



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

From the Principal

Thank you all for a wonderful term. It has been lovely getting to know you and your children and I look forward to deepening these relationships and understanding. Thanks also to all staff for their phenomenal efforts. Congratulations to our incoming Committee of Management: Harry Bussell, Dean Cleave Smith, Pamela Walpole, Jacqui Alessi, Penny Everingham, Rachel Kerkvliet, Zoe Pinard, Mathew Saunders, & Anthea Scott, and thanks once again to the 2015 COM, both returning members Dean, Pamela and Harry, and outgoing members Karen, Lara, Amber, Helen, Andrea and Murray. Have a safe, happy and relaxing holiday with your children, and I hope to see many of you at the Easter Parade on Saturday.

Kind Regards, Bron Martin, Principal

Golden Horseshoes Parade – Montessori Float

We are again looking forward to a great time at the Golden Horseshoes Easter Parade. It will start at 2pm this Saturday 26th March. We will be meeting out the front of the Old Stone Hall on Church Street. Look for the purple and turquoise balloons to find us. Please make sure you are there by 1.45pm and that you are wearing purple and turquoise if possible!

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Attached to this Memo are copies of 2 letters that we have received from Daniel Andrews regarding the 2016 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Please note the importance and value of reading to and with children from birth. We strongly encourage working with your children on this challenge.

Ruby Room Educational Care Program – School Holidays & Term 2:

Unfortunately we have been unable to staff a holiday program for these holidays. We will revisit this again next holidays, please let us know if you are interested.

The ECP runs five mornings a week from 8am to 8.30am and five afternoons a week from 12pm to 5.30pm. We also run two morning sessions from 9am to 12pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are looking at the possibility of opening up a Friday morning session in term 2. At this stage we have not had enough interest to open it.

Please see us in the office if you are interested in any of our Educational Care Program sessions, either permanent places or casual.

Chinese Lesson – Term 2

Chinese lessons will continue in term 2. You will be invoiced early in term 2. If you do not wish your child to continue the lessons you will need to advise us as soon as possible.

If you would like your child to start Chinese lessons please let us know in the office.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) for Health Care Card Holders

Please remember, if you have a Health Care Card you are eligible for the CSEF. The CSEF is \$125 per primary school child, provided by the Victorian Government to the school to cover the costs of excursions/incursions and camps for your child. See us in the office for a form if you have not already filled one out.


Visit from St Kilda AFL Players

On Tuesday 15th March we had a visit from 8 St Kilda AFL players....

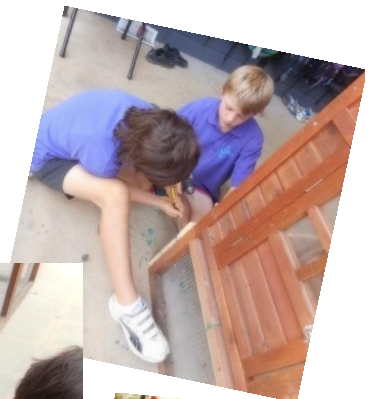


Visit from Beechworth Secondary MAP Students

On Monday, Cycle 3 had a visit from the Montessori Adolescent Program students. We played some fun games together, had a yummy afternoon tea that the Topaz and Tigereye students made, sang a song for them and sat and had a question and answer session about MAP and about high school in general. It was lovely to spend some time with Cycle 4 and hear about some of the great things they've been up to.

A group of students and adults are playing a game on a grassy field. The students are wearing hats and casual clothing, and the adults are also wearing hats. They are all looking down at the ground, possibly for a scavenger hunt or a similar game. The background shows a large building and some trees.

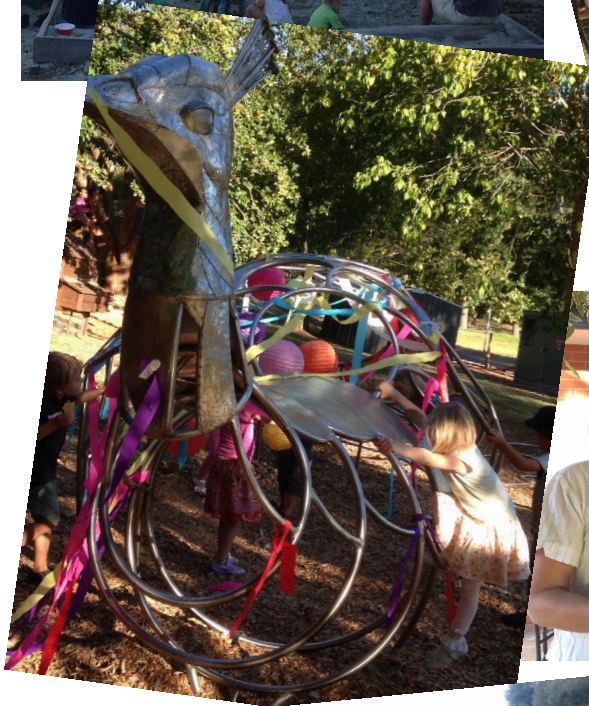
Fun around the school



Harmony Day



Harmony Day BBQ Feast & AGM



Golden Horseshoes Festival

On Saturday March 26th this year the Golden Horseshoes Festival in Beechworth will be hosting an extravaganza of events:

- 2 music performance stages & many roving performers
- Kids activities
- Vintage car display
- CFA & SES Display of vehicles and safety information
- Parade of up to 40 floats
- Night market at the Old Priory
- Rotary markets in the Queen Victoria Park
- Sunday morning East Egg Hunt at Mayday Hills

Traditional Family Bush Dance

Those who have previously been to a Bush Dance know about the extreme fun and ease of learning. This year "Bush Telegraph" will host a family Bush Dance at the Hibernian Hotel stage end of Camp Street from 3pm. Never done Bush Dancing before? Easy! We will teach you every step of the way and in about three minutes you will be dancin' up a storm.

Mel Thompkins

Grassroots Coaching Certificate

This is a great opportunity for teachers who are looking to be involved with the Sporting Schools initiative.

FFV & Murray United are running a FREE grassroots training certificate course for those who are looking to start their coaching careers.

FFV Coaching Education Manager Craig Moore has said about this course,

"We have also started to encourage parents to attend so that they get an understanding of what the coaches are doing, understand how their kids will be developed and hopefully there is a possibility that the parents put their hands up to coach or volunteer in the future and therefore improving "Club Culture".



The course will run Monday 21st March 5:30pm-8:30pm at La Trobe Wodonga.

Please register at the link below if you are interested. A great FREE initiative which can start your coaching career and further your football knowledge.

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?ID=14266&EIDMC=9607135>

School Holiday Clinics

Murray United are once again hosting school holiday football clinics for kids aged 5-12 years. These clinics are a great way to keep your kids active these Easter school holidays while being coached by experienced Football coaches. All the information for these clinics is below and would love as many kids as possible involved.




MUFC SOCCER SKILLS CLINICS

VIC – TUE 5, WED 6, THU 7 APRIL – LATROBE WODONGA
NSW – TUE 12, WED 13, THU 14 APRIL – ALBURY HOCKEY CENTRE
Time: 9am-1pm daily
Cost: \$40 per day / \$100 for 3 days

INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP COACHING WITH SENIOR COACH JAMES COUTTS (AGES 12-16 YRS)
(max 4 participants – by appointment only)
Time: 2-4pm daily Cost: \$20 per hour

Booking or enquiries: M 0402 421 297
E admin@murrayunitedfc.com.au



Golden Horseshoes Festival
March 26th 2016

Family Bush Dance
Easter Saturday
Beechworth

Camp St. - Hibernian Hotel Stage
3:00 p.m.
Featuring
"Bush Telegraph"



Origami For Kids



KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN.

Bring the kids along to learn the secrets of making Origami. They will learn to make an assortment of paper decorations and ornaments. Materials included.

Where: Quercus Beechworth, 30 Ford St, Beechworth

When: Tuesday 5th April 2016

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Cost: \$10.00

For bookings contact 03 5728 2386 or book online www.quercusbeechworth.com.au

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do you have a primary school aged child (5-12yrs) who loves to sing? Or would like to join a choir?

Where: Quercus Beechworth, 30 Ford St, Beechworth

When: Thursdays, commencing 21st April (10 weeks)

Time: 3.45pm-4.45pm

Cost: \$2 per week or \$20 per term.

For bookings contact 03 5728 2386 or book online www.quercusbeechworth.com.au