



# Montessori Memo

Term 1

Week 5 – 24 February 2016

*Full newsletter will be distributed fortnightly with a brief memo in alternate weeks.*

**Hours of Operation at Beechworth Montessori:** Classrooms at Beechworth Montessori open at 8.30am so children can be dropped off any time from 8.30am. The work cycle and lessons **start** at 9am so please ensure your child is settled in their classroom and **working by 9am**. The best way for this to happen is to arrive by 8.50am, allowing children time to socialise and then select and settle to their work.

If you need to drop your child at the school earlier we do have limited places available in our Educational Care Program **from 8am**. Priority is given to children in our Early Years Programs. Alternatively there is a before and after school care program available for primary school aged children at Beechworth Primary School. Sessions run from 7am to 8.45am (\$10 per session) and 3.30pm to 6pm (\$14 per session). The school bus will pick up from there in the morning and drop off after school as well.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Cycle 1 & 2 Parent Teacher Interviews start next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Cycle 1 sheets are next to the sign in book. Cycle 2 sheets are in the Cycle 2 & 3 foyer. If you are unable to get into the school, please call us with your request for a time or email one through to [admin@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@bms.vic.edu.au).

**Be alert to symptoms and signs of measles:** Following the Victorian Chief Health Officer confirming an outbreak of measles in Brunswick and East Brunswick, including cases at a primary school, it is timely for parents and early childhood services to be alert to the symptoms and signs of measles.

Measles usually begins with a fever, sore throat, red eyes and a cough. A rash typically develops around three to seven days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body.

## **Thank you:**

Gunter Wild for spending time woodworking with our cycle 3 children.

Anthea Scott Crameri & Nicki Munroe for their work in the garden.

Charlotte Holden & Kestrel Scott Crameri for doing Meals on Wheels with Bronwen Martin & Dana Brazionis.

Harry Bussell for spraying the blackberries at the edge of the cycle 2 & 3 playground.

## **Would you like to learn the piano?**

Learning the piano can be an enjoyable, stimulating, rewarding activity for children and adults alike. It is a great introduction to learning other instruments and to lifelong music appreciation.

Peter Benson started teaching piano 29 years ago. He has a Bachelor of Creative Arts majoring in composition and jazz piano, and a Post Graduate Diploma in music education. He has played professionally as a solo performer and in various jazz line-ups for many years.

Piano lessons at Beechworth Montessori can be arranged during school time and after school. All levels taught from very beginners to advanced at \$32 for the first half hour lesson, then \$30 for all further half hour lessons given in one week.

Please call Peter Benson on 0411 127 335.

## **BEECHWORTH HOCKEY REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Come and register for the best sport in town.

First time player no worries come and have a chat with our friendly committee about how fun and family orientated our club is.

**Date: 2nd March**

**Where: Beechworth Primary School**

**Time: 5-7pm**





**Back Health:** Please keep your child's back health in mind when choosing a backpack. The Australian Physiotherapy Association recommend a bag that *fits the child* and has the following features:

- Wide shoulder straps that are comfortable and sit well on the shoulder
- Waist straps to help transfer some of the load
- A padded back support that allows the backpack to fit snugly to the back

**School Lunches:** Order forms are in the foyer and must be filled out by lunchtime Tuesday.  
Next week: Hamburgers



## IT'S FREE AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!

**Premier's Active April encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.**

Establishing the importance of physical activity during childhood can help ensure lifelong participation with resulting health, social, economic and environmental benefits for individuals and communities.

Families that register with Premier's Active April will be supported with healthy eating and physical activity tips and incentives.

Every participant will also receive:

- ▶ 10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
- ▶ 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- ▶ one free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- ▶ one free Get into Cardio Tennis session
- ▶ a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- ▶ entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals\*

You can help support your child by joining in Active April and being active as a family after school and on weekends.

**Go to [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au) to register today.**

**Active Children. Active Families.**



Terms and conditions for all prizes and offers apply. Visit [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au) for details.  
\*Winner receives two tickets to each of the 2017 men's and women's finals.