



Term 3

Week 10 – 18 September 2014

Distributed weekly on Wednesday

“An education capable of saving humanity is no small undertaking; it involves the spiritual development of man, the enhancement of his value as an individual, and the preparation of young people to understand the times in which they live.”

Maria Montessori

*A year calendar of events was distributed at the start of the year.
This section includes those events and any updates.*

Term 3

14th July – 19th September

10 weeks

0 public holidays

1 pupil free day – Montessori Networks

September

19th Friday – School photography orders due

19th Friday – End of Term 3 – 2.15pm finish

Term 4

6th October – 17th December

10½ weeks

1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup 4th November

1 pupil free day – Report Writing 3rd November

October

10th Friday – Gum Tree Pies fundraiser delivery 12 noon & 3.15pm pick up

11&12 – Loads of Clothes Market – Memorial Hall

December

17th – End of Term 4. 3.15pm finish

More dates to be added throughout the term.

Keep checking this section to stay informed

From the Principal

Disco – what a great night for the students. Jono as per usual, is able to provide us with age appropriate music and games. Thanks to the staff for their assistance in supervising, the students for their work with me in organising the event and the small but completely supportive parents that helped set up the venue, cut food and clean up. I appreciate the support. Many hands make light work.

Peace day - Under the wonderful instruction of Conrad the children's musical skills have developed all term and were showcased yesterday in the annual Peace Day celebrations. What better way to promote peace than to come together to sing and share food. A whole school rehearsal was held on Tuesday and all children were able to participate and watch the performances. However, the weather was beyond our control and at 4.30pm it rained enough for us to move into the only available space – the entrance and foyer. Less than ideal but we are nothing if not adaptable. The objective was to hold a pm event so that working parents could attend as many of our events are during school hours. This unfortunately meant that some students were unable to attend. We will showcase the work of the children again at the end of year concert to be held on Tuesday December 2nd – this will be held in the afternoon schoolhours at Memorial Hall.

Thank you Conrad for your work this term – what you have brought to the school via the music program is invaluable. Thanks also to the parents who made soup and bread, (particularly Helen Sellar who took up my request for someone to run this) and then set up to enable people to share in the celebration of peace. Having been an active parent prior to a staff member role, I value and appreciate your participation in our community and understand just what it takes to be engaged.



Cycle 2&3 Athletics – from the feedback it was a great day and judging by the weary staff and students, a day of great physical exertion. Some students have made it through to the next round of competition and information will be coming with regard to this. It's definitely been a busy last few weeks of term and term 3 is traditionally our most challenging term due to winter.

I'd like to wish you all a great break, taking time to slow things down and enjoy being a family. In particular thanks to ALL the wonderful staff who give so much of themselves, including after hours work. Thanks for your support, commitment and dedication to the children; working together as a team to move strategy into action to enable us to achieve our vision and values.

Kind regards, Heather

General News

Lemons for sale in the foyer – please help clear these before the holidays.

Lost Property – Cycle 2&3

Please check for items as unclaimed clothing will be donated to the local op shops.

LOST – New Size 12 Kathmandu blue hoody, unsure if named but belongs to Francis Duncan

LOST – School zip up jacket – size 14, named Edan or McWilliam

Walk to School October

Thanks to Helen Sellar who has offered to take on the co-ordination of our participation in this event. More details to come.

Active Families community event – Oct 19th Sunday 10-11.30

Do you have an interest in healthy kids and families, and are keen to promote active participation in the community? If this sounds like you, would you be willing to lead our school's participation in a community event to be held on Sunday October 19th from 10am – 11.30am. All the local educational services will come together for an easy walk of 2km, and then gather for a healthy morning tea and some activity such as skipping, yoga, hula hooping, etc. Designed for families, our active event doesn't need to be complex; just something simple that children and adults can do together at the Chinese Gardens. If you are keen to be part and can take on a leading role, please speak with Heather.

Photo orders

Orders are due **Friday 19th September** and photos will be taken early in Term 4 with photos available approx. 3 weeks later. If requiring sibling photos choose portrait or combo package and indicate "sibling" on the order forms.

Account details for EFT:

BSB: 193-879 Acc: 475 339 294 Name: Natalie Ord

Please identify the child's name in the payment description so payments can be recorded.

P&F News

Calling all clothes racks and mirrors

Dear parents

If any of you have a clothes rack and/or mirror we could borrow for the LOC market we would be extremely grateful if you could drop into the school ASAP.

Team LOC!

Soup Kitchen – Peace Day Celebrations – From Helen Sellar

Thanks to those who provided soup – lots of "mmm lovely" comments: Gina Bladon, Alli Allen, Danielle Colson, Fiona Wigg, Beck Holmes, Kerrie Sutherland, & myself and bread by Lou. Quite a few in the kitchen at the end cleaning up too.

Ruby Room News

I would like to begin with a thank you to Zoe and Xavier Pinard for their very beautiful and practical gift of a balance beam. The children of all ages are enjoying the challenges this activity provides and it is a very thoughtful gift. Thank you also to Trudi Ryan and her girls for attending the working bee and mulching the courtyard garden bed and to Skye and Ben Cutter and their children for erecting our new little arbor, a place the children can use in many ways. I apologise to any families who may have turned up Saturday for the working bee as I had the wrong date on the notice.

We have been tasting various healthy foods. Last week we roasted some pepitas (green pumpkin seeds) and sunflower seeds and added a little tamari sauce. They were delicious with children and adults enjoying them. These make a great healthy snack. All you do is dry roast them in a stainless steel pan or a wok until they turn slightly brown. Add tamari or soy sauce once they have cooled a bit.

ASC

Friday's group have been a delight this term being a very small group of children aged between 4-6 yrs. The group size does vary with as much as 10 children to 3 some days. Giving children time to spend uninterrupted at new and varied activities. Lunch time is practicing how to unpack/pack up their lunchboxes using manners and pouring their own water and wash dishes.

Outdoor play is well liked giving the children opportunities to cultivate relationships between Emerald and Amethyst children who play well. Planting seedlings and seeds in the vegie patch has begun with the warm weather coming on so we hope to see broccoli, cucumber and some peas in the near future.

On behalf of Lisa, Mel and myself we hope you all have a relaxing break with your children and looking forward to seeing you all in term 4

Michaela

Cycle 1 News

Lynda and Tameeka have been planning for term 4 and have made some alterations to the combined classes to enable more children to experience these and to provide a greater focus on other curriculum areas. On Tuesdays we will run whole group lessons on the sensorial curriculum, providing much needed review of an area that the older children don't often work in once they discover the joys of the maths and language programs. We will review understanding and language associated with concepts such as height, weight, length, spatial awareness, colour, size, texture, temperature, taste and sound. This will occur prior to the joint music session with Conrad at 2.00 on Tuesday.

On Thursdays we'll be focussing on botany/zoology and science and will kick off the first week by establishing our new chicken coop and doing some spring gardening and planting. Thanks very much to Trudi Ryan for compiling the successful Bendigo Bank grant which is funding the chicken coop. We would like to extend an open invitation to parents to join us on Thursday afternoons. Put the first Thursday of term in your diary from 1.30 and we'll email further information about other combined Thursday sessions for you to participate in.

This week (Thursday at 11.30) we will be holding a cycle 1 end of term lunch in the playground – byo picnic rug and lunch (no shared food please and no sesame seeds or nuts due to potentially life threatening allergies). If the weather is poor we'll picnic indoors!! It has felt like a long term with a lot of illness – this should be a nice way to finish it off (children who don't attend on Thursdays are welcome at 11.30 with a parent in attendance).

We have a number of children from both classes in the stage of transitioning to cycle 2. This often creates a period of social unrest in the classroom as the rest of the group adapts to their leaders moving on. If your child is acting differently or feeling a little uncertain about school, have a chat with the Director – it is possible they are responding to the transition of others without realising it.

We hope you enjoy a well-earned break (even if it's only from routine and making lunch boxes) and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Amethyst

There has been a lot of email communication with Amethyst families in the past few weeks so I thought I would put together a snapshot of the kinder children at work.



Emerald

We are finishing up the term with lots of interest in bugs – anything that we can find in the yard or that gets brought in from home. We have been creating habitats and placing the bugs in little observation tubs so that children can view them with a magnifying glass and draw them (older children are writing about their observations). The interest has been so intense, I am planning on making this a regular feature in our room in term 4.

Our visit to the cycle 3 science expo has sparked a great deal of interest in experiments and lots of recalling our previous water experiments in term 2. We will be taking a more in-depth look at science in term 4 so our visit was timely and generated a great deal of hypothesising about the experiments we viewed along with thoughts about additional concepts we might like to study. Thanks to Kat and Tigereye students for the invitation and their careful explanations!



great cooking activities and would love to anything you can contribute would be great and we can be pretty flexible about when you get involved – mornings or afternoons.

We are currently collecting tried and true remedies about head lice to share with others – we'll be providing the Health Dept information along with ideas that others have tried and sharing them with you all to try and break the cycle – keep an eye out for this early next term.

Thanks to everyone for your letters in response to our letters to you – with everyone feeling pretty tired we haven't progressed with the notion of writing to pen pals yet, but will do so upon our return to school in October (hopefully with a post office visit to coincide).

Stay well – Lynda, Wiggy and Geraldine

Community News

Wooragee Tennis Coaching

Junior Tennis Coaching is available at the Wooragee Tennis Club with experienced coach Garth Quast. Each Friday afternoon commencing 24 October for 8 weeks.

\$80 – \$100 for term for 45 – 60 minute lessons.

Limited places available.

Adult coaching also available from 7:30pm.

Bookings: Ali Maher 0438 269 319.

~ Circus In Yackandandah - Term 4 ~

International circus artists, Xavier and Zoe Pinard, are pleased to offer circus classes in Yackandandah.

With 25 years experience as artists and 10 years experience as teachers the classes deliver an exciting and varied circus training program.

Through skills such as tumbling, trapeze, handstands, juggling and pyramids, your children will have fun while developing core strength, balance and agility.

In term 4, we are offering the following class times.

Tuesday - 3.50pm - 4.50pm

- 4.50pm - 5.50pm

Wednesday - 2.30pm - 3.15pm (3-4yrs)

- 4pm - 5pm

- 5pm - 6pm (advanced class)

Saturday - 9.00am - 10.00am (Adults class)

- 10.00am - 11.00am

Cost - \$150 per term (5% off for first sibling, 10% off for second or more)

3 - 4yrs classes \$130 per term

* To secure your child's place, please contact Zoe via email or mobile.
xavierzoe@mac.com or 0478 055 091

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PARENTING PROGRAM 0-4 YEARS

CIRCLE OF SECURITY PROGRAM

This is a 6 week parenting education program for parents of children 0-4 yrs, who wish to build positive relationships with their children. It will help you to:

- Understand your child's needs
- Build your child's confidence and self-esteem
- Understand why children behave the way they do
- Learn how to help them with their behaviour
- Build a positive connection with your child



Cost: Free

Date: Tuesday 14th October – 25th November (not Nov 4th - Cup Day)

Time: 10am – 12noon

Place: Training Room (rear entrance of Gateway Health)
155 High Street Wodonga VIC

Facilitators: Parent Educator Laraine and Heads Up psychologist Maria

Remember: All your child needs is for you to be good enough and it's never too late. As you learn new ways of parenting good things happen for you and your child. COS 2009

For more information or to book your place please call
Laraine on 02 60228809 at Gateway Health

School Holiday movie

WHEN THE WORLD NEEDED A HERO,
THEY CALLED A VILLAIN.



DESPICABLE ME 2 PG

Thursday September 25 - 2pm

Wooragee Community Centre

Thursday October 2 - 2pm

Rutherglen Memorial Hall

Free entry!

Free fruit snacks!

plus craft
and reading
activities!

bookings not required

information: www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au/movies



Photography Workshop

Brenda Pomponio from 13 Acres and Erin Hartwig from Beechworth Photographers are combining their knowledge and experience to offer a interactive beginners workshop.

This practical workshop is perfect if you've recently purchased a Digital SLR camera. We'll work through the foundations of photography with you - exposure, aperture, shutter speed, lenses and composition and explore what makes a great photo. Learn some of the digital language, get an understanding of file formats, DPI and Resolution.

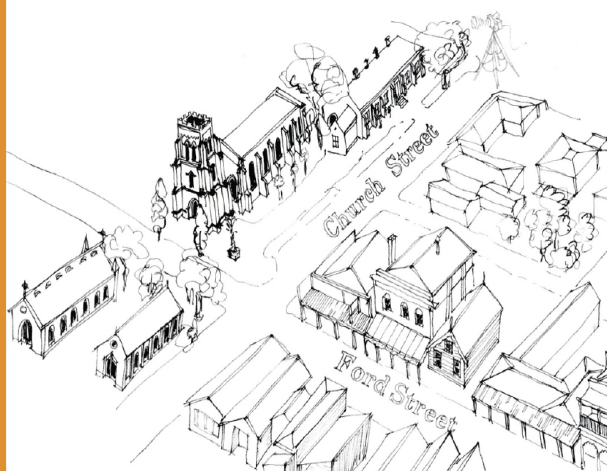
You'll be guided through some practical shooting tasks on a town walk around some of Beechworth's historic architecture. Come and enjoy a day with Brenda and Erin and learn how to get the most out of your digital camera.

Learn how to use your Digital SLR camera

Sunday November 16th 10am-2pm

For more info contact Brenda 0411 845 180 or hello@13acres.com.au

Cost \$170 (lunch provided) early bird \$150 if you book by 30th September. Venue - the old stone hall 7 Church Street Beechworth.



Junior Music Program for 3-4 year olds

A fun introduction to music to the little ones through singing, movement, imagination and musical games. Parents will need to accompany children in the class and join in the fun! Classes to start in Term 4.

There are 4 sessions that you can choose from:

Wednesday	Thursday
10am - 10.40am	10am - 10.40am
12.30pm - 1.10pm	12.30pm - 1.10pm

Other days/times could be arranged if there is enough interest.

Class size: 4-6 children

Cost: \$10 per lesson

Venue: To be announced

For more details please contact Sok Yi Bulmer (Bachelor in Music Teaching and Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning) at 0404 617 650 or

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