

Term 4
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Term 4

5th October – 16th December

11 weeks

1 pupil free days – Report Writing Day

1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup

November

11th Wednesday – Cycle 1 Family Picnic

11th Wednesday – Remembrance Day 11am

12 Thursday – Cycle 3 Burke Museum Excursion 16th Monday
– 20th Friday – Cycle 1 kindergarten parent teacher
interviews

17th Tuesday – Instrumental student performance evening

19th Thursday – Cycle 2 & 3 Beechworth Goldfields excursion

25th Wednesday – Grandparents Day Cycle 1 10-11am, Cycle
2&3 11-12noon

December

4th Friday – Cycle 1 Prep reports distributed

4th – Graduation and Farewell Assembly 1pm, Graduation
Dinner 6pm

7th Monday – 10th Thursday – Cycle 1 Prep parent teacher
interviews

7th Monday – 11th Friday – Cycle 3 Sovereign Hill &
Queenscliff Camp

9th Wednesday - Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2.00-2.45pm

11th Friday – Cycle 2 Big Day Out

11th Friday – Cycle 2&3 reports distributed

16th Wednesday – End of Term 4. 3.15pm finish

18th & 19th Thursday & Friday – Pupil free days

Please note that due to yesterday's weather, the
Cycle 2 & 3 Goldfields excursion has been
postponed until Thursday Nov 19th.
No new permission form will be required.

General News

A Request from the office.....

Did you attend the play last week? Do you have any
great photos or footage of the event? If so, we would
appreciate a copy. Please bring in on a memory stick,
send to admin@bms.vic.edu.au or contact Feona for
dropbox details. Thank you.

Term 4 Icypoles for Sale

Icypoles will be available for sale Friday lunchtimes for
Cycle 2 and 3 children. Children will only be sold a single
icypole – not multiple. Children will be able to choose
from lemonade, raspberry or cola.

No pre-ordering required, simply bring along your 50c
and purchase your icypole once you have finished
eating your lunch. This will continue each Friday unless:
1) children walk around with their icypole as opposed
to sitting and eating, or 2) rubbish is left in the yard.
If these occur, icypoles will not be for sale the following
Friday.

Thanks
Turquoise.

Coffee

I, Edan, have started up a coffee stall every
Thursday in the morning, selling coffees at
three dollars a cup. It's an enterprise and
the money will be going towards some
equipment, coffee and milk and might put
it towards an enclosure for the guinea
pigs. I've made a profit of about thirty
dollars and am hoping to make much more
soon.
Thanks Edan

Lemongrass Café Lunch Orders

Orders need to be handed in by
Wednesday afternoon

\$3.50 per sushi roll

❖ Choices:

Egg & Salad

Tuna & Avocado

Teriyaki Chicken

Collect an order form from the foyer, place
your order and **correct money** in a **zip lock
bag** and place in the Form Lodgement Box
in the foyer. No credit possible and money
must be in a zip lock bag. Orders to be
placed at school by Wednesday 11th
Nov.3pm – late orders cannot be accepted.

Lost Property

Cycle 2 & 3 students – A
reminder that any
unclaimed items will be
donated to a charity
shortly.

School Photos

Photo Orders will be ready for collection from next **Friday 13th**

November.

Please note: There will be additional cardboard available for those
being transported home in school bags.

Thanks again for your order!

Erin

Cycle 1 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews for all children in our Cycle 1 *Kindergarten* program will be held in the week starting Monday 16th November. Interview times are as shown. There is a Parent Teacher interview booking sheet in the foyer. Please fill in your details in the spaces provided. Alternatively email your request for a time to info@bms.vic.edu.au or call us in the office.

Please note that Parent Teacher Interview for Prep children will not be held until December, *after* reports have been distributed.

	Amethyst Martina	Emerald Lynda
Monday 16/11	3.30pm – 5.10pm	3.30pm – 5.50pm
Tuesday 17/11	3.30pm – 5.10pm	3.30pm – 4.50pm
Wednesday 18/11	3.30pm – 5.10pm	3.30pm – 5.50pm
Tuesday 24/6	3.30pm – 5.10pm	

Hothouse Theatre

On Thursday 22nd. The Hot House Theatre, came to show the year 4s and 5s across both classes about frozen pictures, and how to act them out. We played a game where we made frozen postcards with our bodies such as greetings from the beach and greetings from the moon; there were aliens, crabs and schools of fish. Soon after we made groups and then made a short play with three parts in them: the beginning, the problem and the happy ever after. Later, we brought them to life. My group did one about a painter that did a painting on a lady and her pig, then it came to life. So he erased it but the pig lost its hoof. Amelie was the painter, Pipa was the lady, Arnya and Ruby were narrators and I was the the pig. It was so much fun.
By Madeleine



The Beginning of Life Production

We would like to say thank you for coming to Montessori's school production. We all enjoyed making this play happen, making props, costumes, dances, scripts and everything else that has to be done to organise a production. I learnt a lot of great things like how to call the council, organising people and also organising props, how to speak at staff meetings, how to write a running sheet and so so much more, this list could literally go on forever.

A big thank you to Matt Spiker for being our sound and lighting guy, Wiggy for coming up with the designs for the cute cycle 1 costumes, Danielle Bell for choreographing the cycle 2 dance and suggesting fantastic important things that need to be done in a play, all the teachers and assistants for supporting the idea and helping, Kat's mum Pat Beaton for spending hours making backing tracks to all of the song in the play, to Kat for just doing a lot of amazing and helpful things just to make the play work. Also thank you to Oli's mum, Polly who kindly picked up and dropped off the microphones and UV light in Albury and Anthea Scott for her crucial help on the day! Thank you to Ruby R, Caitlin, Mia, and all of the kids for participating even when the rehearsals got a bit tedious.

Thanks again
Eadie Pfahlert

Ruby Room News

Hi ELOC families,
We welcome back Michaela this week who looks reenergised after her extended break. We hope you and your children enjoyed the extended weekend and found time to recharge and play in the glorious Spring weather. Last week our ELOC children enjoyed many Practical Life skills including making fruit smoothies/icy poles. Children practiced cutting, peeling and dicing strawberries, bananas and watermelon before blending and drinking. Some children preferring to freeze and enjoy later.



Another practical life experience was raking the courtyard sandpit, clearing it from the leaf litter and transferring it into the backyard compost bin. Most of them wanting to give themselves more space in the sandpit for digging and moving tractors through man made roads and tunnels.

It has been a pleasure spending time with your children and getting to know some children who attend sessions in the Emerald and other Ruby room sessions. Thank you to Geraldine for all her help over the past 4 weeks. Together we have enjoyed watching the children create and move independently in this space whilst learning about their unique and varied interests.

Hope to see you soon

Lisa & Geraldine

Cycle 1 News

We invite all cycle 1 families to join us for a picnic lunch in the cycle 1 courtyard from 11.30 on Wednesday 11 November. BYO lunch (no shared food please due to allergies and intolerances) and picnic rug. If you are unable to make it, please send along something for your child to eat so that they can join in the fun until picked up at 12pm. If the weather is unsuitable we'll picnic in classrooms.

Amethyst

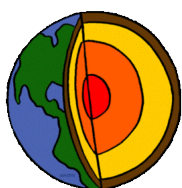
Each child needs to have a broad brimmed hat with their name on so they can play outside. Can you remind your child to put their hat in their school bag and also to put on sunscreen before they come to school each day as we begin the morning with outdoor play.

5 steps to be SunSmart

Cancer Council Australia recommends Australians take five steps to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV Alert indicates the UV Index is at 3 or above:

- Slip on some sun-protective clothing - that covers as much skin as possible
- Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen - make sure it is broad spectrum and water resistant. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- Slap on a hat - that protects your face, head, neck and ears
- Seek shade
- Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards

This information comes from the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology. You can read more at http://www.bom.gov.au/uv/about_uv_index.shtml



We hope you enjoyed the school concert, the children had fun as well as working hard to learn the steps, the words to the song, make the costumes and perform on the night. Thank you for your warm congratulations, which encouraged the children enormously.

We have been continuing our study of animals this term focusing on insects which tied in beautifully with the learning journey of the creation of life. We discovered there are scientific names for parts of the insect: head, thorax, abdomen, as a beginning. We discovered the lifecycles of many insects, especially beetles, caterpillars and bees. We have been watchful for interesting bugs found flying, hiding and crawling around the playground, all of which gives focus and hands-on experience to our budding entomologists.

Emerald

Our eggs that were due to hatch on Thursday 5 November started early and we are at the time of writing, proud parents of 4 ducklings with further action in 3 chicken eggs. As part of the process of learning about the lifecycle and care of the birds, we have an overnight roster set up so that families can take home a small number of birds each night and/or over weekends. We include a booklet of photos and classroom activities to share with you along with a journal for families to record their experiences with these little bundles of joy. If you would like to be involved (this invitation is open to the whole school), please put your name down on the overnight roster outside Emerald room.



We have started a classroom art project which will be contributed to by all children over a number of lessons. Wiggy has constructed a very funky new umbrella stand made from tyres which is used to support our outdoor umbrella – this great new creation is on wheels so that it can be shifted around as our needs for shade change!! We will be picking out the pattern in the tyres to paint and colour and will do this as an activity of mindfulness. Keep an eye out for this new addition to our playground.

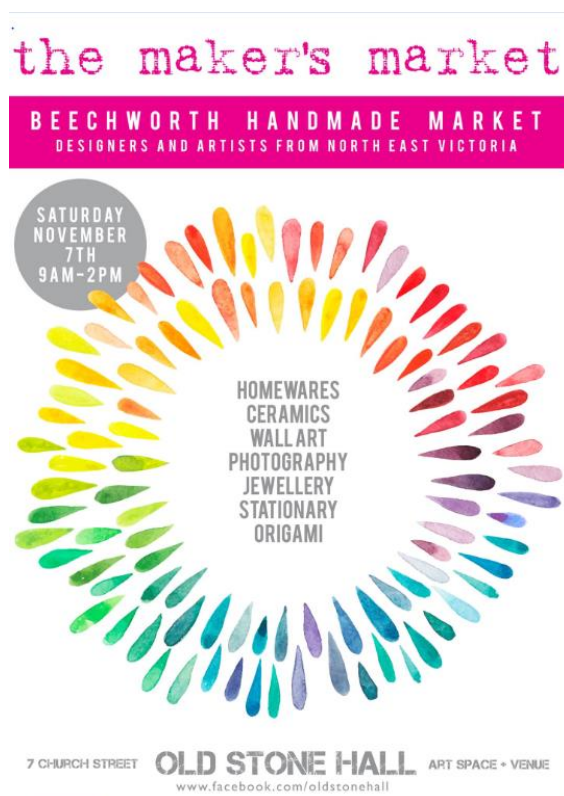
Thanks to everyone who was able to come along and share in the whole school performance last week. The children really enjoyed the rehearsals, the costume making, the walk to the hall and the performing. We have had very positive feedback from families and would like to offer our congratulations to Eadie Pfahlert on a very successful project!

Welcome to Jemima and her parents Kylie and Clayton, and to Greta and her parents Jodie and Tong as they finalise their transition into Emerald over the coming weeks. As our school aged children are transitioning to cycle 2 it is lovely to have our numbers boosted by 3 year olds beginning their kinder experience.

We will be holding parent teacher interviews for children enrolled in the kinder programs on 16, 17 and 18 November. Check the booking sheet in the foyer for times. Interviews for school aged children will be held in December after reports are distributed.



Community News



Movie for the kids and a night out for you?

Consider this...

Give the children an early tea, put them in their PJs, drop them off at school at 6pm where they can enjoy a G rated movie with friends, or quiet reading, colouring etc...

Then you and your partner enjoy a meal out without the children!

Collect the children by 8pm, and tuck them into bed.

Sounds appealing doesn't it?

Cost? Only....

**\$10 for 1 child, \$15 for 2 children
\$20 for 3 children**

All money contributes towards Amber's China fund.
Supervision provided by Amber and Karen Bowey

When? October 23rd, November 6 & 20

Book at karenb@bms.vic.edu.au

Engaging Parents in Career Conversations

Career Information Evening for parents of all Year levels

PARENTS :

- Do you know how to advise your child about Career choices?
- Do you know about the resources available for students and parents?
- When should you start talking to your child about Careers?

Come to our Careers Information Evening on the 11th of November at 6 pm in the library to find out the answer to these questions and more.