

Term 1

Week 3 – 17 February 2014

Distributed weekly on Wednesday

Term 1

30th Jan – 4th Apr

9 week, 2 days

1 public holiday – Labour Day

1 pupil free day – Restorative Practice Training Day 2/2

To Be Confirmed

Cycle and room excursions if conducted and other events if the need arises

February

14th Friday bluearth program commences fortnightly

17th – 21st Monday – Friday – Cycle 3 Swimming 1pm – 3.00pm

24th Monday – Parent Information Session – Resilience – Jo Lange
6.30 – 8.30pm Old Priory \$5 per person

26th Wednesday – Parent Information Session – Restorative Practice
7.00 – 9.00pm \$10 per family (adults only) RSVP
and payment 21/2/14

March

10th Monday – Public Holiday - Labour Day

11th Tuesday – Pupil Free Day – Staff Training Restorative Practice –
Day 2/2

19th Wednesday – BBQ 5pm & AGM 6.30pm (To Be Confirmed)

21st Friday – World Harmony Day

24th – April 3rd – Cycle 2&3 Parent teacher interviews. Room
schedules to be communicated prior to this date

April

4th Friday – End of term 2.15 finish

Term 2

22nd April – 27th June

10 weeks

2 public holidays – ANZAC Day, Queen's Birthday

1 pupil free day – Report Writing

April

25th Friday – Public Holiday - ANZAC Day

28th Monday – Cycle 3 Cross Country

From the Principal

Indigo Junior Councillor 2014

Eadie Pfahlert has been elected as the school representative in 2014. She will now attend a leadership conference in Melbourne on the 24th with last year's representative Indigo Walker Stelling. Eadie will be supported by the runner up Alex Entwistle who will assist Eadie with fundraising and event organisation. Eadie will attend meetings to represent the school and upon her return will meet with myself and Alex to update us on plans. She will also write a review for the newsletter on her role, plans and events. Both students put in considerable thought as to why they wished to represent the school.



bluearth

bluearth commenced last week and from all accounts was a success. I certainly plan to be bringing along my sports gear to participate in sessions across all Cycles over the year. I gather most staff are keen to be part of the action.

Thanks and Garage Sale

I'd like to express my gratitude for the work Dick Carey our "handyman" undertakes. Nothing is too much trouble and jobs are completed efficiently to meet our needs. We are now truly settling into our new home and with this comes a recognition of how to better utilise the spaces, storage of items, planning to commence the outdoor learning areas and general landscaping. Keep reading your newsletter for information on a "garage sale" to sell off our surplus furniture – anticipated for late this term or early next term.

Family BBQ and AGM

Save the date on Wednesday March 19th at 5pm to come along to the annual family BBQ. An invitation will be placed in your parent pockets with all the details. This precedes the AGM and the election of a new Committee of Management

at 6.30pm. All current members of the Association are able to vote if present on the night. I look forward to working collaboratively and co-operatively with the new Committee and hope that many families can attend the BBQ. If you are able to help organise, cook or clean up for the BBQ please let the office staff know. Any help would be appreciated. Seane Pieper of the Committee of Management has put his hand up to oversee the BBQ – thanks Seane.

Kind regards
Heather

Annual General Meeting and the new Committee of Management 2014

On Wednesday March 19 Beechworth Montessori will hold its Annual General Meeting (with a BBQ prior, see details in this newsletter).

At the AGM there will be presentations from the Treasurer, Principal and President, which will provide an overview of our achievements and financial position to the end of last year – we encourage you to attend to hear about where the school is up to. Aside from that, the AGM is also when the new Committee of Management for 2014 will be elected. According to our Association rules, all positions are declared vacant and there is a vote to elect 9 ‘new’ members.

There are several long standing members of the Committee who are not re-nominating this year, which presents a great opportunity for you to get involved. You don’t need to have experience on school boards to nominate, just the desire and enthusiasm to work with a team of volunteers who are responsible for setting the strategic plans and major directions for the school. Now that our school relocation has been achieved, 2014 is set to be a year of consolidation, so please consider being part of the team.

Feel free to contact a member of the current Committee to discuss what's involved, or obtain more information from the school. Nomination forms are available from the front office.

Current Committee members are: Jade Miles, Anne Duncan, Lara Block, Kim Haebich, Seane Pieper, Mark Ladbrook and Christie Rodda.

*Pamela Walpole, President
Beechworth Montessori Committee of Management
February 19, 2014*

Parent Education Sessions – Term 1

Restorative Practice

I hope that the small rsvp is an indication of people being slow to respond to the invitation to this event rather than a lack of interest. It really will be a fantastic information session – one that all staff hope will be well attended by parents. Thanks to those parents who have rsvp'd to this event. Whilst we will still run the event with any numbers we do require advance notification for materials. This session is suitable for all parents and carers with children of any age (even teenagers). Staff are very committed to using this approach with your children. Come along and find out more so that we can work together for great relationships.

If you are unable to attend due to childcare difficulties, please let Heather know so that we can look at a possible solution to this.

Session Time

Date: Wednesday 26th February
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: At school – room to be advised by signage on the night
RSVP: **RSVP and payment essential by Friday 21/2/14**
Cost: \$10 per family
Who: Parents and interested adults from all schools in the Beechworth area – not only Montessori families
Practitioner: Jo Martin, Rethought

To RSVP

info@beechworthmontessori.vic.edu.au

or contact the Beechworth Montessori School on 5728 2940

Direct deposit information to confirm:

Resilience – please note that we have just been advised that this is Monday 24th FEBRUARY, not March as previously advertised it's this coming Monday!

Montessori families are invited to a parent education session on resiliency in children presented by Jo Lange. You can google "Jo Lange" for more information. 6.30 – 8.30pm. Cost \$5 (if both parents attend, cost remains at \$5). Organised by St Joseph's Primary School. Location dependent upon numbers – either St Joseph's school or Old Priory. RSVP and payment essential asap. Payment to be made to the Office at Montessori please.

General News

Education Maintenance Allowance

Forms must be back to the school by 21/02/2014. To apply you must have a relevant Health Care or Pension card as at 28//1/2014.

Bus Conveyance

New parents who now qualify are required to return all bus and/or private car conveyance forms by 21/02/2014 to the office.

Uniform Orders

We have been advised that orders will be posted on Friday. Order forms are available in the foyer on the noticeboard. If you would like to order winter uniforms it would be advisable to order soon as all items are specially made upon order.

Wanted

Booster seats – please let the office know if you have one that you would like to donate to the school.

District Swimming

On Friday the 14th of February eight cycle 3 students went to the district swimming carnival. The people who went were Eadie Pfahlert, Uli Wild, Charlotte Hopp, Jade Thomas, Akeidha Alexandra, Skip Pieper, Ruby Taylor, Tas Kerney and our sport teacher Andrea.

We caught a bus with all of the Beechworth Schools. When we got there we had warm up in the pool and then the races started.

First up was the girls medley relay, they came first but unfortunately did not do the qualifying time to go to Zone. Then there were freestyle races, backstroke races, Breaststroke races, butterfly races and a freestyle relay. We all did really well in all of our races we competed in, there were many ribbons that came back to school. Sadly not everyone got into zone, but four of us did. They were: Uli, Eadie, charlotte and Jade.



We would also like to say a big thanks to Andrea for coming and supporting us we never would have done it without her.

By Eadie Pfahlert

Ruby Room News

Hello again and before we go any further I would like to say a big, big thank you to Bec Holmes and Andy; Ben and Skye Cutter; Mark Laidlaw; John Griffin and Kerry Riddoch for all of the hard work put into creating the swing set; the hill slide; the sandpit and the rock creek bed in the Ruby playground over the holidays. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. The children really enjoy the slide and are looking forward to try the swings out. There are still things to develop in the playground so if you are feeling inspired and have a little spare time please see me (Michaela).

Tiny Tots

Ever wondered what your role as a parent may be at tots' playgroup?

A few things come to mind. Ruby room is now used for housing 3 different programs. The tots playgroup has a variety of aged children using the materials with children as young as 7 months up to 2 ½ years old. There will be some activities that are too advanced for your child to use meaning you will have to be doing most of it for them. We want your child to be responsible for their learning and your job is to assist them in doing this. One way is to help them choose an activity that is a little challenging for

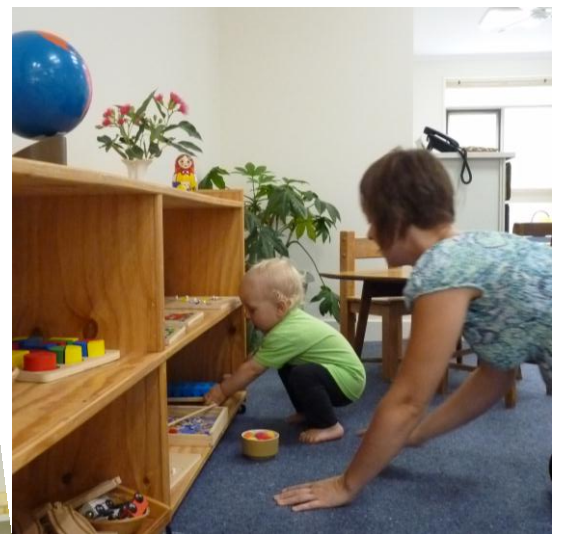


them but achievable with **minimum assistance** from you. The child may get easily distracted so bringing them back to focus on what they were doing also assists them. If they really don't want to finish something, help them pack away what they were doing before they choose the next activity.



Dr Montessori's rule of thumb was 'do not give to the mind more than the hand can

manage'. The capability of a child's hands is an indicator of where they may be developmentally. If your child does not have a long concentration span that is ok...let them choose something (with your discretion), which is suitable for them and they will gradually increase their concentration as they are able. Learning is not a race but a continuous journey and a happy child is one that parent is to figure out what is do this is to observe them



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Transition

We have had to say goodbye moved into Emerald room and have another 3 to 4 children Transition in Ruby room is a the children prepare independent and more practiced in both the cycle 1 comfortable and able to be a part of a larger and more dynamic group.



to Charlie and Scarlett as they have we hope you enjoy your time there. We also beginning their cycle 1 room visits. short stopover but an important one as themselves to become more familiar with the protocols that are also rooms. This helps them to be

After Session Care (ASC)

The afternoons are mostly peaceful with the children taking about an hour to set up, eat and pack up their lunch. There is no rush. Afterwards they tend to choose their own activities or play with a friend inside. We then go outside for close to an hour depending on how they would like to spend. There is a lot of activity in the sandpit with sharing and listening to each other as well as group work on sand pit projects such as tunnelling and waterways. All of this is spontaneous play and has a very comfortable feel to it.

We did do some biscuit baking last week and the bread making/ baking activity will be out for those wanting to cook.

Thank you

Michaela, Mel and Lisa

Cycle 1 News

Thank you

We would like to thank Libby Boyd and Rachel Bohm for their donations of washing machines to Cycle 1 and the school. It has made our daily washing a much easier affair.

PE class

Wednesday afternoon is PE for the Gr 1 children and Thursday afternoon for the Prep children. Please ensure that all children wear appropriate sports shoes for their PE class.

School Nurse Program

The envelopes that were given to the Prep families for the school nurse program are due back now. We need to send them off by the end of the week.

Outdoor space - update

There are a number of imperatives impacting on our plans:

- to improve accessibility to the playground for children with limited mobility so that they can experience the same play spaces as all other children;
- the requirement that any structures such as retaining walls must be less than 500mm high or they will require balustrade (this impacts on our ability to terrace and create flat spaces)
- the creation of shade and maximising how we utilise the existing shade is a huge priority.

The committee is currently considering options for the construction of a veranda over the concrete, which will provide all weather outdoor spaces and enable the creation of outdoor classroom spaces for curriculum areas such as botany, art and carpentry.

Defined projects are highlighted below:

Dome cubby house - Installation of star pickets and poly pipes to create a dome (we have these materials).

This will require cutting logs and laying them as pavers. It will also necessitate wiring the poly pipe to support a vine.

Paving the aframe cubby house - Laying red brick pavers (we have had these donated) under the a-frame. The existing wiring needs to be extended to support a weaving project by the children and parents.

Imaginative play spaces - Installation of wooden pallets and apple crates to create play nooks. This will include securing the pallets and backfilling to create a small flat space. (Please indicate if you can supply 2-4 pallets. We have purchased 2 apple crates very cheaply).

Retaining wall - Installation of a retaining wall along edge of the grass and adjacent to the concrete. This includes flattening the space and backfilling against the slope. This is likely to be made from timber, which we will need to source.

Flat play space for swings and climbing equipment in shade - Construction of a retaining wall under the large tree. This requires flattening the earth, backfilling and installation of tanbark and rope swing/s.

Native grasses and boulders - Installation of boulders and planting of native grasses to create an imaginative play space.

Planting along fence line - We plan to plant around the boundary fence with hardy, tolerant plants to soften the harsh fence line and create points of interest.

Installation of a water feature - We need to get expressions of interest and discuss this further to determine what is possible given the skills and equipment available. We are hoping for something that uses the slope of the hill and is manually operated by the children without the need for pumps.

Extension of steps - This project involves extending the steps currently accommodating the vegetable garden so that they reach the concrete below and the upper part of the yard. This will make moving up and down the yard easier and safer. This will require installing addition sleepers and tan bark.

Chicken run - (we have had a coop donated) This includes installation of a fence and gate along one side and securing wire to the fence on the other 3 sides to keep chickens safe. This will be placed in the far right hand corner of the yard near the bus stop

Please see Lynda or Tameeka if you can assist with any of these projects.

Montessori Matters

Articles and information in this section may not necessarily be Montessori philosophy but the concepts support the Montessori child and parents of a Montessori child.

Narelle Haw has offered an ebook on the secret to a good night's sleep. You can go to her website to download.

<http://www.atharmony.com.au/>

Considering a future as a Montessori assistant in an early childhood setting? See below for a new course commencing in May.



AMI MONTESSORI ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATE EARLY CHILDHOOD COURSE MELBOURNE 2014

Course Dates

The course runs from 1 May to 25 June 2014 from 9:15am to 3:15pm on the following days (Inclusive):

Thursday, 1 May
Wednesday, 7 May
Thursday, 8 May
Thursday, 15 May
Wednesday 21 May
Thursday, 22 May
Wednesday, 4 June
Wednesday, 11 June
Thursday, 12 June
Wednesday, 18 June
Thursday, 19 June
Wednesday, 25 June

Course Delivery

60 hours of classroom based training plus 8 hours of observations in an early childhood or preschool setting.

Course Fees

Application Fee: \$200
Course Fee: \$1,200

ACMS reserves the right to cancel or amend the course dates.

Course Location

The course will be held at the ACMS Training Centre at the Kalker Montessori Centre, 1-3 Estelle Street, Bulleen VIC 3105.

Course Trainer

Amy Kirkham, AMI 3-6 Director of Training

Application

Use the Application Form to enrol for this course, downloadable from our website: www.montessoristudies.org. A Course Brochure may also be downloaded from the site.



"We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself, this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit."

Maria Montessori, Education for a New World

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Community News

Children's Acro Classes (5-9yo) & Tiny Tots Ballet (3-5yo)

Acro & Agility
Stretch & Strength
Movement & Musicality

Monday afternoons at
Beechworth Primary School

\$8-\$10/class

Contact Miss Claire
0439 488 378
clairestock@me.com

Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club AWFA League Competition starts 16 March 2014.

Make sure to get registered as soon as possible.

For more information click registrations <http://myrtlefordsoccer.com.au/index.php/registration/2014-registration> or go to www.myfootball.com to register.

Remember no pay no play
FIRST GAME WILL BE AT HOME TO DIAMONDS

V2 of the draw is out but will not publicise in case this changes.

MiniRoos U11's will be playing in the main competition on Sunday

Training will be at Savoy Park until the 20 Feb where training will transfer to Myrtleford P12. so the club can complete ground maintenance. Senior Men, Res & U18's will be advised.

U11's TBC
U12/13's Wednesday night 5pm to 6pm
U14 Boys Wednesday night 6.30pm to 8pm
U14 Girls Tuesday night 6pm to 7.30pm
U16's Tuesday & Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30pm
Senior Men Reserves and U18's Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30pm
Senior Women & U17 Girls Monday & Thursday 7pm to 8.30pm

For more information contact

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<http://www.myrtlefordsoccer.com.au/>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Myrtleford-Savoy-Soccer-Club/117753788259283>

Free to good home

Two guinea pigs – need a family who will make contact with them regularly. The two pigs must stay together. See Heather (Principal) or Taya (Cycle 2 Moonstone) for more details.



Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children up to the age of 10 years.

Information sessions are being held on:

Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 6:00pm
Department of Human Services, 43-47 Rowan Street, **Wangaratta**

Thursday 6th March 2014 at 6:00pm
Department of Human Services, 163-167 Welsford Street, **Shepparton**

For further information please contact:
Adoption & Permanent Care Program
☎: 5832 1552 or 5832 1559.



The Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre

Invites you to join us for breakfast on

Saturday, March 8th, 2014

to celebrate International Women's Day

9am, 30 Ford Street Beechworth

Guest Speaker

Jodie Goldsworthy

Director, Beechworth Honey

RSVP: 4th March

Email: manager@bnc.net.au

Phone: 5728 2388

Cost: \$20

International Women's Day 2014 Theme:

INSPIRING CHANGE



Yoga Workshops
 Master Practitioner
 Dr. Catherine Bakody



Sunday 9th March, 2014

10am-1pm *Breath, Movement & Alignment*
2pm-5pm *The Luminous Body*

Please bring a mat and a bolster or cushion
 Suitable for beginners to instructors

Location

Beechworth Senior Citizen's Hall,
 Harper Avenue, Beechworth

Investment

Morning or Afternoon Session—\$60
 Full Day—\$110

Early Bird Special

must be paid before 24th February

Half Day—\$50 **Full Day—\$100**

*Light refreshments provided
 BYO water & lunch, or visit one of
 Beechworth's cafés (strictly 1 hour lunch break)*

Morning Workshop

10am-1pm

**Breath, Movement
& Alignment**

*Release the physical constraints
 you have unconsciously created
 for yourself and discover what it
 feels like to inhabit a body
unrestricted by old patterns of
belief. Rediscover easeful,
natural breath and alignment.*

Afternoon Workshop

2pm-5pm

The Luminous Body

*This workshop is particularly
 good for anyone struggling
 with chronic low energy
 states and depleted
immunity, and equally good
 for anyone who wishes to
 regain their sense of
radiance and joy.*

Bookings Essential

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