

Week 8 - Term 4

27 November 2013

Distributed weekly on Wednesday

DIARY DATES

Term 4:

December

8th Sunday – Carols by Candlelight 7.30pm

12th Thursday – P&F Pancake breakfast 7.30 – 8.45am

13th Friday – Reports distributed

17th Tues - Graduation Concert, Memorial Hall 4-6pm

18th Wed - Last day for students 3.15pm finish

19th & 20th Thursday & Friday – Pupil free days

2014

January 30 – First day for students

From the Principal

Official opening was a frenzied day with a wide array of well wishers and officials. My sincere thanks to Jade Miles who took on the organisation of the event and co-ordinated proceedings. Our best laid plans went somewhat awry and required a measure of improvisation but that has become the true Beechworth Montessori way of doing things. We ended a very busy day with a one-on-one with Senator Bridget McKenzie at the end of the school day and we hope to forge this connection in the future. Thanks for your well wishes and congratulations – I greatly appreciate the support expressed to me.



Our best wishes are with Karen who is now recovering from surgery – we hope she has a speedy recovery.

Kind regards, Heather

General News

PE/Italian News

This week is my final week at

Beechworth Montessori. I

would again like to thank Heather and

all the staff for their support and guidance throughout my time here. I know I have said this before but the school really is quite an amazing learning environment thanks to the dedication of the staff and involvement of families. When I think about the students I just think what a great future they have ahead of them with this as their learning environment now. I will miss their laughter and brilliance. Thank you again and arrivederci, Catherine.

To all parents who enter into the Early Years wing

Just a short note to all parents using the courtyard servicing our Early Years rooms (Cycle 1, Transition and Tots), please note that if your child is using the sandpit, the utensils in there or anything else that is out that you put them away before you leave please.

The Ruby room children have been seed planting and their little pots were tipped into the sink outside Ruby room and left. I know children



Guitar Lessons Term 1

An expression of interest for all kids over 8 years of age who have shown a desire or curious interest in learning to play the guitar. Mel Tompkins who is a renowned local performer and instrumental teacher will offer a fun and interactive approach in teaching this popular and versatile instrument. Feel free to ring Mel to have a chat or email also if you have any enquiries.

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are quick but I would appreciate it if parents could keep their awareness of what children are doing. Many thanks,
Michaela

Cycle 1 Outdoor Learning Area

We have been finding that our playground equipment is frequently rearranged over the weekend. We are unsure whether this is due to children being in the yard whilst parents are working at school, or whether community members are using the space as a playground. This week the equipment was in such a dangerous state that it took considerable time to rectify. If you are able to shed any light on what is happening, could you please let us know? We need to maintain safety at all costs and doing so each Monday morning is becoming more and more time consuming. *Lynda and Tameeka*

Market Day

Each Friday in the Cycle 2 & 3 courtyard students in Cycle 2 and 3 are able to buy food that is prepared by students. Moonstone have weekly BBQ lunches which need to be ordered and paid for by Thursday lunchtime. Cycle 3 students have also been making sweet and savoury snacks as part of their cooking program which will be sold for \$1 each (this can be paid for on the day). Money raised by the Cycle 3 students will be put towards the garden and or playground.

Lost photos

Oaka's Harris's photos have gone missing from the photo collection box in the foyer. Can you please double check to ensure that you haven't collected these? If you have any ideas of where they have gone to, please let admin, Erin at Beechworth Photographers or the Harris family know.

Information for all bus users – please share this information with your child

We have been advised by the bus company that all balls (any size) must be inside a bag (with handle)s – can be a separate bag other than school bags. Any loose balls will be confiscated and not returned, no exceptions. Balls will be put under the bus – rather than in the coach. Handles means that the bags can be tied so children can handle it easily, balls don't roll out. If not in bag, then go under bus anyway or refused to be taken onboard.

P&F News

Christmas Hampers

Orders for this fundraising initiative close Friday November 29th. An order form is attached to this newsletter and additional forms are available from the office.

Pancake Breakfast

Calling for volunteers to assist the organisation and operation of the Montessori P&F community breakfast on Thursday 12th from 7.30 – 8.45am. Email or let the office know of your willingness.

Cycle 2 News

Moonstone

We had a lovely bus trip to Shepparton for the Bangerang Cultural Centre. It was a beautiful, peaceful sunny day and the kids settled into their seats with their travel workbook full of puzzles, facts and riddles. We stopped at a garden in Shepparton for morning snack and then off to the cultural Centre where we were treated to a guided tour of the exhibitions.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST


*(at school!)

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

7.30 til 8.45am

Bring your family and enjoy some freshly cooked
pancakes with a choice of toppings
Juice, coffee & tea also available

Gold coin donations gratefully accepted!

AND  There will be a stall selling plants, produce,
goodies, crafts, christmas puddings.... to raise money for
vegetating cycle 2&3 courtyard and other outdoor projects

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS STALL AND VOLUNTEERS FOR
THE MORNING MOST WELCOME!

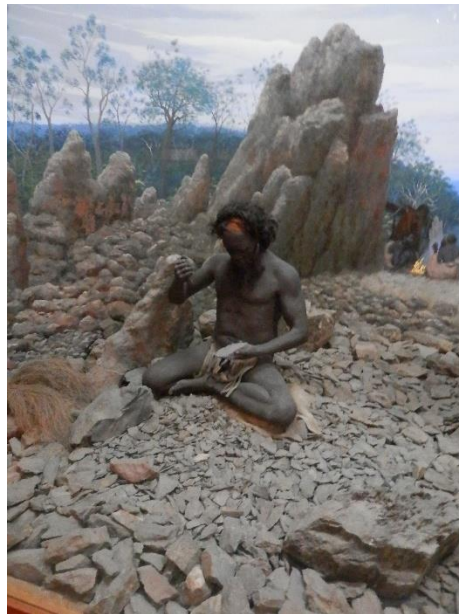
PLEASE CONTACT BECK 0429336182

OR CHELSEA 0415445166

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE GOODS OR SERVICES

☞ Look out for more in the school newsletter

Various cultural scenarios were presented in impressive life-size dioramas showing scenes which included hunting along a river, a corroboree, and a delectable feast of barbecued Bogan moth. The students were also presented with the most resourceful and ingeniously engineered artefacts that assisted aboriginal people in their daily life of hunting and communication. This included aerodynamically designed tools such as the boomerang, the woomera (used as a spear launch) and the bull roar (talk about an environmentally friendly mobile). One of the guides graced us with the most beautiful elegant dancing and showed us how to make various sounds of animals on the didgeridoo. It was a wonderful experience and one to remember.



Moonstone Soup Book Launch

The students and Sally are organising a book launch for Moonstone soup to be held Friday, December 6 at 3:45pm. Refreshments include a sample of a variety of recipes from the book, and, of course there will be the obligatory book signing. Please come along and help us celebrate this great publishing achievement. RSVP by Wednesday, December 4.

Turquoise

A big thank you for all your well wishes for my absence. I know the children are in extremely capable hands with Donna and Melissa.

The children continue to delve into the animal world. The children are encouraged as much as possible to source their own information, first and primarily from books, and secondly from the internet. They are also being encouraged to think more creatively about the presentation of their projects.

Last Friday our egg cooking experiences continued saw the majority of children experienced caviar for the first time – responses ranged from yum to yuck!

Cycle 3 News

Tigereye

Art

Last week students finally got to make their mosaics! It was a wonderful afternoon and students were excited to see their mosaics take shape. Local mosaic artist Aly Karazija came along to help and it was terrific to have her expertise. Thank you also to Bec Holmes for coming along to help and to Tania Sutton for all her assistance as well.

Cooking & 'Market Day'

Our focus for weekly cooking groups at the moment is on making snacks to sell at Friday's market day in the Cycle 2 & 3 courtyard. Students have been preparing a savoury and a sweet snack to sell for \$1 each and so far we have made over \$100! The students would like to put this money towards materials for the playground and/or garden.

The cheese scrolls and cupcakes were very popular at 'Market Day'!



Lukas and Edan working on their Batman mosaic.



Skip and Louise gluing on their tiles.
Fred and Finn cutting tiles for their mosaic.



Topaz

This last fortnight, students have busied themselves with some hard landscaping outside our classroom door; busy with mattock and shovel, I have noticed the boys in particular working very purposefully together to create their vision. Parents, we would deeply appreciate your participation – we need manure and mulch to help redeem our hard clay soil; large rounds of timber to walk and sit on; tough plastic to line a pond and rocks to help give character. Most of these things come for free but need a trailer and some time. Can you help? Students are on fire about this project – your support would affirm their vision!

In other areas, everyone is working hard on classroom project work; and we are starting to gain momentum with the end of year drama production as well... I can see us working to a fever pitch in the next few weeks – suddenly there just isn't enough time!

Cycle 2/3 courtyard update

Please support the pancake breakfast ; your gold coin donations will go toward this project. Fundraising for the Cycle 2/3 courtyard is slowly progressing – egg sales have raised around \$22 so far (my girls won't lay any faster!)

I have had some helpful hints about who I might contact for plants – but as with our outside garden, I would like to call on anyone who can help out with collecting large rocks and timber – I would love to see children sitting or climbing on logs at lunchtime. The concept drawing is in the foyer. I would like to see this through before leaving at the end of the year.

Scooter News

The sausage sizzle at the Celtic Weekend was a massive success: 'scooter boys' and their supportive mums in particular worked hard to raise over \$800 to go to a scooter/bike shed. Congratulations on working toward your goal... watch this space to find out how things are going.

Community News

Garage Sale

Saturday 30th November, 49 Sydney Road, Opposite the High School, 8am to 2pm

Loads of stuff; furniture, cds, dvds, baby clothes, women's clothes, books, toys and more

Saturday 30th November 2013

Bring the family down to the Police Paddocks for the
Beechworth Community Christmas Market
9am-2pm



Featuring our local community groups!

Indigo Young Artists:	Exhibition and sales of original Artworks. Be in at the start of some brilliant arts careers!
Beechworth Lions Club and Lake Sambell Management Committee:	Selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Lion mints. See the latest community update and Lake Sambell display.
Beechworth Mens Shed:	Selling handmade gifts in timber and wood raffle tickets. Display of Mens Shed plans and activities.
Beechworth Hockey Club:	Christmas Hamper raffle. Come and try Hockey on the Mini Hockey field!
Friends of the Fruit Fly Circus:	Selling circus merchandise and taking orders for trays of fresh Mangoes for Christmas. Circus crafts for kids (and adults!) Make your own juggling balls, make your own badge, learn juggling or Hula Hoops.
St Josephs Primary School:	Selling home grown vege seedlings, ready to plant!
1 st Beechworth Scouts:	Our Cubs are selling freshly popped Popcorn and homemade Lemonade, homemade preserves and fresh produce.
Beechworth Toy Library:	Come and try some BTL toys and kids activities.
Geoff Galbraith:	Selling 'Give a Goat' Working Christmas Gifts
Beechworth Montessori School:	Selling fresh made crepes, tea and coffee, cookies, Christmas puddings. Taking orders for local Christmas gift Hampers.
Beechworth CWA:	Selling Handmade gifts, homemade Christmas puddings and Christmas cakes, gingerbread men and biscuits.
Beechworth Community Christmas Committee:	Information and Market hub. Bring your gifts for the Salvation Army Giving Tree. Kids pick up your Scavenger Hunt clues from us. Extra Christmas Spectacular Shopping Voucher Booklets.
Indigo Atuario Friendship Group:	Selling handmade cards and bags, working Christmas gifts. Atuario Island Display.
Beechworth Arts Council:	Selling handmade and recycled goods.
Beechworth Combined Churches:	Free Tea & coffee, water and biscuits

And don't miss our local Entertainment lineup:

Acoustic Music by Indigo Young Artists	9am-2pm
Circus performance by the Fruit Bats	11am
Beechworth Ukelele Ensemble performance	10.30am
Maypole Dancing by Montessori students	11.30am

Please note Sunday 8th is Carols by Candlelight

7.30pm in the Town Hall Gardens, NOT on the 15th as in our Christmas Spectacular flyer.

Beechworth Community Christmas Spectacular Market Co-ordinator
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Christmas Spectacular

FAMILY NIGHT

Friday 29th November - 5.00pm

To celebrate opening night of the Christmas Spectacular,
enjoy a festive family evening in the Priory Local gardens
with great food, friendly faces and fun for the kids.

————— Face Painting ~ Santa Appearance —————

Santa Photos by Beechworth Photographers 5.00 - 6.00pm

————— Airbrush Tattoos ~ Games for Kids —————

Sausage Sizzle for the kids * Priory Local dinner menu * Bar Open

Call 03. 5728 1024. Dinner Bookings advised.



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