



## Week 4 - Term 4

**30 October 2013**

*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

### DIARY DATES

#### Term 4:

#### October

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

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

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

### 2014

January 30 – First day for students

*Please note that Monday is a Pupil Free Day and Tuesday is Melbourne Cup holiday. The school will be closed on both these days.*

*Students return to school on Wednesday.*

## Committee of Management News

Last Tuesday night the Beechworth Montessori Committee of Management participated in an information session with Independent Schools Victoria (ISV), the peak body supporting independent education in this state. We were fortunate to secure two senior members of the ISV – Michelle Green, Chief Executive, and Nigel Bartlett, Manager Funding and Accountability, to present to us on Good School Governance, including assessment of the financial position of a school.

In the context of our school, which is relatively young, the session had real resonance for us as a Committee of Management, as we continue our journey of growth and consolidation – at the time of the primary school's establishment in 2007 the

Committee was by necessity exactly that: a committee of management, very much involved in the day to day operational running of the organisation. However, the Committee has for some time been moving away from this role to a role aligned with the governance of the school.

In essence the ISV characterises the three primary roles of a school governing body as being to:

- \* establish and review the vision and strategic direction of the school
- \* appoint the Principal to implement the vision and run the school
- \* provide the resource to enable the Principal to carry out their role

The session was extremely informative and we took much from it, agreeing that a similar session would be beneficial following the election of each new Committee to ensure that members are clear on what is involved in being on the Committee.

At our General meeting on Thursday, we then took the opportunity of formalising some of the elements of good governance which will enhance our role, including changes to sub-committee structures, altering our meeting protocols and canvassing ideas to improve the rules of association which govern our organisation.

On an entirely different matter, I am sure I speak on behalf of all parents and friends in again formally acknowledging the work of Heather and our staff in the school relocation – we are very proud of the efforts of all members of our

team who have gone well and truly beyond their official capacities. We look forward to harnessing that collaborative, “anything’s possible” attitude that has and will continue to make this organisation really special.

Pamela Walpole,  
President

## From the Principal

Students are actively engaged in raising funds for their school – a group from Cycle 2 came with \$36 raised from selling friendship bracelets. There are plans for other ideas so we are keen to co-ordinate it through a Montessori Market Day to be held on Friday mornings from 8.45 – 9.15 and again at 11.45 – 12.15. We are keen to capture the enthusiasm of children but also mindful of repeated requests for money from parents and issues with children having money at school. More details will come re. this concept as the classroom teachers work with the students.

Over 50 people attended this morning’s first grandparents day. The rooms were abuzz with activity, wonder and joy. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along. We will now do a review and schedule this on our annual calendar of events, making any changes that are suggested – both by staff and community members. If you have a comment re. the day, please let me know.

Kind regards  
Heather

## Working Bees

Thanks to Mark, Mick and Rebecca for their work on the weekend.

## General News

### P&F News

There has been sufficient interest expressed to be able to decide that Loads of Clothes Market will run again in 2014. A planning meeting will be held towards the end of term to set a date for the market and to commence advertising for sellers. If you are interested in being part of the team, please let Heather know and we will organise a time and day that suits. In the meantime please pass the word around so that people can sort through their clothes.

## Scooter News

A meeting of all interested students in Cycle 3 was held last week. The group decided on the following:

That they would like to use a space at school.

That a team of Finn Jakobsson, Elias Haebich, Tas Kearney, Lukas Jakobsson and Liam McMullen will design one or two ramps, producing sketches, measurements and if necessary, as a template for wooden ramps which will be made by the Men’s Shed.

The group agreed that they would run the barbecue stall during the Celtic weekend, which will be located outside the Bendigo Bank, to raise money for the ramps and a roof for the bike and scooter cage. Parents will be needed to support this effort.

## Cycle 2 News

### Moonstone

The students heard the Second Great Story, The Coming of Life last week and judging by their faces they were absolutely fascinated. Sally used all her creative powers to set up a glorious materials presentation. The following day Uncle Wally enthralled us with creation stories from The Dreaming which thrilled and captivated the students. One parent mentioned that her daughter recounted every story for the family at home.

For science we are studying the character of Water and why and how water sticks together, evaporation and condensation, why a meniscus forms and capillary action. Students will be conducting experiments to further discover and explore these principles. We are also studying classification and learning the rationale behind grouping animals and other organisms.

Could everyone interested in buying a bbq lunch for Friday ensure your order is placed by Thursday lunch time. This allows the chefs ample time to estimate the quantity of ingredients required for shopping. The chefs and Sally put their hearts and souls into preparing the freshest and healthiest meals.

## Turquoise

Zoology – questions you may like to ask...What are the 8 groups of invertebrates? What is an omnivore? Herbivore? Carnivore? What project(s) have you been working?

Sleepover – what a great night – hopefully the children thought the same. We would love to hear any feedback (good, bad or otherwise) regarding timing, food, activities etc. Reply by email or via the feedback box in the foyer.

Cooking- this terms focus is eggs. Over the first month children will be learning to independently prepare scrambled, fried and boiled eggs before we move onto recipes that feature eggs. How old should an egg be to pouch?

Turquoise would like to formally welcome Amelie into Turquoise. Amelie is travelling from Baranduda and we wish her and her family a smooth transition to Montessori.

## Cycle 3 News

### Across Both Rooms

#### Melbourne Camp

Please don't forget that your payment for camp is due this Friday. We'll see you bright and early at 7 am at the Wangaratta Station next Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November!

Kat & Khy

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#### Science- Electricity

In science we are doing circuits, and learning about how electricity works. Circuits was fun because we were pretty much making our own circuits and adding cool things like buzzers and motors.

#### Art

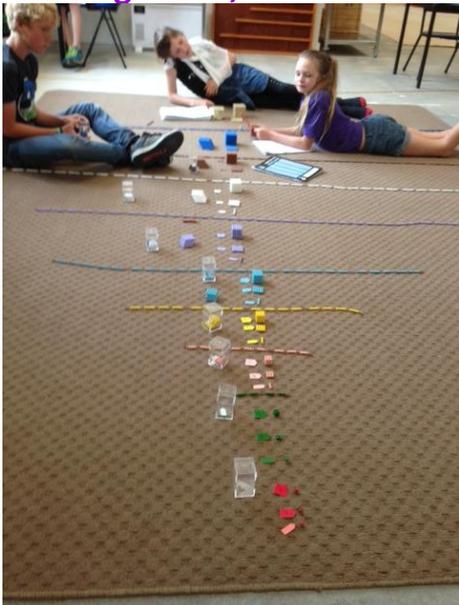
In art we are doing paper mosaics and have been working on self portraits.

#### Maths

The year 6 students have been working on the trinomial square and last week we were working on cubing small numbers. This week we have started building the binomial cube.

By Daniel and Finn

## Building cubes, fun with circuits, cooking for grandparents day



## Topaz

Students have embraced the idea of landscaping our Cycle 2 & 3 courtyard. There is a concept drawing in the foyer and outside Topaz/ Moonstone rooms showing the selection of natives which will be planted. To raise money for the plants, there are some free-range eggs for sale in the foyer- it won't take many sales to have enough money to plant out the beds.

Grandparents Morning was a huge success, very well attended and students were really glowing as they showed off the new building and their work to their significant elders. It really felt like a party in here! Thankyou for coming. Camp next week will be such fun and we are all anticipating some exciting educational experiences.

## Community News

### THE AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CHILDRENS CHOIR

The Australian Country Childrens Choir is a community childrens choir and invites children from all over the district to come and audition and be a part of a fantastic musical community.

The choir was formed with the intention of offering children the opportunity to return to some of our more traditional past times, extend their musical education and come together to learn to sing and perform a variety of genres with some acting and dancing to a wide audience.

What is unique about the choir is that it is affiliated with The Wangaratta Choristers.

The Wangaratta Choristers are looking to broaden their repertoire to cater to a larger audience and The ACCC are wanting to lift their repertoire and performance technique to a more professional level. The Australian Country Childrens Choir plan to continue their relationship with The Choristers and appreciate the much needed opportunity to bridge a gap between the two generations and return to a more traditional and respectful relationship with 'the elders' in their community.

There is no charge to being in The ACCC but a commitment to the group is required. Rehearsals are held on a Tuesday 4.30 – 5.30pm at Appin Park Primary School and the choir is preparing for a Christmas concert later in December.

If you have a child who might be interested in joining this group, please contact Céline Muir on 0414902191.

Rachel Moon Clothing will be at Beechworth farmers market this Saturday. Unique handcrafted women and children's clothing and accessories and more.

## TALKS, WALKS AND GAWKS

NOV 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup>



WITH DR KEN WALKER, MUSEUM VICTORIA

Dr Ken Walker is Senior Curator of Entomology and Arachnology at Museum Victoria. He joins us for this special series of public events. Hear his entertaining insights about the thousands of Australian native bee species, their adaptations and unique relationships with the flowers they rely on.

Dr Walker will also discuss the contribution you can make to spotting and sharing the many plant and animal species of our area, using the [BowerBird.org.au](http://BowerBird.org.au) website.

So whether you know a lot or a little about the bees, spiders, lizards, birds, plants and much more in our region, be sure to get along to one of Ken's talks, walks and gawks!

Entry by gold coin donation  
See over for session times & details

Learn about Australian native bees

Help to ID and record plant and animal species in our area using [BowerBird.org.au](http://BowerBird.org.au)

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Albury & Burrumbuttock

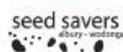
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> November  
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Thur 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Wangaratta

For more info:  
[ecoportal.net.au/event](http://ecoportal.net.au/event)

RSVP required to  
[karenretra@gmail.com](mailto:karenretra@gmail.com)  
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## WHERE & WHEN

TUESDAY 5th November	WEDNESDAY 6th November	THURSDAY 7th November
<b>TALK</b> <b>Albury</b> 9:30am - 11am Building 'O', rooms OG34 & 35, Albury TAFE, Poole St.	<b>TALK, WALK &amp; GAWK</b> <b>Baranduda</b> Schools session <i>Note this session is by invitation only.</i>	<b>TALK, WALK &amp; GAWK</b> <b>Wangaratta</b> 12:30pm – 2:30pm Eco Living Centre, HP Barr Reserve Community Centre, 8 Park Lane.
<b>TALK, WALK &amp; GAWK</b> <b>Burrumbuttock</b> 12:30pm – 2:30pm Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, Howlong Rd. (30 mins drive from Albury)	<b>TALK</b> <b>Thurgoona</b> 7pm - 8:30pm National Environment Centre, TAFE NSW, 97 Ettamogah Rd.	<b>TALK</b> <b>Wangaratta</b> 7pm - 8:30pm The Centre for Continuing Education, 17-19 Chisholm St. Plus: the chance to win a 'bee and butterfly' plant pack from Park Lane Nursery and Garden Centre.
<b>RSVP required</b> as seating is limited ... and to ensure we have a cuppa for you!		

All **TALKS** will include insights into the wonders of our native Australian bees as well as an introduction to the [BowerBird.org.au](http://BowerBird.org.au) website features and functions.

Sessions with **WALKS & GAWKS** will include a similar talk, held indoors, and then we'll go for a wander outside with Dr Walker to see what we can see and how we can use [BowerBird.org.au](http://BowerBird.org.au) to record what we find. Bring a camera along to these sessions if you can, as well as appropriate outdoor wear.



# A Night for Dads

An informative and friendly evening where you will have the opportunity to learn more about Child Development from prominent Paediatrician Terry Stubberfield.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions as well as meeting and chatting with other fathers.

## Details:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
6:00pm for a 6:30pm  
start until 7.30pm  
Nicholas Hotel, Beechworth

## RSVP:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to:  
Your Maternal and Child  
Health Nurse or Shelley  
Hammat on 0357281031  
or 0428 103 370

Finger food provided.



Man Girl Son  
Family Hands Daughter  
Love Mentor Leader Kind  
Teacher Learner  
Fun Child Father Carer  
Boy Heart

Beechworth Health Service, Gateway Community Health Service, Beechworth Secondary College and Indigo Shire are proud to present.

## Free Community Workshop in Party Safety



### Who's Looking After Your Party?

Warts and all workshop for parents, carers and teenagers on how to plan teen parties safely.

#### Topics Covered:

- Who is responsible
- Is your venue safe?
- Crowd Control
- Risk Planning with Alcohol
- Gatecrashers and unwelcome guests

#### And much more

Presented by Naomi Oakley from U-Nome Security

Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre

November 18<sup>th</sup> — 7pm — 8.30pm

Light Supper provided. Free

RSVP — 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013

For more information please contact



For more info or to RSVP contact:

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**Annette Walton**—Community Development  
Officer Youth Services Indigo Shire 02 6028  
1133 or awalton@indigoshire.vic.gov.au



~ celebration of spring ~  
thursday 31st october  
gathering 3.30-5 Town Hall Gardens  
(corner Ford & Williams streets) everybody welcome!  
bring food to share for a four o'clock feast:  
no tricks - just treats, fruit, whatever you fancy  
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bring lots of flowers, foliage, coloured ribbon or  
scraps of fabric and we will make a flower mandala  
in honour of this special time of year, in which  
nature brings forth new life and gives so much.  
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you can dress up as fairies or witches,  
those lovers of trees, plants & flowers -  
or as bees, beetles, butterflies or bugs  
who love plants equally so  
there will be treats!