

Term 1 Week 8 – 16 March 2016

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

<p>Term 1 28th January – 24th March <i>9 weeks</i></p> <p>March 15th Tuesday – Cycle 3 Parent Teacher Interviews start 21st Monday – Parent Information Session @ Plenty Valley International Montessori School 22nd Tuesday – World Harmony Day BBQ Dinner at 5pm & AGM at 6pm 24th Thursday – Last day of school – 2.15pm finish 26th Saturday – Goldfields Easter Parade</p>	<p>Term 2 11th April – 24th June <i>11 weeks</i></p> <p>April 11th Monday – First Day of Term 2 25th Monday – ANZAC Day Public Holiday</p> <p>May 4th Wednesday – Mother's Day Night 6th Friday – School Cross Country 10th Tuesday – 12th Thursday – NAPLAN Testing 13th Friday – Beechworth & District Cross Country at Yackandandah 19th Thursday – Open Night – Details TBC 20th Friday – Upper Hume Division Cross Country</p> <p>June 10th Friday – Pupil Free Day – Report Writing Day 13th Monday – Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday 22nd Wednesday – Prep, Cycle 2 & 3 Reports Distributed 24th Friday – Last Day of Term 2 – 2.15pm Finish</p>
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From the Principal

I visited Melbourne Montessori last week to attend the leadership network meeting. It was a great opportunity to meet with some of the wider Montessori network, and to learn more about the different organisational structures in other Montessori schools, or schools that include a Montessori stream. Ironically, it was the first time I had an in depth conversation with Laureen from Beechworth Secondary College. We are both keen to explore deeper links between the adolescent Montessori stream at BSC and Beechworth Montessori. This will provide students from both settings an opportunity to touch base with each other. I hope that some of you were able to attend the MAP information evening last night at the Secondary College. If timing was difficult for your family and you were unable to get there, please contact the Secondary College on 5728 12 64 to arrange an alternative time to hear about the program. We are indeed fortunate to have a clear pathway for those graduates from our school that are interested in continuing their Montessori education into secondary schooling!

This week staff will be meeting to discuss the introduction of ILPs or Individual Learning Plans for some students. In keeping with our Montessori approach, we are particularly keen to ensure that learning is appropriately matched to students' point of need, and that all information is considered in planning for student learning. Where students are finding aspects of their learning difficult or tricky, and observational and work sample data confirms such difficulties, an ILP will be discussed with parents and students (if age appropriate) to help monitor short term and medium term learning goals. In coming weeks, Directors will be in contact with you to discuss a draft ILP, if applicable.

Thank you to the FRRR and Partners for supporting members of our school community with Back to School Program vouchers, which can be used to buy items such as school clothing, shoes, stationary and school bags. No doubt, as families prepare for term 2, and cooler weather, this support will be helpful and we are appreciative of it. In total 476 \$50 vouchers were distributed across Albury, Alpine, Corowa, Grater Hume, Indigo, Towong, Tumbarumba and Wodonga, totalling \$23,800 of support for families in need. Thank you also to Harry Bussell for his work fencing the cycle 2 & 3 playground so it is secure for all age children, just in time for our bbq next week!

Finally, I would like to thank the outgoing Committee of Management for their amazing efforts over the last year! Thanks particularly to Karen as our outgoing President and Lara as our outgoing Treasurer. In addition, I would like to encourage you to consider nominating yourself for the Committee of Management this year, and remind you that information packs and nomination forms were emailed to all families last week. Please contact Feona if you require it to be emailed again, or alternatively pick up a copy from the office. Even if you are not nominating, please plan to attend the World Harmony Feast next Tuesday evening, where BBQ sausages, burgers and bread will be provided and families are asked to bring a dessert or salad from around the world. The feast starts at 5.00pm, by the peacock, with the AGM following at 6.00pm. It has been a fast paced term, so I hope to see you at what will be a lovely event to conclude the term before a relaxing holiday. To assist with meat orders, please RSVP by Monday morning 21 March.

Have a great week.

Kind Regards,
Bron Martin

Golden Horseshoes Parade

The parade on Easter Saturday is always a popular one and a great opportunity for us as a school to keep developing our profile within the community. It would be great to see as many people as possible at the Parade as part of our float.

We do though, need helpers to make this happen. There is a meeting this Friday 18th March, in the foyer at 9am after drop off. Come along with your ideas. The theme is **Music & Fun** and from past experience sometimes the simple ideas are the most effective.

If anyone has a ute we can utilise as part of the float please let us know in the office. Thank you to Alison Lloyd for offering to coordinate the float.

Committee of Management Nominations

It is that time of year again when the school holds its general annual meeting, at the AGM the new Committee of Management is formed. According to our Rules of Association, the Committee exists of 4 executive members (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) and 5 general members, total 9 members. We are looking for a number of parents to join the committee this year. If it is something you have thought about for a while now I encourage you to nominate, if you are a new family looking to contribute and engage with the school joining the board is a great way to do this.

The board has compiled an information pack which was emailed out last week and is also available from the office. This should help answer any questions you may have in relation to the committee of management. Also please feel free to speak any of the current board members.

If you would like to join the committee, please check out the Board Information Pack then fill in the attached nomination form and checklist and forward (ideally by Thursday 17th March) to the President, Karen Smith – via president@bms.vic.edu.au or place the form in the Form Lodgement Box located in the foyer at Beechworth Montessori marked to Karen's attention.

Thank you for considering joining the Committee of Management we would love to have you!

General News

Medical News: We have had two confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in the Primary School so please be aware of the symptoms and see your doctor if you have any concerns.

We have also had a number of cases of head lice across the early years and the primary school. Please ensure you are checking your children's hair and that any head lice are treated before sending them back to school.

If you require information sheets on these or any other illnesses please see us in the office.

Independent Schools Victoria – New Look Website: Independent Schools are delighted to introduce you to the new look The Parents' Website an initiative by Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) to provide a forum for news, views and information for Independent school parents. In keeping with the refreshed design of the main ISV site, The Parents' Website will take a new look at the issues that matter to the parents of our Member Schools. The first edition looks at the requirements of schools in bushfire risk areas, and what is required of schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register.

www.theparentswebsite.com.au

Early Years News

From the Ruby Room

Hi everyone. I would like to welcome Laura and little James to our playgroup. We hope you enjoy it.

Our doorbell at the front door has been a little temperamental so plan B for parents picking up after the doors are locked is to use the cycle 1 gate near the front door there and walk along to the end of the concrete strip and enter through the side gate into the rear door of Ruby room. Hopefully this ensures you quicker access.

We have been practicing a dance at Tots and would like to do this at the World Harmony day planned for next Tuesday so if you can join in with your child it will be fun. Let me know if you would like to. Playgroup will be closed during the holidays and reopening beginning of term 2.

Beginning term 2, I will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Wiggy will be running Thursday morning playgroup and Martina will be working in the ECP program 2 afternoons a week – Thursday and Friday. Geraldine & Lisa will also be working in ECP at various times

I would like to thank all staff for their support and care in ECP.

May your Easter holiday be fun and we will see you after the term holidays

Thank you Michaela, Lisa, Wiggy and Martina

Michaela

From Cycle 1 (Amethyst and Emerald)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Last Monday, Diane Doyle from North East Water visited us to talk about why water is important, how we use water, and the water cycle. Some of the children followed this up on Thursday with some activities about water, which will continue until the end of term.

Following are some statements from the children about water:

- Dinosaurs drank the same water as us.
- Raindrops come from dark clouds.
- When the raindrops get too heavy they fall out again.
- Don't waste the water or you won't be able to have a shower or brush your teeth.
- Water is everywhere in the whole world.
- You can get water from lakes, rivers, and waterfalls.
- Most of the water in the world is salty water.
- The water starts in a lake, then it goes into a pipe. Then it goes to a special station to make the water all clean. Next it goes into a tank. Then it goes through the pipes under the ground to the houses.



The Thursday afternoon cooking group also discussed how we use water while we cooking apple crumble. The children came up with the following list; to wash our hands, to wash the dishes, to drink, to clean the tables and to grow the food that we used to cook with.

AMETHYST WINDOW

There was great excitement in Amethyst room on Friday when the glaziers came to replace the broken window. The children watched intently as the men removed the window in one piece, then replaced it with a huge and very heavy piece of glass. There was much discussion about the enormous suction caps they used to hold the glass as they were positioning it.



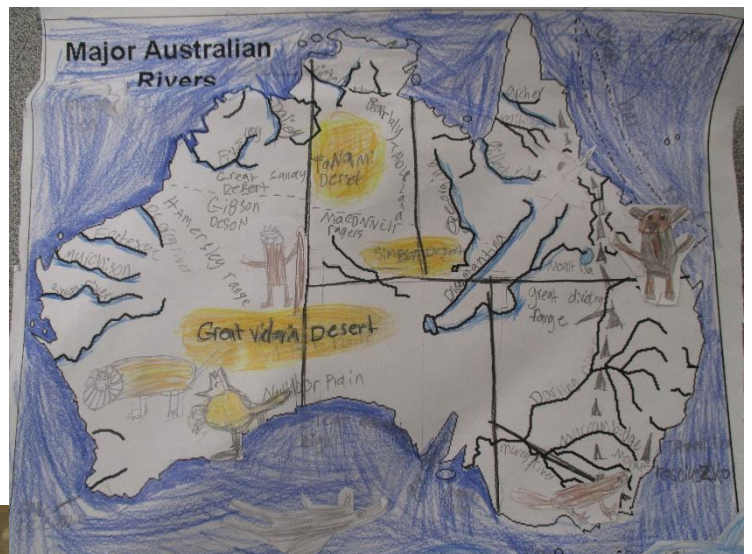
Cycle 2 News

From the Moonstone Room

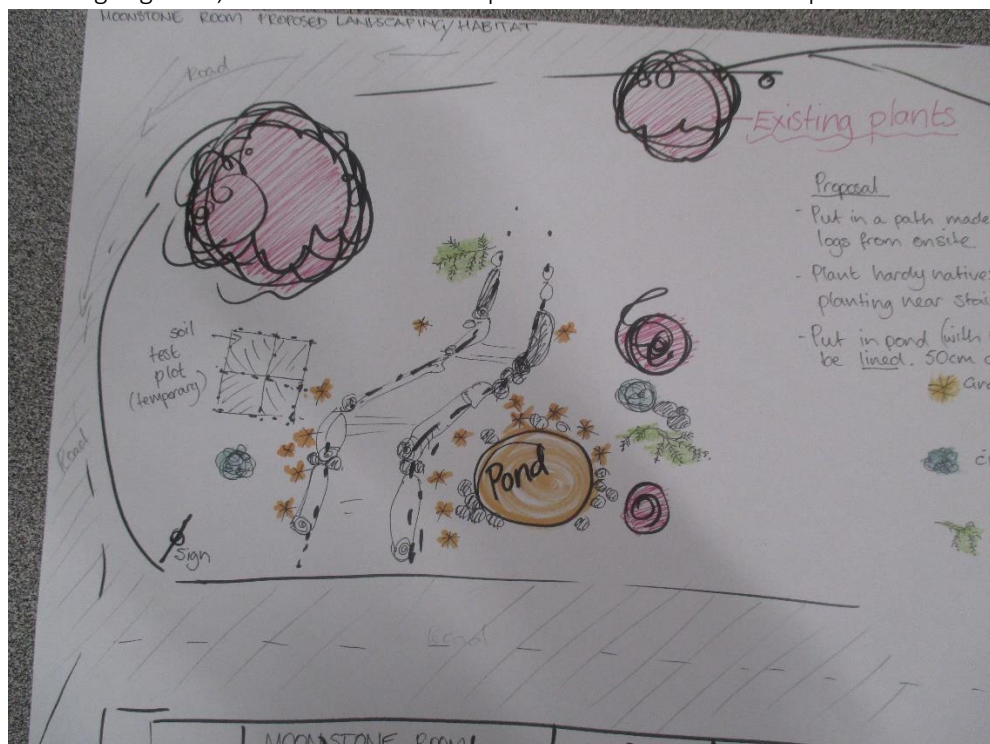
Students have continued their work on Australian geography, with some highly detailed maps emerging, showing rivers and lakes, ranges and mountains and animals of the land and sea.

Bertie Showers has taken to this task with enthusiasm. Here is a photo of his map.

Possibly the most loved work area for many students is their individual projects. Many choose to study animals and there has been a lot of attention given to the yabbies in our room (– you may have seen a workbook come home detailing anatomy.) Spencer and Luka work with Sally on their project on Sea Caves.



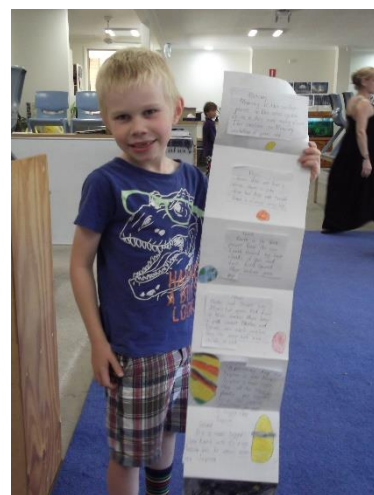
Working together, we have finalised our plan for our habitat. We hope to start work on it next term.



I would like to encourage you all to continue reading with and to your children: while their weekly readers are very important, they shouldn't become a chore – it's just fine to read a page or two, or discuss the pictures or ideas in them. Reading those books which may still be beyond your child's reading skills is a great way of extending knowledge and vocabulary as well as creating a really positive association between reading and the sense of togetherness and involvement with you.

From the Turquoise Room

Turquoise Hard At Work!



Cycle 3 News

Reflections from camp by Madeleine

We saw the most beautiful nature on our bushwalk, such as: the Everlasting Daisy commonly known as the Golden Everlasting or the Straw Flower, and the mountains from the distance which seemed blue. They are blue because the atmosphere scatters blue light. We saw unusual clouds such as cirrus, contrails, cumulus and cumulonimbus, and we also got to see the Bogong moth which lurked in some pretty amazing native plants. The trees were fantastic and all their branches were bent so if it snowed the branches wouldn't snap with the weight of the snow. I hope Cycle 2 will have as much fun as we just had when they go.



Mt. Cope 7th of March

On Monday the 7th of March both Cycle 3 class rooms, Topaz and Tigereye, departed the school at 9 in the morning for our long journey to Howman's Gap. We had one stop around 10:30 for snack before getting back on the bus so we could finish our extensive journey. Before going to the YMCA Alpine Centre we drove up to Falls Creek. After having lunch we started our one-and-a-half kilometre trek up Mt. Cope to the summit. On the way we saw lots of grass-hoppers and lizards. Luckily no snakes. We took turns leading the way up. At the summit there were lots of places we could let our energy free, also known as climbing rocks. It was a very enjoyable walk and I would love to do it again.

Pictures chosen by Charlotte, Sage and Poppy. Written by Amelia.



REC ROOM

THE REC ROOM WAS A PLACE TO HANG OUT WHEN THERE WAS SPARE TIME.
THERE WAS PING PONG, AIR HOCKEY, POLY PONG AND FOOSBALL.
COOPER BEAT JACK 100 TO 88 IN PING PONG.

BED ROOM

THE BEDDING WAS GOOD BUT THE ROOMS WERE TOO SMALL AND HAD NO COOLING.
OUT OF 10 MOST PEOPLE CHOSE IN BETWEEN 9/10 AND 5/10.

Activities at camp

We rotated between activities in two groups. The activities we did were: High Ropes which was fun and scary, Archery was entertaining and some people got a bullseye which was worth 100 points. Orienteering was where you had to find tokens using a map, In Rock Climbing there were three rock climbing walls, one easy, one medium and one hard. Last there was the Giant Swing where both groups were combined. For more information on Howman's Gap Camp you can look at the Cycle 3 Camp display in the foyer. By Charlotte, Sage and Poppy.



! Talent Show !

We are organising a talent show!

Please bring a gold coin donation to watch or to enter. The money goes to making Tigereye alcove awesome and to the wood work room. It is for Cycles 2 and 3. It will be held in the Tigereye class room at 1 till 2pm.

It will be on the last Thursday of term (24th of March). Please put down your name on the sheet next to this poster. Please enjoy this fun day we have organised.

Thanks

Ruby, Arnya, Kobi & Hagen

Community News

FOR SALE:

Four (4) tickets for next Thursday's performance of the

The 52-Storey Treehouse

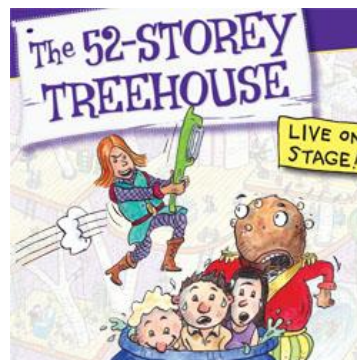
6.30pm on 23 March 2016 at the

Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre

Bought for \$60 - will sell for \$40

Please call Lucille on 0402 829 175

or email at squeely.brown@hotmail.com





Beechworth Football & Netball Club **Public Meeting**

The Beechworth Football and Netball Club are holding a public meeting regarding the survival and the future of the club.

Featuring a guest speaker from the Ovens & Murray Football League this is an important forum for you to have input about the direction of the club in the long term.

Sunday 20th Match at 4pm

Function Centre at Baarmutha Park

Bonjour!

G'Day, Mate!

Create the perfect connection between French and Aussie cultures by hosting an exchange student from France.

From **mid-May** why not show your support and invite a friendly 15 -17 year old French girl or boy to become part of your family for a **short-term duration**?

A French 'big brother' or 'big sister' in the family provides fantastic fun and learning, especially with helping to learn French as a language other than English.

Join us as a volunteer host family to an interesting student and create international understanding and help change lives and outlook.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, **please call us NOW** on **1800 500 501** or email us at **scceaust@scce.com.au** **Web: www.scce.com.au**
or ph. local Co-ordinator - Jan James 0424 931 900





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AIA Vitality MiniRoos

Kick off this season 12 April at Savoy Park Tuesday nights - 5pm to 6 for 10 weeks.

Cost \$65 credit card payment only registration - Coach Danielle Caponecchia

Parent Player and Registration information click here:

<http://myrtlefordsoccer.com.au/registration/registration>



Beechworth Net Set Go Season 2016

- Net Set Go will commence in Term 2 on Sunday 17th April running at the same time as Auskick on Sunday mornings.
- We will run 2 sessions that will cater for different age groups and skills:
- The Net program is a skills based program for children aged 5 – 7 years
- The Set program will be a skills / competition based program for the older children aged 8-10 years

Both girls and boys are welcome and encouraged to join the program!

Dates for the season are as follows:

Sunday 17th April 10 -12 noon
Friday 22nd April under lights 5 -6:30 pm (to be confirmed) otherwise Sun 24/4
Sunday 1st May 10 – 12 noon
Sunday 8th May 10 – 12 noon Mother's Day
Sunday 15th May 10 – 12 noon
Sunday 22nd May 10 – 12 noon
Sunday 29th May 10 – 12 noon
Sunday 5th June 10 – 12 noon
Break for Queens birthday long weekend
Sunday 19th June 10 - 12 noon Parents and kids game - **FINAL SESSION**

Session Times

- 5-7 years old 10:00am to 10:45am
- 8-10 years old 11:00am to 12:00am

We Need Helpers!

In previous years, Gabriella Tange has done a wonderful job organising and coaching Net Set Go for our budding netballers. As Gabriella has now moved on we have a new team coaching, registering and assisting in running this wonderful program. **We still need helpers from parents/carers to assist the coaches running the sessions.** Please let us know if you can assist. We will set up a meeting before the beginning of the program to assist the helpers.

Registration:

The registration fee is \$50. Please register on the Net Set Go website. You will need to locate your centre, which is under the Find Your Centre tab (type in Beechworth) and follow the prompts to register. The payment method is via direct debit and bank details listed upon registration.

If you can help:

Please contact Rachel Kerkvliet on 0430025506 or email netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com if you are able to assist and which session/s you can assist with.



Plenty Valley International
Montessori School
315 Aqueduct Road
St Helena VIC 3088

Registration Fees:
Subscribers: \$30
Non-Subscribers: \$40
Includes tea, coffee and refreshments

PARENT TALK MONTESSORI: THE EDUCATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Monday, 21 March 2016, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Our education system successfully trained millions of children for the industrial society and economy. But our changing society presents new challenges that require us to fundamentally rethink our concept of school. Due to the proliferation of digital technologies towards the end of the last century, we socially reorganised into a society of distributed networks whose economy runs on knowledge. Thus, the competencies required for success in the 21st century are very different than those required in the last century.

Ironically, over 100 years ago, just as industrialists were reforming education to prepare children to work in their factories, Maria Montessori began developing a method that seemed to foreshadow the needs of the 21st century. Using research from multiple disciplines, including sociology, economics, cognitive science, psychology, education, and neuroscience, this talk discusses why Montessori is the educational framework for the 21st century.



LAURA FLORES SHAW is the lead editor, writer, and founder of White Paper Press, a think tank specialising in translating scientific research into terms that allows people to make informed decisions about their lives. She holds bachelors and master degrees in psychology and is currently working towards a doctorate in education with a specialisation in mind, brain and teaching at Johns

Hopkins University School of Education. Laura previously worked as a family therapist in the public school system where she realised her desire to work on the prevention rather than intervention side of mental health. That led her to reviving a failing Montessori school where she became passionate about creating environments that allow children to thrive in every way. In 2014, she retired from school administration to focus on advocating at a broader level for frameworks that can improve the lives of children and their families. She currently writes, speaks and consults internationally on education, brain development and parenting.



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FUN RUN



Easter Saturday, 26th March 2016

**10km Run, 3km Run/Walk
or Family Event**

So what makes our run so popular? The 10km event is a very scenic and diverse route through the wonderful bushland gorge, the streets of Beechworth historic town, past Lake Sambell and finally through the golf course.

The 3km run sees those who are starting out on their fitness, along with lots of families, prams and dogs through a beautiful park course.

Join our popular annual event this Easter Saturday and enjoy one of the most scenic courses in the North East

**Online registrations open on February 19th. Go to the Beechworth
Fun Run website to register.**



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