervirens* bells that I've had in authentic French Anduze pots for more than 14 years also have influenced the design with bells of box flowing through the garden.

This year is the process of introducing colour with iris, tulip and geranium high on the list. The views into Beechworth and rural landscape beyond are also important. The house was built in a factory in six weeks and trucked to the site. It has been a joy to live in: facing north, it is highly energy efficient and loads of natural light change how you live.

**Directions:** 1.3km south of Beechworth post office, off Buckland (Myrtleford) Road.

**2. Bernard Bolan's Garden**  
**2 Scott Street, Newtown, Beechworth**  
**I CAME** to the garden 12 years ago. It consisted of lovely old Hills' red gum woodland and a sloping empty paddock with good views, about 1.6 hectares in all. I started by trying – and hopefully succeeding – to disprove that 'You can't grow things under gum trees'. There are rhododendron, camellias, azaleas, maple and many semi-shade perennials thriving beneath the eucalypt canopy. Up across the hill I planted oaks, cedars, elms and a number of rare trees – *Emmenanthe henryi* is young but doing well. Favourites are two giant redwoods – *Sequoiadendron* – one of which the nursery didn't want to sell because the top had been snapped off. Old romantic, I felt sorry for it and gave it a home. Within three years it had completely rebuilt itself and is taller than its nearby sibling.

In recent years I am moving away a little from having an endless collection of unusual plants to seeing the landscaping delight of having massed plantings and, for example, *Kniphofia* jolly 'Winter Cheer' pokers singing out from all unlikely corners of the hill.

**Directions:** In Beechworth, west of Newtown bridge off Wangaratta Road (C315) and Malakoff Road.



**3. Wallasey-Beaumaris**  
**Peter Kenyon & Jamie Kronborg**  
**11 Weir Lane, Beechworth**  
**A GARDEN** has been cultivated here since the early 1860s. Shrubs of old, simple-petal sweetbrier roses still flower in a row a short distance from where stands our much extended house – at heart a miner's cottage. These old arching canes

mark the edge of a track that miners, horses, carts and cattle began to make about 150 years ago. Three Mile Creek, just below the garden, was a major gold find and worked until the late 1920s.

The garden – within a hill paddock that features spectacular but senescent *Eucalyptus nicholii* and *E. microcarpa* – has been richly planted over one hectare by earlier stewards. It includes numerous camellias, viburnum – including a six-metre-tall *V. macrocephalum* – an old perry pear, manchurian pear alley, weeping cherry, amelanchier, birch, arbutus, clematis, black sea laurel and diverse bulbs. We have this year planted a new orchard of apples, stonefruit, cherries and berries.

**Directions:** 4km south of Beechworth off Buckland (Myrtleford) Road (C324) and Library Road.



**4. Planetrees**  
**Genevieve Milham**  
**819 Stanley Road, Stanley**

**SET** on a little more than two hectares in Stanley, Planetrees' garden has been created in six years on depleted land that was a timber milling site for a century.

The garden is now an oasis of more than 350 established trees, including olive, birch, oak and dogwood, large perennial gardens, a fruit orchard, large vegetable garden and a natural swimming pool. This ambitious project is the result of a master plan that has guided the creation of this serene and romantic setting for a Tuscan-style residence and a timber and earth lodge that now operates as a guest-house and green retreat. Overall the style of the garden is French. It is structured as a

## Beechworth Primary School Out of School Hours Program (OSHC)

Enrolments for 2015 OSHC are now open.

Before School Care will operate between 7am and 8.45am and After School Care will operate between 3.25pm and 6pm.

Please note that 2014 bookings do not automatically rollover to 2015, so bookings need to be confirmed. All bookings can be made by contacting the school office.

The January Vacation Care program will operate between 8am and 6pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. Booking for this program are also now open and can be made by contacting the school office on (03) 5728 1066.

### Attention!

**School Leavers, those looking for work, employers and community groups.**

Provide CPR one half day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
 Provide First Aid two days Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Apply Digital Literacy in Business 6 weeks from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
 Computer Basics - Beginners 6 weeks from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Farm Chemical Refresher one day Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

We must have 6 enrolments in each to be able to bring these courses to Beechworth for our community. For further information contact the Neighbourhood Centre

Enrolments can be completed at the BNC or at our Quercus Community Bookshop  
 Between 10am and 4pm 7 days a week  
 For more information call 03 5728 2386



[www.bnc.net.au](http://www.bnc.net.au)



Tennis Coaching at Beechworth Tennis Courts  
 3.45 - 6pm  
 Wednesdays starting next week (22nd October)