



## Week 6 - Term 4

**13 November 2013**

*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

### DIARY DATES

#### Term 4:

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

## From the Principal

The official opening of our new school is Friday week, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. Senator Scott Ryan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education will be attendance. Also attending will be Minister Wendy Lovell, State Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development. Bill Tilley as the member for Benambra will also be in attendance. Invited guests include members of the Block Grant Authority where the majority of funding for the project came from. Brendan McGrath, CEO of Indigo Shire and Peter Croucher, Deputy Mayor will be attending, in addition to representatives from Montessori Australia Foundation and Plenty Valley and Melbourne Montessori Schools.

A request for parents and interested others to please rsvp your intention to attend so that we can adequately prepare for the event. This will be a big event on our calendar and will have press coverage.

This week Dianne Davis has been here working with myself and staff in a consultant's capacity. Dianne was the Principal of Plenty Valley and Melbourne Montessori schools and is now the Principal at Gisborne. She is a trainer with Montessori World Educational Institute and a consultant who works with schools in varying roles. She was also received a National Excellence in Teaching award in the area of Leadership. Dianne has visited our school to support, assess and work with staff and myself and the opportunity has been rewarding and affirming. I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with Dianne in her new role at Gisborne and cannot understate how much we have appreciated her visit.

I will be absent Thursday attending a meeting of Victorian Montessori Principal in Melbourne

Thanks for Sophal Hopp and Stephanie Holden for representing the school on Monday at the Remembrance Day service and for making the floral arrangement. Each year we ask two students from Cycle 3 to represent the school at the Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services. The girls capably and respectfully fulfilled the role this year.

We are currently in the process of interviewing staff for the advertised positions. Appointments have been made for the Cycle 2&3 Director's positions – Susi Allen will be returning to the Moonstone Director's role and Terie Quealy has been appointed as the Topaz Director. Announcements regarding the Cycle 1 assistant and specialists will be made as soon as applicable.

*Kind regards, Heather*

## Beechworth Secondary College – Adolescent Montessori Stream

If you are intending to support the Cycle 4 program, please contact the school so they can factor in planning for training and budgeting and so on for 2014. Contact John Hunter, Principal [Hunter.John.P@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Hunter.John.P@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## General News

### Early years survey

Parents of children in the kindergarten program would have received an email inviting them to complete a survey on our service delivery. If you haven't received this email or would like more information, please contact Heather. Your responses will guide our quality improvement plan.

## P&F News

Have you noticed the finished fence bordering the Cycle 2/3 outdoor area, along Gilchrist Avenue? The purchase of materials for the fence was made possible thanks to the very generous donation of \$2000 from the Beechworth and District Community Bank. It is due to the members of our Montessori community banking with the Community Bank that they are able to put money back into projects such as ours, and we are very grateful to them for their support.

An enormous thanks must go to Rob Holden, who spent many, many hours of his own time constructing the fence, and his various willing assistants. Thank you, Rob!

## Drama News

We have settled into Term 4 drama and the students have coped extremely well with the limited space available in the classrooms. The students are well underway with their unit of work preparing for the end-of-year performance. We decided to create a theme of CELEBRATION for the performance after such a monumental year for Montessori. Expect colour, vibrance and a touch of Rio! Cycle 1 and 2 students are making masks and are thriving in a creative world of colour and sparkle! They will practice a masquerade dance for the performance. Cycle 3 students are working on a performance celebrating the history of the school. We are very excited!

I would greatly appreciate any help that parents are able to provide in the lead up to the concert, so if you are available and willing, please email or call me. I will put another notice in the newsletter in the next couple of weeks with more details on what we need. My mobile number is 0422337735. Email [danniellebell@gmail.com](mailto:danniellebell@gmail.com)

## Italian News

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 11am "Make a Scene" theatre company will be coming to Beechworth Montessori to perform a Commedia dell' Arte play called Pantalone's Inn. This form of theatre dates back to 16<sup>th</sup> century Italy and will be a great cultural experience for Cycle 2 and 3 students. Mask, costumes, slap stick and improvisation all combine to make a great comical performance. This will also give the students some ideas for their end of year performance which will incorporate masks and comedy.

## Cycle 2 News

### Moonstone

#### Moonstone Soup

A collection of recipes from the Moonstone kitchen

A full colour professionally published recipe book, designed by the children.

Filled with fresh seasonal soup recipes, the book is rich with the students photos and illustrations.

A great gift for family and friends at Christmas

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Order forms in Foyer.

So much to do and learn and so little time. Where has the time gone? Movie and pizza night produced a hub of activity. Students were cooking, designing tie-dye creations for their new aprons or competing in, what is my opinion, the most thrilling game of tippety-run cricket that ever graced a back yard. I'm sure the North East is still reverberating with the

desperate cries of "Cover the wicket, cover the wicket!" We will be asking the students if they would like to have another movie night.

Indigenous studies has centred on the use of more appropriate and less appropriate language when referring to indigenous people/s in cultural, spiritual and historical contexts. We discussed how language is a useful tool to exchange information and to communicate ideas but that it may also be a medium (intended or unintended) for the expression of discrimination and prejudices. Using more appropriate terms helps to avoid inaccurate labelling, categorising and stereotyping people. For example, it is less appropriate to use the term 'the aboriginal people' as the article 'the' fails to recognise the multicultural facet of Indigenous Australia. Aboriginal people are not one group for the nations of

Indigenous Australia were, and are, as separate as the nations of Europe or Africa. A more appropriate term is to say Aboriginal people/s or Indigenous Australian people/s. In the historical context it is more appropriate to use such terms as 'invasion' or 'colonisation' rather than 'settlement' which conjures up and perpetuates the false notion of a bunch of serene hippies bringing love, peace, mungbean biscuits and dandelion coffee to the original occupants and custodians of the land they just so happened to have stumble upon! For more information see [www.flinders.edu.au/CDIP](http://www.flinders.edu.au/CDIP) and look for *Appropriate Terminology, Indigenous Australian Peoples*.

**Dina and Sally**

## Turquoise

What a difference a piece of carpet can make! The children have quite enjoyed sprawling over the new, large surface. It has been a wonderful addition to the room and many thanks to Lara Block in transporting it from Wodonga to school. The children will all be baking at school on Friday in preparation for our fundraiser to pay for our magnificent mat.

Zoology projects continue in the room; whether they are short and brief or long and involved, I'm always learning new facts along with the children. Who knew a possum only eats with one of its paws or that a ladybird's spots fade as she ages?

The daily question has reappeared on the door; the children are particularly enjoying the riddles. What goes up but never comes down? What comes down but never goes up? You will have to ask the children for the answers if unsure. Daily questions are designed to review current areas of study, encourage students into a part of the room that may be being ignored, or to encourage lateral thinking.

Remember, parents are always welcome to visit the room to see what their child is working on. Most children can't wait to display their work. If you haven't been in lately, why not drop by before or after school and take a look?

**Karen and Donna**



## Cycle 3 News

### Across Both Rooms

#### Tigereye

##### Melbourne Camp

Thank you so much to Rob Holden and Helene Taylor for being our parent helpers on camp. It was a fantastic three days (despite some insomnia on the first night!) and there was a lot of smiles and laughter. It is so good to get out of our usual environment together and get to know everyone even better. The visit to Ceres Environmental Park was great as we had been exploring electricity, fossil fuels and the greenhouse effect in class so our sessions on 'sustainable housing' and 'Fossil fuels' have given us even more knowledge.

##### Some observations from students:

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November Cycle 3 went on school camp to Melbourne. On the second night we went Ice Skating!! We caught a tram to Docklands and then walked to a restaurant named Nandos. At Nandos we had wraps with chips they were really yummy. While we were there a man bought out sauce called Perri-Perri. There was Mild sauce, Extra hot sauce and extra extra hot sauce. Most people tried mild but mild sauce was really hot. We tried extra extra hot sauce and it burnt our mouths.

After that we walked past the eye of Melbourne (which is a Ferris wheel) and went Ice skating. We got into our boots and helmets and got out onto the ice. Not many of us had been ice skating before so there was people falling over everywhere.

It was so so so fun! After we had finished we caught a tram back to Melbourne Discovery which was our accommodation, then we got into bed and fell straight to sleep.

By Kezia & Eadie

##### How tram and train travel was on camp

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> both Cycle 3 classes went on camp to Melbourne. We had to catch a train to Melbourne; you could feel the excitement on the platform when we got on the train (we were in the economy carriage). Everybody got themselves in a group of people and we set off. The train ride was 3 hours long and rather...BORING actually it felt like it went on for ever so we ended up playing "noodle stories" (you hit other people's hands to win). Once we got off the



Albury to Melbourne train we got on the metro train to get to our accommodation. Then we caught another tram to get to the ferry docks to get to science works. By Edan

**Kat**



### Topaz

Before camp, Topaz enjoyed an outing to my garden in Mellish Street, to look at a variety of plants, with the aim of identifying some for our planting project in the courtyard and to take some cuttings to propagate in botany.

We have also planted mini vegetable gardens in Styrofoam boxes; students are very excited about the growth which has taken place while we were at camp.

Several people have donated plants to us, which I am very grateful for since we also have a rather unlovely patch of dirt and weeds outside our back door which needs some love. We were very inspired by the community gardens which we saw at CERES on camp and now have a fantasy of mixed planting – edible and floral – outside our door. (No donation of plants is too minor!)

Camp was most enjoyable – except for a sleep deficit – students had an experience which was both enjoyable and educational. It was a huge success – not in the least due to the fantastic help we had in Rob Holden and Helene Taylor; Helene even spent her birthday with us, which was very generous.

We will now focus our energy on the end of year drama performance, which is being piloted by Dannielle Bell, but will involve most areas of the curriculum: more to follow on that.

**Khy**

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## Community News

'8 year old LG WASHING MACHINE is looking for new home. Free of charge and can be delivered locally. Call 0428 860 27

## CFA Sunday

24 November 2013



### Come and meet your local brigade!

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10am to 2pm

3 Victoria Road

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