



Term 4 Week 5 – 5 November 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

6th October – 17th December

10½ weeks

1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup 4th November

1 pupil free day – Report Writing 3rd November

November

5th Wednesday – Parent Information Session 6-7pm. Supporting your Montessori child in literacy from birth to adolescence

7th Friday – Trivia Night 6-9pm at Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre
\$10 per person – Bookings essential through the Office

10th – 14th – Mon – Fri – Cycle 3 Camp Canberra

11th Tuesday – Remembrance Day 11am

14th Friday – Gum Tree Pie orders due

17th Mon – 21st Fri – Cycle 1 Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews.

18th Tuesday – Instrumental student performance evening at the Old Priory 7.30pm

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

28th Friday – Gum Tree Pie order delivery for pick up from 12noon

28th Friday – Graduation Presentation whole school gathering 2pm
- Graduation Dinner for Grade 6 children and parents 6pm

December

2nd Tuesday 2014 School Concert – Memorial Hall. 1.15pm

8th Mon – 12th Fri – Cycle 1 Prep Parent Teacher Interviews.

10th Wednesday – Volunteer Afternoon Tea 1.30-2.30pm

10th Wednesday – Major raffle tickets returned

12th Friday – Reports distributed

16th Tuesday – Major raffle drawn – at school

17th Wednesday Last day for students, end of Term 4, 3.15pm finish

***More dates to be added throughout the term.
Keep checking this section to stay informed***

**Thanks for your help in eliminating head lice
Whilst there has been progress there are still a
number of students with evidence of nits and
eggs. Keep the checks up until all eggs are gone.
Even if you use a chemical treatment the hair still
needs to be checked.**

From the Principal

Congratulations to Cathryn, Mick and Amelia on the birth on 29/10 of Baylee Erica – she will be warmly welcomed into the Montessori community.

Cycle 2&3 parents, your support would be appreciated in ensuring that children come to school in a school polo on days when excursions are being held. Whilst it not only helps staff identify and track the location of students in our care, it also gives a visual for our town of the school's presence in the community.

The Cycle 3 students and staff head off to Canberra on Monday for a week. Thanks to Kat for the work she has put into planning the camp – I know there are some very excited students. Thanks also to the parent helpers – Rob Holden and Mark Taylor – for attending. I would like to acknowledge that staff don't get paid extra for attendance at camps and leave their own families for the week. We value and appreciate their commitment to the holistic education of the child.

Kind regards, Heather

General News

TONIGHT – late RSVP to the office by 3pm please.

Trivia Night

Indigo Walker Stelling has organised a Trivia Night at the Neighbourhood Centre for this Friday night. A flyer was placed in parent pockets – if you are keen to attend and support Indigo's work please contact the office asap or this event will be cancelled.

P&F News

Due to popular demand we are able to offer a limited Gum Tree Pie drive again for November. If you are so impressed that you think you will be using up your supplies or you missed the last order – please complete the order form and return to school. We will be holding this again next year around March/April.

Orders due **Nov 14th** – no late orders can be accepted, with delivery November 28th.


Cycle 2 News



Moonstone

There are many aspects of learning in our school day. Investigating science concepts with Questacon, balancing and teamwork with Blueearth, multiplying large numbers and more. You are welcome to book an observation and come and experience the breadth and depth of the Montessori curriculum first hand.

Invitation



Supporting your Montessori child in literacy development

(Information relevant for parents and carers with children of all ages)


Wednesday November 5th
6.00—7.15pm
at Beechworth Montessori

Staff will provide an informative session, catering for children from birth to adolescence, on practical ways that parents and carers can support their child's literacy development.

Topics discussed will be how to communicate effectively with your child (speaking and listening), "props" and their limiting impact on literacy development, eye contact, stories & finger plays, appropriate reading materials, and much more. There will also be information on continuing literacy beyond the primary years into the adolescent program. There will be opportunities for questions.

A great opportunity to hear how you can support your child at home.

(If supervision for your child will prevent you from attending, please advise the office regarding possible arrangements.)



Please complete this slip and return to the office, or rsvp via email, phone or in person by Friday October 31st

Name/s of those attending: _____

I would utilise childminding if available. No. of children for care: _____



Turquoise

Turquoise has had a busy fortnight with visits from Milo Cricket and Questacon. The children enjoyed Milo cricket learning that simple games can be created in which everyone can participate and enjoy regardless of their level of skill. The Questacon team had the children totally engaged for the hour long show in which the children learned more about science, in particular flight and energy loss through two very interactive and informative shows. It was great to see so many of our families taking advantage of free entry for children on the Saturday Expo in Wangaratta.

Asia:

Have you been in to see the display of Nobori Banners in the corridor? The children are very pleased with their projects.



Science:

The past two weeks have seen the children learn about the different directions in which solids, liquids and gases exert pressure and then learned a little more about the behaviour of carbon dioxide with 3 separate experiments.

Cycle 3 News

Across Both Rooms

Cycle 3 Camp

Next Monday the 10th we leave for Canberra and our itinerary is jam packed with lots of exciting things. Please remember that camp forms and payments were due back by today. All students have been given a list of items to take to camp- please make sure that your child has all the items on the list. Departure time is 8am on Monday although please arrive no later than 7.45am so that we can pack the bus and leave by 8. We are aiming to arrive back at 6pm on the Friday.

Questacon Science Circus

Our visit from the Questacon Science Circus was really enjoyable and Terie and I found all the students came away feeling really excited about science and keen to do more and more experiments! Terie, Susi, Karen and I also attended a Questacon professional development session for teachers and came away with some really great ideas and fun experiments for teaching science.

Tigereye

The Grade 4s have been focusing on Australian geography this term and recently we have been learning about climatic zones and biomes. We have also been doing a bit of work with maps and have been exploring maps of Canberra. The Grade 5/6s have been learning about the three levels of government and their different roles. So far, we have looked at local government and state government. This week, we will begin looking at federal government in more detail in preparation for our trip to Parliament House in Canberra and the Museum of Australian Democracy. We've had some interesting chats about government, politics and politicians and I have found the Grade 5/6s to be very interested in these topics and keen to learn more.



Art

We've been working on portraits this term and started with pencil drawings either as self portraits or portraits of a classmate. Over the last few weeks students have been doing large pastel portraits/caricatures with an ink wash background. Keep an eye out in the Cycle 2/3 foyer where we plan to display them over the next few weeks.

Topaz

We are currently completing our time-line of Australian prime ministers and were saddened by the death of Gough Whitlam. Tas Kearney who was writing a brief biography about Whitlam and his life, assisted me to hold a memorial in honour of his service to Australia. We have found so many interesting facts about our prime ministers... did you know Kevin Rudd was homeless for part of his younger life, John Gorton served in World War 2 and survived two plane crashes and lived on an island subsisting on turtle eggs and several of our early prime ministers left school at twelve to work you support their families. Truly inspiring!

On Friday November 31st a group of students went on an excursion to Elizabeth's garden for botanical drawing and drew some amazing drawings of flowers, roses or bunches of flowers. We used water colours paints, coloured pencils and took our art folders. Recently at school a year 6 student Stephanie Holden has been teaching a botanical drawing art class with the year 4 and they have been drawing great pictures of flowers. It was quite a hot day, but they all had a great time. Now watch out for the coming art exhibition. By Stephanie



Community News

Vic Swim flyer available in the foyer. 2015 vic swim lessons are now open for enrolment

Jan 5-9, Jan 12-16, Jan 19 – 23 \$25 per child per program

www.vicswim.com.au

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



Sunday 9th 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

If you would like to find out more about:

- Classical Guitar lessons
- Junior Music Classes
 - Mandarin Classes
 - Music for functions
- Our coming Guitar Duo concert

in Beechworth, please go to
www.bulmersinbeechworth.com



SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW PLANTER BOX WORKSHOP



BNC is holding a workshop on how to create your own planter boxes. Spring is the perfect time to be planting your garden and a recycled timber planter box would make a beautiful feature in your garden. Come and learn how to create your own beautiful planting box.

You will receive printed instructions to take home as well as a flat pack of materials needed to create your own planter box.

You will also receive expert tuition on how to assemble and build your project.

Where: BNC Kitchen Garden (behind the BNC)
Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre, 30 Ford St, Beechworth
When: Saturday 7th Nov 2014
Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm
Cost: \$25.00

HURRY, limited places available for this special workshop so please book your place by Monday 2nd Nov 2014.
Call us on 03 5728 2386 or email on kitchen@bnc.net.au

2 Cheese Making Workshops



Local Cheese Maker Marilyn Webster will be 2 one day Cheese making Workshops

Soft Cheese

- You will make Feta, Haloumi, 2 different types of Camembert and Ricotta
- All milk, cultures, rennet and equipment are supplied
- Bring four plastic containers (about a litre size)
- Recipes supplied
- Bring plastic gloves if you wish

**SAT 15TH NOV
2014**

Hard Cheese**

- You will make either Parmesan, Cheddar, Pecorino or Mozarella
- As for Soft cheese, recipes, milk, culture and rennet supplied
- Bring 1 litre containers
- Old clothes

SAT 22ND NOV 2014

Where: Beechworth Neighbourhood Centre, 30 Ford St, Beechworth
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Cost: \$75.00 per class

There are very limited places available for this course so please book your place as soon as possible.
Call us on 03 5728 2386 or email on kitchen@bnc.net.au

**Please note that you must have attended the Soft cheese class as a pre requisite for the Hard Cheese



Weekly Silver Creek Sourdough School Bread Order



Silver Creek
Sourdough

To help raise funds for the Corena solar power project at Beechworth Montessori, Silver Creek Sourdough will donate thirty cents from each loaf ordered through and delivered to school. Bread will be available from 12pm every Wednesday. You can order for one week or the remaining weeks of term.

Types of bread (all \$6.00 per loaf)

White Country Sourdough
Silver Sourdough
Spelt and Honey Sourdough
Traditional handcrafted sourdough made with Australian organic flours (white, rye, wholemeal, spelt), water, herbs, local honey, sea salt.

Spelt and Rye Sourdough
Rye Sourdough
Rye with Fennel and Caraway Seeds

For more information or to place an order please contact Louise 0143 087 563
silvercreeksourdough@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/silvercreeksourdoughbakery>

Photography Workshop

Brenda Pomponio from 13 Acres and Erin Hartwig from Beechworth Photographers are combining their knowledge and experience to offer a interactive beginners workshop.

This practical workshop is perfect if you've recently purchased a Digital SLR camera. We'll work through the foundations of photography with you - exposure, aperture, shutter speed, lenses and composition and explore what makes a great photo. Learn some of the digital language, get an understanding of file formats, DPI and Resolution.

You'll be guided through some practical shooting tasks on a town walk around some of Beechworth's historic architecture. Come and enjoy a day with Brenda and Erin and learn how to get the most out of your digital camera.

Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera

Sunday November 16th 10am-2pm

For more info contact Brenda 0411 845 180 or hello@13acres.com.au

Cost \$170 (lunch provided) early bird \$150 if you book by 17th October. Venue - the old stone hall 7 Church Street Beechworth.



Spring Sewing Workshops

Next workshop...

Sunday 16th Nov

Sew your own summer top
or dress

Learn skills such as sewing bias facings & french seams. Choice of 2 patterns with lots of options to customise + the price includes the printable pdf pattern so you can make them as many times as you like!

Register online...

www.thecraftyfox.com.au

Questions? Call Amber 0429 400 911

BEECHWORTH PRODUCE SWAP

Sat 8th November @ 10am

at the Beechworth Community Garden



EVERYONE WELCOME!

Bring along whatever you have to share!

SWAP YOUR **LEMONS** for some **EGGS**

OR YOUR **RHUBARB** for some **SEEDLINGS**

garden produce | preserves | plants & seeds

Plus join the conversation
about re-invigorating the
community garden!

An initiative of the Beechworth Urban Landscape
& Sustainability Group



Supported by:



For more info: Amber Croft 0429 400 911



NEW SESSIONS

Outside the Box!

Yoga Classes being held at Beechworth
Montessori School starting November 10th

Cost \$42 for 6 weeks 45 minute class

Jelly Beans Class **4-10yo** 3.30-4.15 Mondays

Banana Benders Class **4-10yo** 3.30-4.15 Fridays

Maximum 10 kids per class

Phone Deb Reeves (Matilda & Kendra's Mum)

0407 531 510 to enrol