



Term 4

Week 7 – 19 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

7th – 21st Cycle 1 Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews

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

7th Sunday 7.30pm Carols by Candlelight Town Hall Gardens

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

2015 Parent packs will be distributed via students by early next week. There will be one pack per family, distributed via the eldest child.

This pack will contain – a Vision & Values document, 2015 Parent Information Book relevant to the enrolment of your child, Fee Payment Agreement, Emergency Contact Sheet, Satisfaction Survey, School Calendar, School Stream notification, Bus Service Agreement and information, Uniform Order Form, Stationery Lists, details of sessions for children in Cycle 1.

A number of documents in this pack are required for return to school by Monday December 1st.

- 2015 Fee Payment Agreement (signed)
- Emergency Contact Sheet (updated and signed)
- School Stream notification for non smartphone parents.
- Bus user agreement (if applicable)
- Uniform Orders (if required)
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- Parent Satisfaction Survey (optional but appreciated)
- Prep 2015 Immunisation Status Certificates – (only if Prep in 2015)
- Exit survey (Exiting students only)
- Stationery Lists (direct to Newsagents by Monday 8/12/14)

From the Principal

An exciting parent education event in 2015

Dr. Hughes speaks about education and brain development at conferences, universities, schools, and training centers all over the world. He is past president of the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology. He serves as Chair of the Association Montessori International Global Research Committee, and is a member of the American Montessori Society Research Committee. He is a member of the faculty at the Maria Montessori Institute in London.

AND HE WILL BE COMING TO BEECHWORTH MONTESSORI TO SPEAK TO OUR COMMUNITY on September 15, 2015 for only \$20 per person. I have heard Steve speak several times and find him inspirational and affirming of my belief in Montessori principles. This is an amazing opportunity for our community and I hope that you put this in your diary to keep the date. The topic of his presentation will be “Impossible without me” and the benefits of children staying in Montessori from aged 12 onwards.

Here is a youtube clip of Steve speaking about Montessori education

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faYco1b-IJI> Dr Steve Hughes: Montessori and the Future of Education

Pick up at end of session/day

It would be appreciated if parents could please pick up children on time. Afternoon classes finish at 3.15 and most afternoons staff commence meetings at 3.30pm. Late pick up means that staff don't get a short break before continuing on with another aspect of their day. We understand that at times parents may be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and we appreciate those parents who call to advise us of their delay – this enables us to inform the children who may become anxious when they see their classmates being picked up and they are still waiting for their parent.

Thanks Colin Bowey for taking some of our last relocation items to the Scout car boot sale.

Thanks to Peter Benson, the instrumental piano teacher, for his organisation of the annual Montessori Instrumental soiree that was held last night at the Old Priory. Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to illness but I've been told it was another "feel good" event ... enriched this year by the addition of our students who are learning guitar and violin. We are considering holding this event at school next year ... stay tuned for more information. This event is open to all students and parents to come along to see our students perform and experience the richness of the quality of our children's learning. See the 2015 calendar for next year's date.

Kind regards, Heather

General News

Wanted: giant boxes (fridge, freezer, packing etc) for the Cycle 3 play "Misfortunes of Camping" to be performed at the 2014 School Concert on Tuesday December 2nd. Please bring to school or let the office know details. Thanks – Charlotte and Mia, Topaz Room

Grandparents Day

Grandparents are invited to the school on Wednesday 26th. **Cycle 1, 10-11am, Cycle 2&3 1.30-2.30pm** in the classrooms. This is an opportunity for grandparents to come along and see what the children do, be given a lesson by their grandchild and to have a cuppa and a treat prepared by the children.

We hope to see you. Please sign in at the office upon arrival.

Weekly Silver Creek Sourdough School Bread Order



To help raise funds for the Corena Solar 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 10 weeks of term.

Types of bread (all \$6.00 per loaf)

White Country Sourdough	Spelt and Rye Sourdough
Silver Sourdough	Rye Sourdough
Spelt and Honey Sourdough	Rye with Fennel and Caraway Seeds

Traditional handcrafted sourdough made with Australian organic flours (white, rye, wholemeal, spelt), water, herbs, local honey, [sea](#) salt.

For more information or to place an order please contact Louise
0143 087 563

silvercreeksourdough@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/silvercreeksourdoughbakery>



Mini Yoga Classes being held at Beechworth

Montessori School starting

Monday 24th November - Friday 12th December

Mondays & Fridays **4-10yo** 3.30-4pm

Open age

Maximum 10 kids per class

Cost: GOLD COIN DONATION

Money to go to school fundraising

Phone Deb Reeves (Matilda & Kendra's Mum)

0407 531 510 to enrol

P&F News

Christmas Spectacular Montessori Participation

The Christmas Spectacular weekend is coming up – see the ad in the community news section. Seeking parents who are interested in supporting our school contribution (ideas, suggestions, time on the day, etc). Contact Helen Sellar on 0427 283 221

2014 Major Raffle

Don't forget to sell your tickets for the fabulous table, accommodation and wine raffle. More tickets are available from the office with all tickets (sold and unsold) due back at the office Wednesday 10th December.

2014 Raffle

1st Prize:
Handcrafted 8 seater timber dining table
from **Eucalypt Woodworks**, Milawa
value \$4100

2nd Prize:
2 nights accommodation at **1860 Luxury Accommodation**, Beechworth value \$590

3rd Prize:
Mixed half dozen wine from **A Rodda**, Beechworth
value \$220

Tickets \$5

Tickets drawn Tuesday 16th December 2014

Terms and Conditions:
• All tickets must be over 18 years of age
• Winner drawn Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 2pm
• Winner notified by phone/telegram/letterbox 1 day and prize posted within 14 days of the draw
• Prizes are subject to availability
• Excludes: This prize is not redeemable for cash. The goods and services included in the prize. Prizes and benefits are not included in the prize. The 1860 accommodation is for 2 nights only and is subject to availability.

Scouts Raffle

Scouts raffle held earlier in the year raised from the sale of raffle tickets - \$618. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising initiative.

Cycle 2 News Moonstone

Moonstone Africa quiz compiled by Eloise, Harriet, Poppy and Sonny

1. What is the highest mountain in Africa?
2. What is the famous river that runs through Egypt?
3. What is the most dangerous animal in Africa?
4. What is the largest waterfall in Africa?
5. Kampala is the capital city of which country?
6. Can African elephants swim?
7. What are the two languages of Madagascar?
8. Name three countries in Africa that start with Z.
9. Is Angola in Africa?
10. Where in Africa is Cameroon – a) Next to Botswana, b) Next to Nigeria or c) Next to Gambia?
11. Do sea urchins live in Africa?
12. Dromedary camels live in Africa – True or False?
13. Zimbabwe has the biggest mountain in Africa – True or False?
14. Fill in the missing letters for countries in Africa

R_a_d_

S_d_n

M_d_g_s_a_

E_y_t

_a_b_a

_a_i

M_z_m_i_u_

15. Fill in the missing letters for animals

L_o_

H_r_e_h_e _r_b

W_r_h_g

Answers can be found in the Community News section of the newsletter

Turquoise

Asia:

Asian project continue with most children managing to improve their knowledge of particular countries and /or animals along with improved recognition of flags, capitals and languages. The children have been learning about the children's festival in Japan and have made Carp windsocks as they do in Japan. Weekly cooking also continues with its

Asian theme. It's always surprising to see the majority of children are willing to sample the food on offer and then enjoy themselves when that are surprised to find that they like the new flavours they taste.

Science:

The past two weeks have seen the children learn about the difference between chemical and physical reactions, the indicators of reactions, and learning how to write a scientific report.

Classroom:

We have been focusing on improving our graciousness towards others inside the classroom and outside. We have had discussions about what it means to be gracious and ways in which we can all improve our graciousness.

Cycle 3 News

Reflections from camp

Wow! What a fantastic and busy week we had in Canberra. This week the students wrote recounts about camp. Here is some of what they had to say:

Then finally on Friday we got to go to Parliament House, the British Prime Minister was coming to Parliament House so the building went into lockdown which means no one can go in or out of the building, luckily we were inside. Cannons fired and a band played to represent the arrival of David Cameron even Tony Abbott was there to greet him. I got to be about three metres from both Prime Ministers, which was awesome. After that we went into a miniature House of Representatives, to learn about the way they debate bills. We even got to debate our own bill. Our bill was whether schools should have to do three hours of teamwork sport a week. The result was that schools did have to, although we didn't have time to put it through the Senate. I really enjoyed going on Canberra camp and I hope every other camp is just as fun. **By Eadie**

When we first arrived at Canberra Tigereye and Topaz went to the old Parliament House museum and the instructors talked all about democracy. After we went to camp (Green hills centre) went straight to dinner and then played soccer for about 45 minutes and then went to bed at around 9:30. **By Wil**

On Tuesday we had to wake up at 6.30 get ready and be at breakfast by 7.00. For breakfast we had eggs on toast, hash browns or cereal. Then we went back to the war memorial for Remembrance Day and I was lucky enough to be chosen to lay a poppy which meant I got to be on the television! Then we went swimming in Lake Burley Griffin at a park and ate our lunch. Next we went paddle boating on Lake Burley Griffin it was sooo fun! **By Kezia**

We saw swerving Mervin (our bus driver!) and he took us to the Canberra Montessori school and we versed them in soccer and we beat them. They sang songs and they made us a shared snack and we went back to Greenhills and played soccer and we also played in our dormitories and had a pillow fight and then we went to bed at 8:30. **By Fred**





Akeidha about to drop down the vertical slide at Questacon



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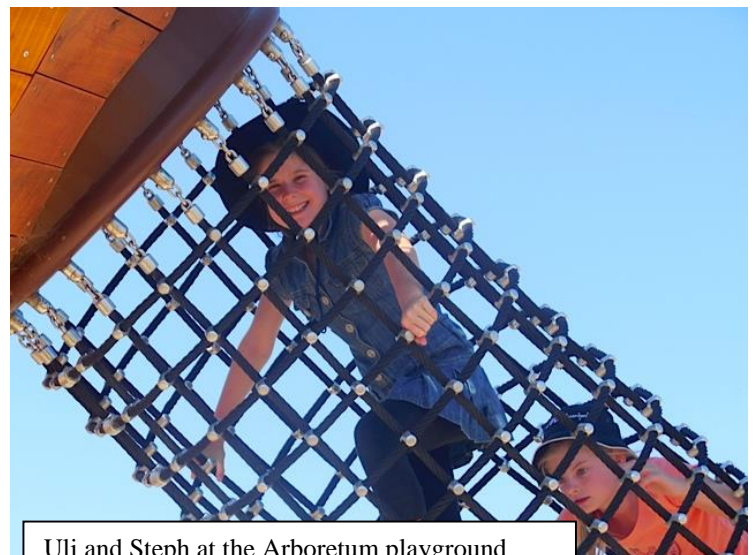
Tas versus the computer at air hockey (Questacon)



At CSIRO Discovery Centre



Our mock House of Reps with Fred as Prime Minister, Issy as Opposition Leader



Uli and Steph at the Arboretum playground



Issy and her twin Ruby from Canberra Montessori



Cassia, Rubi & Mathilda making tornadoes at Questacon



Eadie as Sergeant-at-arms in the House of Reps



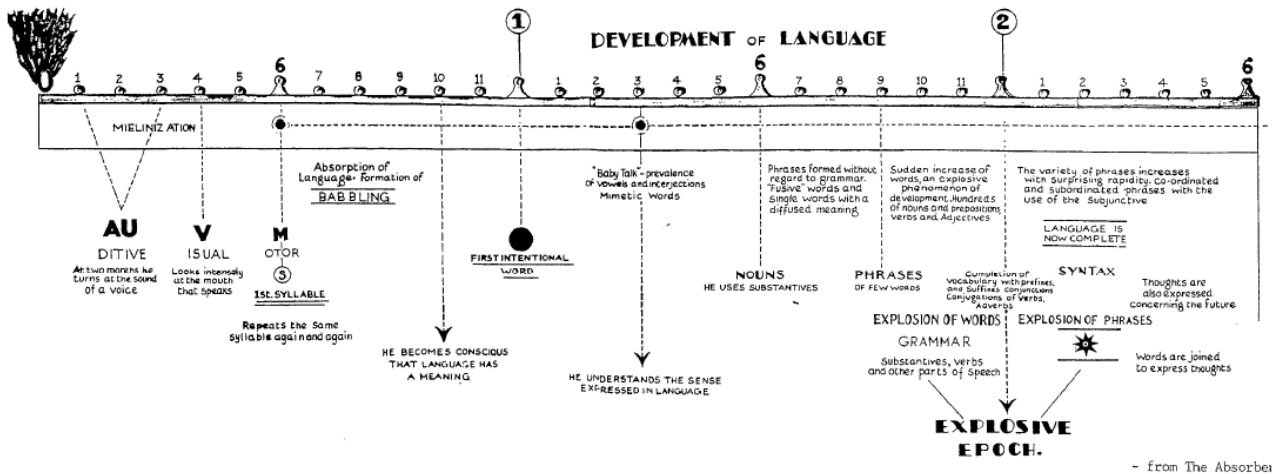
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Montessori Matters

Notes from the parent information session “supporting your Montessori child in literacy” held Wednesday Nov 5th at school



3-6 years, Cycle 1

Home based activities to support literacy development

Rhyming

- Play rhyming games with your children. Give them a simple 3 letter word and ask them to think of as many words as they can they rhyme with it (eg cat, hat, mat, sat, fat, rat). Ask an older child to write the words down as you think of them. This will reinforce his ability to apply letters to the sounds he hears and will encourage younger children’s awareness of the sounds in words.

Sounds in words

- Play guessing games: Who am I? (this can be played using familiar people in the child’s life – I live in Melbourne, we have holidays together at the beach; or can be played with the characteristics of plants/ food/ animals – I am a reptile, I have no legs, I can be dangerous to humans). This will encourage your child to listen carefully, to apply her knowledge and to use language in new ways.
- Identify the passage of time in terms of months and days to support your child’s understanding of these names.
- A fun game involves each person saying a word that the next person has to use the last sound of to start their word (eg apple, leg, goanna – this can be extended by writing the words to find out how many actually end and start with the same letter or is it just the sound that is the same – this highlights the difference between phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (ways the sound is made).
- Play who am I games that require your child to listen to and respond to clues to determine the identity of a familiar person, an animal, a plant or a food.

Letter/ sound correspondence

- When introducing your child to letters, please teach them the name of the letter and the most common sound that the letter makes. It is important that children learn to connect letters with sounds – if they only learn the names, they are not making this connection
- Play “I spy” or “I Hear” with the beginning sounds of familiar objects within the child’s sight.
- Sing the alphabet song with your child
- If you have puzzles of the alphabet at home or alphabet fridge magnets: point to the letters as you sing the alphabet song; compare letters of the same shape; find the letters that begin each family member’s names; spell the child’s name, Mum, Dad.

Fine motor strength and dexterity

- Use thick or triangular pencils until your child has developed a mature tripod grip
- Use a rubber pencil grip to encourage appropriate placement of fingers
- Use short pencils to encourage your child to give up a fist grip

Reading and writing

- Practise memorisation skills with simple tasks such as: if I get 4 apples and 5 oranges, how many pieces of fruit will I have? If we have 8 schnitzels and I give 2 to Dad, 1 for Mum, 1 each for brothers and half for sister, how many will we have left over?
- Ask questions about reading that your child undertakes at home.
- Encourage your child to discuss what she has read, including what she may have learnt from her reading.
- When your child is writing at home, suggest that she make up stories for younger siblings to listen to.
- Undertake writing tasks such as: making the shopping list; writing to grandparents; making and writing birthday cards; writing stories that go along with the pictures she draws. play games with words cut from magazines or newspapers focussing on different ways to make the same sound (A in baby, AY in tray, AI in snail).
- Play games that require reading, writing or maths tasks. EG junior scrabble, UNO, junior monopoly, junior boggle, go fish, dominoes
- If your child makes a mistake when reader, you can encourage her to self correct by waiting until she has finished the sentence then asking her whether it made sense and try again. If she makes the same mistake, repeat the sentence the way she has read it then ask her what is wrong with it.
- Daily reading of classroom reader or storybooks. Weekly return of reader to the classroom
- Give your child dictation tasks to complete: ask her to make the shopping list as you call out the items; have her create your 'to do' list whilst you call out the jobs.
- To assist your child to read for comprehension, ask her to discuss the story with you – what was it about, what happened to the pig, what size was the pig, how many animals were on the mat.
- You can continue to support your child's writing skills by encouraging him to maintain written correspondence with his grandparents and by keeping a diary of holidays and special events to record his thoughts and feelings about them.
- When your child has questions you cannot answer, support him to research these on the internet. Sit with him to identify the phrasing of the question and allow him to type this on the keyboard then assist with reading the results to determine the information he seeks.

Community News

Moonstone News answers

Answers

1. Mount Kilimanjaro
2. Nile River
3. Hippopotamus
4. Victoria Falls
5. Uganda
6. Yes
7. French and Malagasy
8. Zimbabwe, Zaire, Zambia
9. Yes
10. Nigeria
11. Yes
12. True. They also live in Australia and the middle east
13. False
14. Rwanda, Sudan, Madagascar, Egypt, Zambia, Mali, Mozambique
15. Lion, horseshoe crab, Warthog



GARAGE SALE

Saturday 22 November 2014

40 High Street Beechworth, 8.30am – 2pm

Lots of baby / toddler items –

- One Time Car Junior Bed & Change Table (incl. mattress)
- Volvo Runabout Tri-Motor Pram/Bassinet/Toddler Seat/Shopping Board
- Baby Bath and Stand
- Staircraft Rocker
- Graco Memory High Chair
- Noddy Toddler Backpack
- Safety Gate
- Bed Rail

- Tummy Time Heavy Gym
- Floating Toddler Bike Seat
- Musical Mobile, Toys, Books
- Sheets, Blankets, Wraps
- Baby/Toddler Clothes
- Maternity Clothes etc.

PLUS lots of house & renovation stuff

Enquiries Phone Dee on: 0457 785 972



Market and Family Fun Day

a celebration of, and by, our local community groups!

Once again the Beechworth Community Christmas Celebration is opening the '12 Days of Christmas', with the Community Christmas Market on the first weekend in December.

Saturday 6th December – 8.30am-2pm
Beechworth Historic Precinct,
Ford St, Beechworth

Come down and chat with the CWA ladies, Lions Club, Mens Shed, Scouts, Childcare Centre, Schools, Landcare and others, support your community, join the fun and celebrate Christmas, Beechworth style!

- 🕒 Handmade arts, crafts and Christmas produce – real gifts for Christmas!
- 🕒 Veggie seedlings,
- 🕒 Fresh coffee and crepes, BBQ, homemade lemonade for the kids,
- 🕒 Face painting, balloons and kids activities,
- 🕒 Displays, demonstrations and exhibitions by our local groups,
- 🕒 Old fashioned family sports events by the Beechworth Rotary Club,
- 🕒 Live music from our local young musicians,
- 🕒 A performance by our fabulous Fruit Bats, and
- 🕒 'Open mic' session for local performers – come down and be heard!

All profits to our community groups!