



Week 3 - Term 4

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DIARY DATES

Term 4:

October

30th Wednesday – Grandparents Day 10am – 12 noon

November

4th Monday – Report Writing day

5th Tuesday – Melbourne Cup

6th – 8th Wednesday – Friday – Cycle 3 Camp, Melbourne

11th Monday – Remembrance Day 11am

19th Tuesday – Piano Recital Night 7.00pm

22nd Friday – Official Opening – State and Federal Parliament representatives in attendance

December

2nd Monday – Reports due to Admin

13th Friday – Reports distributed

17th Tues - Graduation Concert, Memorial Hall 4-6pm

18th Wed - Last day for students 3.15pm finish

19th & 20th Thursday & Friday – Pupil free days

From the Principal

Congratulations to Donna Hughes, our Turquoise Assistant on being awarded Scout's Australia's silver arrowhead for excellent service. Donna was among 6 scout leaders from the NE who were recognised for their contribution to the Scout movement and to young people.

Tours of the School

On Sunday 27th at 12 noon and 4pm, and Thursday 31st at 5.30pm I will be holding tours of the building. These tours are open to the public as well as for those parents who were not able to attend tours in the first week during school hours. No need to book – just turn up.

Grandparents Day

Next Wednesday is Grandparents Day from 10am – 12 noon in all rooms. Morning tea will be provided and we invite all grandparents to visit the rooms

with their grandchildren to see what a Montessori child does at school. Students will become the teachers and will show their family members their favourite activities and lessons. We hope you can attend.

Wet Weather

We had a taste today of how the school will function on wet weather days. At present the grounds do not have sufficient vegetation cover to allow children outside to play – mud and clay made it impossible for safe play. Over time the lack of ground cover issue will not exist however we do not have internal spaces for wet weather active play until we are able to convert the old section of the building into a large indoor multiuse space. This will take time, money and energy, therefore we hope that those parents with skill and interest in grant writing will come forward to help in this area. We also seek the support of our community in landscaping the outdoor areas – read below regarding the next working bee. Best wishes, Heather

Working Bee

Sunday 27th 9 – 12 noon to work on the fenced area at the southern end of the building and to whippersnip the grassed areas of the school. Bring along a whipper snipper if you have one/lawnmower, wheelbarrow, gardening tools. Mark Ladbrook will be the contact person for the working bee – you can contact him on 0419 616 583 or simply turn up on the day.

General News

PIANO RECITAL

On Tuesday 19th November we will be holding our 3rd Annual Beechworth Montessori Piano Recital. This is an opportunity for our budding young piano players to get performance experience and to demonstrate their talents. Everyone is welcome! The recital will be held at The Old Priory starting at 7.00pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing you there!

It would be very helpful if a couple of people could offer to help set up chairs at 6.00pm. If you are willing to help out with this, would you please give Peter Benson a text on 0411 127 335. Thank you.

CYCLE 4 – ADOLESCENT MONTESSORI

Dear Parents of children in Cycle 3 (Years 4&5)

Beechworth Secondary College is considering introducing Cycle 4 of the Montessori program as part of their offerings at the school in the future. The principal, John Hunter, would like to meet with Cycle 3 parents to outline how it is envisioned the program will operate, to answer any questions arising and to gain a sense of the likely level of support from Beechworth Montessori parents.

This program would be run entirely by Beechworth Secondary College however it is envisaged that we would work in collaboration with the staff in the program.

The meeting will be held at Beechworth Montessori School on Tuesday October 29th at 7.00pm. Location will be determined by the size of the group attending. Therefore your RSVP by Tuesday lunchtime would be appreciated.

A letter has been placed in parent pockets with this information.

Physical Education

If anyone has any tennis racquets that are not needed any longer, would you consider dropping these off at school as Cycle 2&3 students will be doing tennis this term? Students may like to bring their own racquet on Thursdays.

P&F News

Our School Raffle with Scouts raised \$834 which will go towards the grounds and landscaping. Thanks to everyone who sold or purchased tickets.

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 receive a donation of at least \$150.

10 Dozen bottles, we receive a donation of at least \$400.

15 Dozen bottles, we receive 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 a previous newsletter. If you require a form please call into the office. Orders must be received at the office by Friday November 8th to ensure early December delivery.

Tots and Transition News from Ruby Room

Hello and a big welcome from Mel, Heather and Michaela to everyone attending our new Ruby room and outdoor play environment. It is a wonderful space, a lot larger than the previous one and dare I say...we have 2 toilets, one for children and one for adults which makes a big difference to all users (very basic I know but we are all grateful) and running water as the children have discovered!

This week seems to have gone well with adults and children settling into the new space. The children appear to have adapted to it and have got straight into exploring the environments and the activities.

A big thank you to all those families who helped us move out of the old and into the new it was incredible to see so many willing hearts, hands and trailers; also to the Ryan family, Ruby, Mabel, Tilly and Daisy as well; Clint McWilliam, Sean Pieper, Gunther, John Griffin, Skye Cutter and Brodie who helped with the outdoor play areas and the inside unpacking and setting up of rails etc. and to anyone else we may have missed. We could not have had it ready in time without your valuable help.

Also thank you to Scott and Tegan –Taj, Marley and Layla – for the generous donation of rocks and tile pavers and to John Griffin for more plants, shade cloth, trellis and brick pavers

Welcome to our new children and families who are starting in the transition program this term; Mary her family Gina, Terry and little Emil, Lily, Hugo, Charlie, Lenny and his family Pip, Paul and little Charlotte. If you have any questions regarding your child please see Mel or Michaela as we would be happy to assist.

Hats

Now it is term 4 we all need to be wearing hats during outside time. There is sunscreen available for your use. If sunscreen is not your preference then long sleeved thin cotton shirts may help avoid too much sun.

Second play area

You may or may not have noticed the fenced area at the rear of the Ruby room and the building itself. This is designated as our second play area for the children but it does need some creative and practical ideas to make it work. We are inviting you to share with us as to what sort of experiences you would like to see your child have. Some ideas already are; a tunnel for the children to crawl through; a soft fall area so they can experience climbing; natural screening in places for privacy; a water wall; a baby and toddler swing; pathway for riding a tricycle. If you would like to share your ideas there is a pin board in the Ruby room for you to write them down. It would be wonderful to see this get up and going so let's not hesitate... we are holding two days to meet with those interested in **Ruby room this Thursday 24th October at 1130am and next Wednesday 30th October 2.45pm** prior to pick up time to work out a ground plan of where things may go. All welcome.

In the next few weeks we will be looking at insects, seed planting and caring for these seeds as well as our new plants and some cooking activities. Did you notice the succulents growing in the new garden bed? Thank you John for your donation of these.

Enjoy and thank you.
Mel, Heather and Michaela

PS Wanted one handyperson able to hang a garden hose rack into brick wall in Tots garden near tap there.

Cycle 1 News

The Cycle 1 children have settled into the new Emerald and Amethyst rooms very well and are enjoying the outdoor play space. We still have some minor tweaking of routines but overall the transition for the children has been extremely smooth. We have deliberately kept the equipment and educational content relatively unchanged from the end of Term 3 to minimise changes for the children. As the term progresses, we will keep you up to date with new program plans.

The children and staff would like to extend a warm thank you to Seane, Mark, Clint and Paul who worked very hard over the school holidays to prepare the playground ready for the children to explore and enjoy on the first day of school at our new site.

Both rooms have had a gardening afternoon where families were invited to help the children further improve the yard. We planted the plants lifted from the old site, sowed grass seed, filled tyres with soil, lifted the bulbs and put into cold store and started the vegetable garden. We would like to thank all the families who attended the gardening afternoons. It is important that children have a hat and appropriate footwear (no crocs or thongs) for outdoor play. If they do not then they will need to stay indoors or at the lunch tables.

Community News



What do Parents Think?

Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their

families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40 \$100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes>

Or For more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan at 08 6488 6928

Rachel Moon Clothing will be at the next Beechworth farmers market. 1st Saturday of the month. Many of you have seen or heard of my creations. I'll have my full range of clothing available on the day. Hope to see you there.

For Sale

2 sets of bunks
1 x blue tubular
1 x white tubular
\$200 each with mattresses in good condition

2 brown suede couches – super comfy
1 x 2 seater
1 x 3 seater
Excellent condition
\$500 set

1x 5.5 Simpson Esprit top load washing machine
Excellent working condition \$200

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2013 BEECHWORTH RAILWAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH - 10AM TO 5PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST - 10AM TO 4PM

The Beechworth Railway Weekend celebrates the railway history of Beechworth and North East Victoria. The recently built Beechworth Model Railway is on permanent display in the Old Telegraph Station. Visitors will be able to send telegrams just as in the "Railway Age" courtesy of The Beechworth Morsecodians. Across the road there will be a major model railway display in The Beechworth Memorial Hall featuring several layouts in different scales, both modern and vintage. Retail traders will be selling model railways and railway memorabilia. Walking tours will explore the old Beechworth railway station area and yard. The Australian Railway Historical Society (Victorian Division) Inc. will be in attendance and give a talk each day on railway history and anecdotes.

ADMISSION CHARGES

ADULTS - \$4.00

CHILDREN (5 to 16) - \$2.00

FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) - \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5 YRS - FREE

NO CONCESSIONS

CHILDREN UNDER 16

YRS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT AT ALL TIMES

All proceeds go towards preserving the railway history of Beechworth. The railway to Beechworth was closed in 1976. Our aim is to preserve its memory.

For more information:

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(program subject to change without notice)

(authorized by J. Harvey, Secretary, Beechworth Memorial Hall Committee)

GARAGE SALE- MOVING HOUSE

28 Barnard Street, Beechworth

Saturday 26th October

8.30am-3pm

Furniture, household goods, baby/kids toys and equipment, garden and building materials and loads more.....