



Term 2

Week 2 – 30 April 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 2

22nd April – 27th June

10 weeks

2 public holidays – ANZAC Day, Queen's Birthday

1 pupil free day – Report Writing

April

30th Wednesday – bluearth family session 4pm at Mayday Oval, BYO picnic tea for after session

May

1st Thursday - bluearth

2nd Friday – RSVP and payment due for Montessori workshop

7th Wednesday – Mother's Day Night 5-6pm

9th Friday - bluearth (then fortnightly each Friday)

10th Saturday – Montessori Foundation theory workshop 9 – 4

13 – 15th Tuesday – Thursday – NAPLAN tests Grades 3&5 only

21st Wednesday – Pupil Free Day – Report Writing

June

9th Monday – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

16th – 20th – Cycle 1 kindergarten (3&4 1st and 2nd year of Cycle) Parent Teacher Interviews

23 – 26th – Cycle 1 Prep Parent Teacher Interviews

More dates to be added throughout the term. Keep checking this section to stay informed

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From the Principal

It's also a pleasure of mine to attend the Anzac Day service with my children and to meet the school representatives there. This year there was great interest from Cycle 3 children in attending - we discussed the role, the need for standing and listening with respect, being in full school uniform when it may be cold, sourcing and creating the wreath, and writing a follow up report.

Rubi Taylor, Mathilda Chambers, Jade Thomas, Eadie Pfahlert and Jackson Haw volunteered to represent the school at the ANZAC Day service on Friday, with Eadie being the Indigo Junior School Council representative. Despite being a fine and clear day it was still cool in the shade – they personified the dignity and respect of this day by waiting patiently and quietly throughout the dignified, and at times emotional service. I was proud to be associated with them and thank them for their willingness to keep the

ANZAC spirit alive.

I will be in Melbourne from Wednesday afternoon to complete a course being conducted by Independent Schools Victoria that I commenced last term. Therefore I won't be in the office on Thursday or Friday and will unfortunately miss the bluearth session on Wednesday afternoon. Therefore if any of you take photos, please send them through to me so that I can include them in our annual records. Whilst this isn't officially a fundraiser, a gold coin donation would be appreciated so that we can continue to work towards the landscaping of the outdoor areas. A byo picnic tea is scheduled for after the bluearth event and the weather forecast appears favourable. Thanks to the bluearth organisation for offering this opportunity for our parents and younger children to participate in a bluearth session.



I am very pleased to announce that Shannon Anderson has been appointed to the Music Director's position and we are just in the finalising stages – as soon as we can confirm details I will introduce her (via the newsletter) to the community and advise her commencement date and the day music will be scheduled. It is anticipated that she will commence in Term 3 as she is waiting on teaching registration. We welcome her to our community and look forward to what she will add to our already rich curriculum.

Whilst not officially a school matter, Beechworth Cubs group is at risk of folding unless leaders come forward to undertake their training and run the group. The current leaders (including Donna Hughes who works as an assistant at our school) are simply unable to continue to be involved with all the groups - Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers and unless more leaders are found the Cubs component will cease very soon. Wednesday night will be stopping very shortly. Many Montessori children are involved in Joeys and Cubs and hence my including this information in our school newsletter. I know how much I value and appreciate the Beechworth Scout Group as both my children have gone through from Joeys and are now in Cubs and Scouts. If you are in a position and have the interest and time to become a Cub leader please let Donna or myself know so that this vibrant group can continue to operate.

Kind regards Heather

P&F News

bluearth Family Session

Would you like to find out more about what bluearth sessions are? A family bluearth session will be held on Wednesday April 30th at 4pm on the Mayday Hill oval. Put the date in your diary, knock off work early and come along and experience bluearth for yourself. Wear sports gear, including runners, bring water and if you'd like to stay for a picnic tea byo everything for that. Hopefully the weather will be kind. bluearth instructors will be onsite to run the session. To help raise funds for landscaping we hope that all participants will make a gold coin donation.

Loads of Clothes Market

This fabulous event is running again in 2014 – October date to be confirmed. Start saving your quality clothes for a return on your original investment. If you would like to be a seller, or event helper please speak with Heather.

Montessori Autumn Family Feast

*Long Lamb Lunch
Sunday 18th May 11.30-3.30pm*

**\$25 per adult with kids under 12 free
Kids entertainment provided**

- Slow Cooked Lamb donated by Alpine Dorpers and Salad Buffet donated by P& F. Drinks at bar prices.
 - Fundraiser for school play-ground development
 - Bad weather alternatives have been made so it will not be cancelled

Pre bookings are needed but numbers are not limited so gather your family and friends for a laid back, pre Winter, family feast!

**RSVP: info@beechworthmontessori.vic.edu.au
Before Wed 14th May**

General News

After Session Care

If your child is enrolled in a program with our service and is 3 years of age or older, they are eligible to attend our after session care program. This program runs Monday – Friday from 12 noon – 3.15pm at a cost of \$26 in total. We do accept casual attendance – just contact Feona in the office to book your child in for a session.

State Swimming Finals – our representatives

As you can see from the beaming smiles, the girls had a fun day. The results are:

Charlotte 3rd breaststroke & 8th freestyle

Eadie 8th backstroke

Freestyle relay 7th. Great result from your efforts. Thanks also to the parents for supporting the girls and transporting them to the events across the state.



Ruby Room News

Welcome to baby Charlie, son of Amber and Ben Resta and little brother Jack; and to baby Indiana, daughter of Skye and Ben Cutter and sister of Brodie. It is beautiful to see little babies in our room again.

We would also like to welcome Emily and her grandmother to playgroup. We hope you enjoy your time here.

This term we will be looking at our bodies and having fun with activities to do with our bodies, such as body drawing, colouring them in, identifying body parts; facial expressions, yoga, dance and stories.

Ruby Room also requires a working bee for the back playground, so if you are interested please see Michaela.

Michaela, Melanie & Lisa

Cycle 1 News

Welcome back to term 2. We are currently focussing the curriculum on environmental sustainability. In particular, we are considering recycling and water conservation. We have guest speakers visiting to discuss both topics during morning work cycles:

Recycling.

Sally Atkinson from Cleanaway is visiting this Wednesday morning to discuss recycling with the children. In each classroom, children have learnt about the recycling symbol and have practiced finding this on various pieces of rubbish to determine how to sort it. We have discussed the importance of recycling, why we do it, and have also considered re-using of materials. Children have identified our school building as an example of something that has been re-used and have enjoyed sharing stories about clothing that they have had been given or have handed on to others as further examples of re-using materials. You can support this at home by; encouraging children to sort rubbish for you; asking them to determine what packaging should go into the recycling bin; taking the rubbish out to the appropriate outdoor bins; labelling your bins according to the collection bins (recycling yellow and garbage red); and looking for opportunities to re-use or re-purpose old, unwanted materials.

Water conservation.

Diane Doyle from North East water is visiting next Thursday morning to discuss the importance of water conservation. A display will be set up to support the learning outcomes. In the classrooms we have discussed where water comes from, how we get it, where it is stored, the notion of drought, why water is important, and how we can conserve it. We have placed tubs in the kitchen and art sinks to save water, some of which is re-used to water plants. It is our intention to construct a chook shed with a water tank to supply our water for outdoor play. In the interim, we have introduced the concept of water conservation and re-using water during play. You can support this at home by: talking to children about your water sources; observing the depths of dams and water tanks as they change over the coming months; encouraging children to assist with watering the garden and discussing water sources and conservation practices in your garden; using tubs to collect excess water in the kitchen and bathroom to re-use elsewhere; visiting water catchments to observe and discuss where water comes from.

As a group of cycle 1 professionals, we constantly review our practice based on the required implementation of the National Quality Framework for early childhood services, as a result, you will note that we make changes over time to our practices to better reflect quality standards and to consistently improve the quality of our educational practices; one of which is to provide information on how you can support children's learning in the home.

A quick thank you to families who have supported delivery of our programs with donations (a great example of re-using and recycling). This includes donations of boxes for art projects, magazines to use for language activities and money raised from pears sold in the foyer to purchase items for the classroom.

Lynda and Tameeka

Montessori Matters

Questions you can ask yourself in response to "How can you support your Montessori child at home".

- Are you encouraging his independence?
- Do you involve him in the cooking, cleaning, and gardening?
- Do you let him play and work without interrupting him?
- Do you avoid saying "good job" and instead celebrate his specific accomplishments?
- Do you set limits firmly and kindly, without resorting to rewards and punishments?
- Do you take your child out in nature and let him explore?
- Does he sit with you at the dinner table?
- Do you read beautiful, high-quality literature with him?
- Do you limit his exposure to TV and computers?
- Do you respect his choice when he doesn't want to share a toy or participate in a group activity?
- Do you have conversations with him while making eye contact?
- Are you modeling respect, acceptance, and peace?

If you are doing these things, then your child is getting the BEST POSSIBLE Montessori education at home. You are also supporting their learning at school and all of it is free. No need for special books, materials or equipment.

Montessori Parent Education Session – Montessori philosophy **LAST CHANCE THIS WEEK TO REGISTER** At present we don't have sufficient numbers to cover costs and the event looks like being cancelled. If you are thinking of attending, please confirm by Friday May 2nd.

Saturday May 10th

- \$100 per person
- \$50 if repeat attendance.

Please RSVP with full payment.

Montessori Australia Foundation website subscriber access

As a member school with the Montessori Australia Foundation our parents have access to the individual subscriber section of the website.

Go to www.montessori.org.au

Click on individual subscribers.

Username: beechworth

Password: thermic1



MONTESSORI FOUNDATION WORKSHOP - BEECHWORTH
10 MAY 2014

Education *should no longer be thought of as imparting knowledge, but must take a new path that seeks to release the human potential within us all.* Maria Montessori

Invitation to Montessori Institute Students, Parents and other interested members of the Community to attend a Foundation Theory Workshop. Some of the topics to be covered are:

- Introduction to Montessori Education
- Maria Montessori's life & influences
- Montessori Principles, Features and Aims
- Myths and Misconceptions
- The Absorbent Mind & Sensitive Periods
- Four Planes of Development
- Human Tendencies
- Preparing the Environment
- The Hand and Independence
- Montessori Materials
- Preparation & Role of the Teacher
- Discipline and Normalisation
- Freedom & Limits
- Rewards & Punishments



The Presenter will be Dianne Davis. Dianne has worked in the field of education for over 30 years which included doing emergency relief at a Montessori School. Working in a Montessori environment inspired her to undertake Montessori studies. She taught in a 9-12yrs Montessori classroom for 7 years and was appointed Principal at Plenty Valley Montessori School, a position held and enjoyed for 10 years. Thereafter she spent a further 3 years as Principal at Melbourne Montessori School. Dianne also does consultancy work for several Montessori schools nationally, as well as for a number of smaller independent schools in Melbourne. Dianne holds a Bachelor of Education, Diploma of Montessori 9-12 MWEI, Diploma of Montessori Leadership AMS.

VENUE: Beechworth Montessori, 42 Gilchrist Ave, BEECHWORTH VIC
TIME: 9am - 4pm **PLEASE BE PROMPT**

PLEASE BRING: Writing materials and lunch
Morning and afternoon tea will be provided



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Season Start MiniRoos

U5's to U9's will kick off their season at Savoy Park every Tuesday from 29 April from 5pm to 6/6.30pm (you can register after this date) for approximately 10 weeks Cost \$75

Coach Danielle Caponecchia. Danielle is looking for four adult volunteers to assist her with skills training.

U10's will start their training at Savoy Park every Tuesday from 22 April (you can register after this date) from 5pm - 6pm with games on Saturday Cost \$75 - Coach Sam Morgan

Register at www.myfootballclub.com.au, once registered an invoice will automatically be sent to your email address with banking details for EFT payment.

All new players will need ID with a copy of birth certificate

Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club needs players for its Sunday competition

We have position available in the following;

- U12's mixed team training on Wednesday nights 5pm to 6.30pm
- U14 Girls 5.30pm to 7pm Tuesday night training.
- Division 3 Men (U18) Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.30pm to 8.30/9pm

For any further information on the registration process and costs:

<http://www.myrtlefordsoccer.com.au/index.php/registration/2014-registration>

The Pillow Doctor is coming!

May 23rd & 24th

At the Flying Fruit Fly Circus building, Hovell St, Albury

Friends of Fruit Fly have organized a visit from The Pillow Doctor mobile pillow renovation van on Friday May 23rd and Saturday May 24th.

This is a truly old-fashioned renovation service, bringing your old and stained bed pillows back to their full glory, and comfort! The Pillow Doctor has not come to Albury-Wodonga for many years, so this is a great opportunity to pull out all your pillows and bring them down to 'the Y' for renovation and renewal. No more covering stained pillows with layers of pillow cases!

Feather - Dacron - Rubber - Wool

The pillow Doctor offers a full service:

- **Diagnosis** - The pillow Doctor will diagnose your pillows and renovate them if they still have life in them (and most do...)
- **Renovation** - New pillow casing - choice of cotton or stain resistant - sanitise contents and refill or top-up.
- **Replacement** - Excellent new handmade pillow protectors for sale. New pillows for sale too!

Costs:

New Dacron Foam Core Pillow	\$15	Renovate Feather Pillow	\$10
New Pillow Protectors	\$6	Renovate Wool Pillow	\$8
Renovate Dacron Pillow	\$8	Renovate Continental Pillow	Sm. \$12 Lrge \$14
Renovate Rubber Pillow	\$8	Renovate Boomerang Pillow	Sm. \$10 Lrge \$12

A proportion of every sale and renovation will come back to the Fruit Flies to support our projects.

How it works:

1. Gather up your pillows and pack them into a large plastic bag.
2. Prepare an envelope with your name, number of pillows and service required and your payment (in cash please). Staple/tape the envelope to the plastic bag (make sure we can open and close the bag as your pillows will be returned in this as well).
3. Bring your pillows down to the Pillow Doctor's van at the Y on the Friday or Saturday - **latest drop off 2.30pm both days please**. You can discuss your pillows with the Pillow Dr if needed and stay until they are done (it only takes a few minutes), or just drop off and pick up later in the day.
4. Pillows can also be left at Reception during the week preceding the Pillow Dr visit, and we will arrange to have them done and left in the foyer for you to pick up.

Thanks for your support,
Anne Stelling - Coordinator for this fundraiser.
0428 565 195

Anne Stelling is available to transport pillows between Albury and Beechworth Montessori. Please call her to make arrangements.