



## Term 3

### Week 7 – 27 August 2014

*Distributed weekly on Wednesday*

*"Childhood constructs with what it finds. If the material is poor, the construction is also poor."*

*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

**14<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

10 weeks

0 public holidays

1 pupil free day – Montessori Networks

#### August

27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – THRASS Parent Info Session 7pm RSVP essential

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Maria Montessori's birthday

#### September

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Father's Day Night 5-6pm

8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Cycle 2&3 Parent Teacher Interviews

12<sup>th</sup> Friday – Gum Tree Pies Fundraiser orders due

12<sup>th</sup> Friday – Toy Catalogue and Uniform orders due

12<sup>th</sup> Friday – Prep/Grade 1, Cycle 2&3 Disco

12<sup>th</sup> Friday – Loads of Clothes Market registrations close

15<sup>th</sup> Monday – Tigereye Science Expo – 2-3pm. All welcome

16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – International Peace Day celebrations 5pm

19<sup>th</sup> Friday – School photography orders due

**19<sup>th</sup> Friday – End of Term 3 – 2.15pm finish**

### Term 4

**6<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> December**

10½ weeks

1 public holiday – Melbourne Cup 4<sup>th</sup> November

1 pupil free day – Report Writing 3<sup>rd</sup> November

#### October

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

11&12 – Loads of Clothes Market – Memorial Hall

#### December

17<sup>th</sup> – 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

Thanks to Beechworth and District Community Bank for donating a range of new basketballs, footballs and soccer balls to the school. We also received Rugby footballs from the NRL. Thanks everyone.

Thanks also to Beechworth Correctional Centre community team for installing the new football posts... some of them couldn't resist attempting the tight wire. The football posts have changed the look and feel of the area already – they couldn't be used on the first day whilst the concrete set so it will be interesting to see their use over the next few days.

Last week In the newsletter we included a piece regarding the newly installed "Tightwire". And an email was sent home Thursday showing parents what happened in the playground during lunchtime. Xavier came and provided some advice and insight into how to develop skills on the wire.

#### His advice included:

- wear shoes without a heel
- ensure shoes are secure on the foot/tight
- no bare feet
- Look ahead at the end of the wire - head up
- Move slowly
- Keep the feet straight
- Help each other for balance
- Build strength and technique

There was also a lot of other action in the playground with something for everyone.

***Kind regards, Heather***



## From the Committee of Management

Hi Montessori Community, just wanting to let you know that as part of our school celebration on International Peace Day the Committee will take the opportunity to share some of the work we have been doing with Heather this year.

2013 was the year of relocating the school. Now 2014 is a year the committee is focusing on consolidating the systems and processes that cover the governance and operational management of the school. This is a dry but necessary area of work that has seen us develop a Vision and Values booklet and establish 7 key areas that that will ensure we meet all the legislative requirement while providing a high quality teaching and learning environment for our children.

The 7 key areas are:

- Educational Program and practice
- Children's Health & safety
- Physical Environment
- Staffing
- Relationships with Children
- Collaborative Relationships with the Community
- Leadership and Service Management

The 'Vision & Values Booklet' will be distributed via parent pockets before the end of this term and we would really appreciate your input and feedback. We look forward to seeing you and discussing this further with you as part of our International Peace celebrations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Heather Gerrard or myself Jane Darvall (0417 052 674)

## General News

### Lost Property

The weather is changing and it's nearing the end of term which means that lost clothing is accumulating. As per our usual practice we will be donating all unclaimed and unnamed items to the local opp shops at the end of term. Please ask your children to check the supply soon.

### Hats – All students are required to wear hats outside from September to April

A reminder that as per our Uniform Policy, from September to April (inclusive) all students are to wear hats when outside. Hats must be broad brimmed or bucket/surf style with brims at least 7.5cm. Bucket or surf hats are to have a deep crown and a brim of at least 6 cm. Navy hats with the school logo can be purchased from the office – surf hats \$16, bucket hats \$12.50.

### School Uniform Orders

Bulk order of summer gear will be made at the end of this term. Please place orders with the office by **Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**. Uniform is not compulsory in the primary school unless attending a school excursion or representing the school in the community. Our supplier is having a sale **of 25% off** all floor stock, this does not include items made to order such as long sleeve polos and summer dresses.

Earlier in the year a few girls approached Heather to enquire whether a summer skirt could be made out of the school dress material. Before an approach is made to the supplier/manufacture to ascertain if it's feasible and the cost I'd, Heather would like some indication that this would be purchased by parents. Please let the office know or speak with Heather directly.

### Music

Last week we received a brand new set of Drum Circle Percussion equipment. This is very exciting for the school to have such a great set of drums for all the students to use in class room music. The equipment consists of 6 Djembes and a variety of auxiliary percussion instruments which covers a broad base of sounds and tones. So this means that all the students in the classes have an instrument in their class Drum Circle.

The music programme is going very well, with all the students showing great enthusiasm in rehearsal time. The kids have a lot of potential in their Rhythm skills with the routine making a lot of difference in their ability to play the instruments. We have had a lot of fun playing musical games such as Question and Answer, Call Response and we also have some very nice arrangements for the senior students all of which are sounding great!

We are preparing for our end of term performance which is on International Peace Day on the 16th September. We will delight the audience with the beat of our drums and the sound of our songs.

I look forward to the event and working with all the students and staff over the next few weeks and having great time at the show. Keep up the great work kids!

***Kind regards, Conrad Forrer***

### International Peace Day celebrations

Please join staff and students for our annual International Peace Day Celebrations. This year we will commence at 5pm for student performances and participation of families in a peaceful event, of singing and music. Jane Darvall, representing the Committee of Management will then launch the Vision and Values document and update the community on the new strategic vision for the school. This will be followed by soup and bread co-ordinated by the P&F. The celebrations commence at 5pm in the Cycle 2&3 outdoor area (weather permitting). Please wear a colour of the rainbow.

#### ***From the P&F***

*Following the proceedings of our Peace Celebration this year the P&F would like to invite all children and families to join us for a bowl of warm soup and some crusty sourdough. We hope this will provide an opportunity for us all to catch up after a long, dark winter. If you think you may be able to provide a pot of soup to share, then please contact Helen Sellar on 0527283222 or [helensellar@yahoo.com](mailto:helensellar@yahoo.com)*

*A variety of yummy home cooked soups will be much appreciated. Please provide a list of ingredients so that allergies/food restrictions can be catered for. Thanks Helen.*

### **Montessori Adolescent Program**

Parents and interested others are invited to a staff meeting at Beechworth Montessori School on Wednesday 17/9/14 at 3.30 – 4.30pm in which Laureen Barnard will involve staff in an update on the Beechworth Secondary College Montessori Adolescent Program, and her adolescent training at the Hershey Montessori School in Ohio. We will be participating in a seminar which will be a method of instruction utilised in the adolescent Montessori program.

RSVP is essential by Friday 12/9 as there will be some pre-reading so that you can participate in the session. All parents are welcome however unfortunately we cannot cater for children at this information session.

### **Photo orders**

Orders are due **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Cycle 2, 3 and Preps/Grade 1 Disco**

Just a reminder that on **Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September**, we are having a disco. It is going to be held at the Neighbourhood Centre. It's \$5.00 per person.

- Cycle 1 Preps and grade 1: 5-6pm
- Cycle 2: 5-6.30pm
- Cycle 3: 6-7.30pm

Parent helpers and dancers welcome with child's permission. Please return the permission form that was on the invitation placed in parent pockets.

Thanks ☺ The Disco Event Group

### **Walking School Bus**

The Walking School Bus is co-ordinated by Beechworth Health Service and operates Tuesdays, leaving the Post Office at 8.30am for a supervised walk up the hill. All children must have been registered and this form can be collected from the office. Now that the weather is brighter we hope to see a possie of purple out and about.

## **P&F News**

### **Loads of Clothes Market**

Registrations are being received and word is out that this will be the place to make some \$ and pick up some quality pre-loved clothing and accessories. Please share with your friends that if they have quality items that they'd like to sell, then they can register as a seller with the Loads of Clothes Market – email [loc@bms.vic.edu.au](mailto:loc@bms.vic.edu.au) or call 03 5728 2940.

### **Gum Tree Pies Fundraiser**

An order form has been placed in parent pockets for this fundraiser. ***Please ensure that you use the green flyer; the yellow copy contained a pricing error.*** Orders are due back by 12<sup>th</sup> September (Friday) and delivery of freshly made, unbaked pies suitable for cooking or freezing will be delivered Week 2, Term 4 – Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. We receive \$1 per pie and only quality products are used in these locally produced, award winning pies. You can check out their products on [www.gumtreepies.com.au](http://www.gumtreepies.com.au)

### *Testimonial – Kerrie Riddoch*

*I absolutely love the gum tree pies 'honestly best pie ever eaten'. These pies are all individually made with real meat and vegetables with the added benefit of being produced locally. Try these amazing pies and discover for yourself how yummy and healthy they really are. I'm a big fan of the Lamb and Mint and can eat these to the cows come home, so please support this fabulous fundraiser and get your orders in.*

### **Toy Catalogues**

Orders forms are required at the office by Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>. The school receives vouchers to the value of 20% of the total orders and we use these to purchase items for Ruby Room. It's a great opportunity to purchase appropriate items to keep on hand for birthday presents and Christmas.



## Cycle 2&3 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Cycle 2 & 3 interview times can be found below in the table. To book a time, complete the sheet located in the Cycle 2 & 3 parent waiting area or contact the office and we can secure a time for you. To enable efficiency and fairness directors will adhere to the allocated times. If parents are late for interviews, the time will need to be reduced so that following families are not inconvenienced. A room timetable will be placed in parent pockets this week in addition to the table below.

Children are welcome to attend the interviews and an opportunity will be made available if there are issues that would be best discussed without your child present.

	<b>Moonstone <i>Susi</i></b>	<b>Turquoise <i>Karen</i></b>	<b>Tigereye <i>Kat</i></b>	<b>Topaz <i>Terie</i></b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm – 6.30pm	3.30pm – 6.30pm	3.30pm – 5.30pm	3.30pm – 5pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September			3.30pm – 5.30pm	3.30pm – 5pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm – 6.30pm	3.30pm – 6.30pm		3.30pm – 5pm

## Cycle 2 News

### Moonstone

**Highly recommended activity to share with your child.**

Now that the Spring weather is in the air it is the perfect time to find a warm, sunny and grassy piece of earth to lie down together to watch the clouds. What wonderful shapes can you see in the puffy cumulus clouds? How do the shapes change as the clouds travel with the wind? How many different types of clouds can you see? How are clouds made?

We are studying the different types of clouds and depicting clouds through painting in tints and shades, the cumulus family, the stratus family, the cirrus family and other types of clouds such as fog.

**Questions:** I am constantly amazed at the depth and variety of questions the students ask during their day at school. At home you may find your child is asking questions about topics we are studying in class. Expect questions about the moon, the tides, seasons, day and night, water, clouds and many other wonderings. **By Susi**

**Rugby:** On Friday last week the Cycle 2 and 3 classes walked to the oval. Everyone was very excited because we were doing rugby. Everyone played a little game of rugby and it was lots of fun. After that we all got a football each. Then everyone went back to school. It was a very enjoyable morning. **By Jack**

**Astronomy:** We have been studying the sun, earth and moon. So far we have learned that if the gravity from the moon pulls the water on earth that makes high tide and on the other side of the earth will be low tide. An eclipse occurs when the moon travels between the earth and the sun casting a shadow on the earth. **By Taya and Natasha**

### Turquoise

**Geography:**

We have been looking at the importance of the ocean to our way of life but also how our way of life impacts upon the ocean and its inhabitants. This week we looked at rivers and streams, their parts, how they begin, the journey they take and where they end up.

**Space Cycles:**

The children have learned what causes the tides, why sometimes we have low tides and other times high times and why the times of low and high water mark changes.

**Sunshine:**

Great to see the return of the sun – remember to provide your child with sun hat, although not compulsory at this stage, it is certainly encouraged.

### Grace and Courtesy:

In recent weeks the children have been asked to think more carefully before they interrupt a peer with conversation. I have asked them to consider the volume at which they speak, whether they need to speak, and the impact of their talking on their own work and the work of others.



### Art:

After many weeks of patient and often tedious work, our peacocks are starting to be completed.



## Cycle 3 News

### Across Both Rooms

#### Win for the school hockey 7's

A couple of weeks back the school Hockey 7's team competed in the regional competition in Wodonga. They were victorious which means the team is heading to Melbourne for the State competition on the 11th September. Although it wasn't well attended with only three teams competing including Strathboggie and Shepparton, Beechworth Montessori were dominant on the day, easily winning against both teams. The team had to adapt their play to the modified rules which includes no hitting the ball; only pushing or slapping; no lifting of the ball, no goaly and a smaller playing field. Congratulations to the team – Francis Duncan, Indigo Walker, Liam McMullen, Tas Kearney, Billy O'Meara, Alex Entwistle and Fred Wilkinson. Thanks to Fiona Wigg for organising and support on the day.

**Anne Duncan (Alex's mum)**



### Tigereye

#### **Maths with Murray by Skip**

On 13/14-8-2014 Cycle2/3 classes had a visit from a professional firefighter named Murray Walker who also happens to be Takara's dad. Murray taught us how to read a complicated fire weather report, how he fought fires and how to make a 6 digit grid reference on a map.

## Science Expo

Tigereye is having a Science Expo! This term each student has been working on their own science project. We are inviting parents to come and see all of these great projects on the **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 2-3 o'clock**. Here are some examples:

- Sweet as Sugar-Akeidha
- Desalination machine-Uli
- Can you tell a fake to a genuine smile?-Mathilda
- Coke and Mentos-Edan
- Growing Crystals-Ruby K-H
- M and M's maths-Charlotte
- How do plants grow in different environments-Takara
- The effects of microwaved water on plants-Skip
- Making parachutes with different materials-Billy
- Levitating Magnets-Will
- Making a catapult-Fred
- Which bridge will take the most weight?-Kezia
- Are you a visual learner or an auditory learner- Eadie
- Catching stardust- Ruby R
- Colour mixing- Finbar

If you would like to come along it would be great!

**By Uli**

*Photos below*

*From left to right, top to bottom*

*Fred launching his catapult.*

*Finbar building a Roman Arch.*

*Akeidha & her 'sweet science' experiment.*

*Ruby growing crystals*

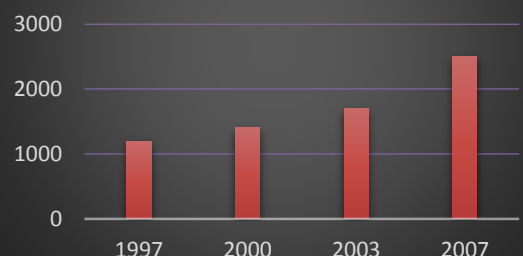


## Enviroweek

**By Edan**

This week, Skip Pieper and I have been measuring the amount of rubbish in the bins (in volume) for Enviroweek. Enviroweek is an international week in Australia for the environment. Enviroweek encourages young Aussies to do something nice for the environment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The three bins used by the cycle 2 & 3 added up to a total of 319950 cm<sup>3</sup>. We have also looked at how much plastic waste Tigereye students bring in their lunch and snack.

## Rubbish produced per person per year in Australia (in kg)





## Science workshop at Beechworth Secondary College

On Friday 22-8-2014 my fellow year 4s and I went on an excursion to the high school for a science lesson on mirrors and optical illusions. We were taught about optical illusions and how mirrors work.

We learnt about different types of mirrors. We were shown that when the sun reflects off a concave mirror it will burn something. We also learnt that convex mirror shows you more of your surrounding and that a concave mirror shows you less of your surrounding.

Thankyou for reading, *Skip*

## Topaz

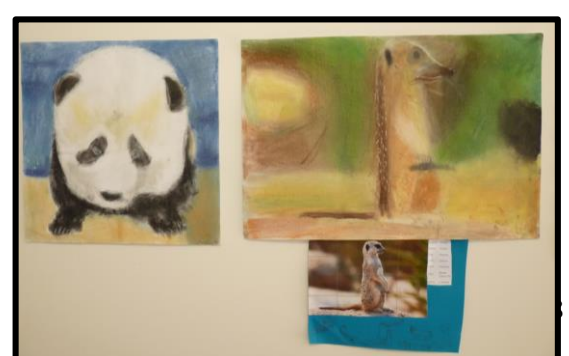
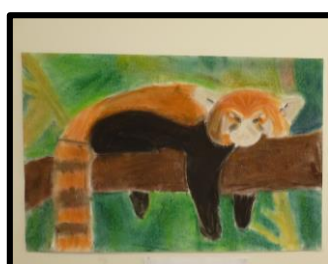
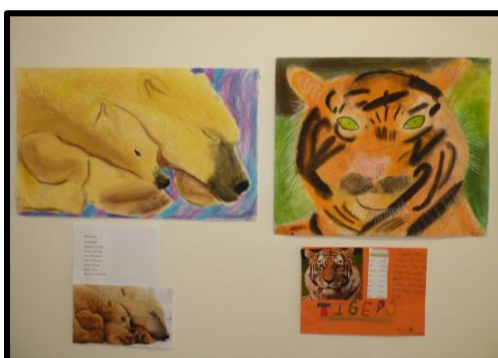
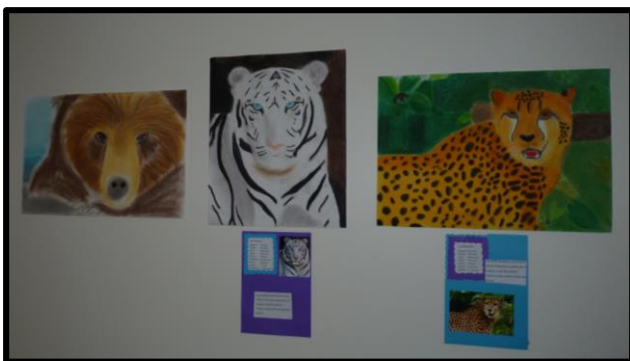
These drawings were inspired by Lia who completed a project on the red panda. Lia began by using a photograph of the red panda which was folded to make a grid. The photograph was then enlarged onto paper, making sure the proportions of the original photo were observed. She then had to use her maths skills to divide the paper into grids of 4x4. Using each square of the grid as a guide the Lia sketched an outline of the red panda.

Seeing her success, other students decided to have a go which resulted in these drawings. Students took the time to ensure that the details of their animals were symmetrical, and each studied the unique features of their animal's faces such as eye shape etc. Once the lead outlines were drawn they were replaced with Derwent pencil and then erased, as was the grid.

The colouring began with the background, with multiple shades being drawn, rubbed and blended. Each layer was strayed with fixative to stabilize and avoid smudging. When the background was completed they coloured in the animal, again taking care to emphasise shaeds and tones within the creatures, fur, feathers or skin. Lastly the freatures such as eyes, whiskers, noses, teeth etc were drawn over the top.

As they progressed it was amazing to hear their confidence grow, the encouragement and joy they shared with each other creating a positive buzz

within the room. *Terie*





# Montessori Matters

## Maria Montessori: The Forgotten Letter

[http://montessorihome.com/maria-montessori-the-forgotten-letter?utm\\_content=bufferf69f3&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://montessorihome.com/maria-montessori-the-forgotten-letter?utm_content=bufferf69f3&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

In 1947, Dr Montessori sent this letter to governments worldwide. Her unerring belief in educational reform as a force for the good of mankind is inspiring, but also something that has been ignored by governments for simply too long. It is often simpler not to mess with the status quo, and to continue to do what we have always done. Montessori spent her life trying to change the staid methods of education which she felt were counterproductive and even sometimes damaging.

Here is an extract from the letter:

My life has been spent in the research of truth. Through study of children I have scrutinized human nature at its origin both in the East and the West and although it is forty years now since I began my work, childhood still seems to me an inexhaustible source of revelations and – let me say – of hope.

Childhood has shown me that all humanity is one. All children talk, no matter what their race or their circumstances or their family, more or less at the same age; they walk, change their teeth, etc. at certain fixed periods of their life. In other aspects also, especially in the psychical field, they are just as similar, just as susceptible.

Children are the constructors of men whom they build, taking from the environment language, religion, customs and the peculiarities not only of the race, not only of the nation, but even of a special district in which they develop. Childhood constructs with what it finds. If the material is poor, the construction is also poor. As far as civilisation is concerned the child is at the level of the food-gatherers.

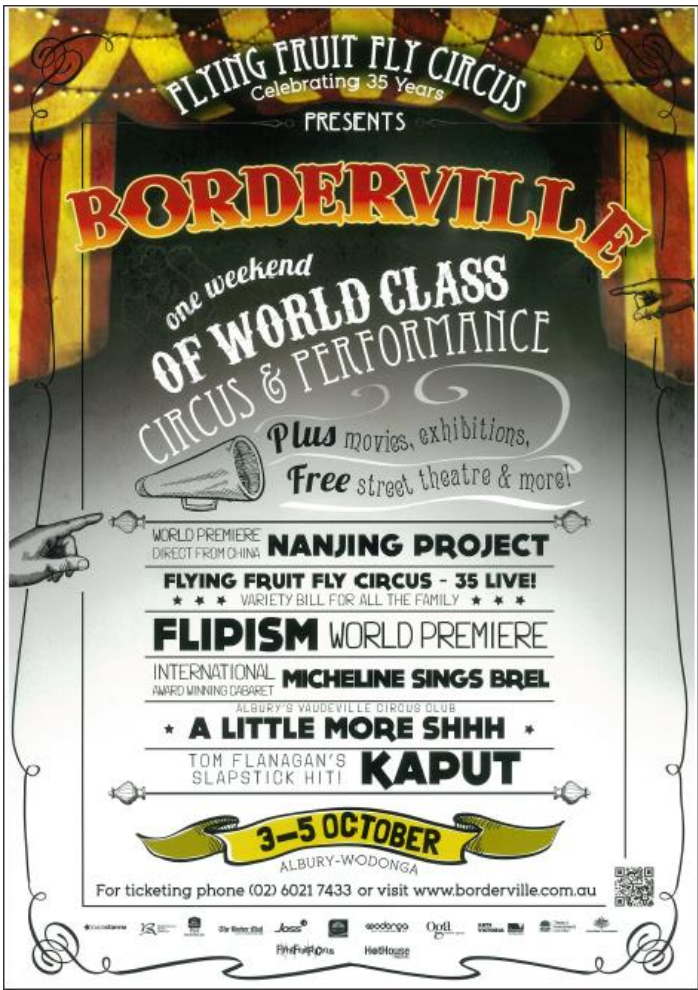
In order to build himself, he has to take by chance, whatever he finds in the environment.

The child is the forgotten citizen, and yet, if statesmen and educationists once came to realize the terrific force that is in childhood for good or for evil, I feel they would give it priority above everything else. All problems of humanity depend on man himself; if man is disregarded in his construction, the problems will never be solved.

No child is a Bolshevik or a Fascist or a Democrat; they all become what circumstances or the environment make them. In our days when in spite of the terrible lessons of two world wars, the times ahead loom as dark as ever before, I feel strongly that another field has to be explored, besides those of economics and ideology. It is the study of MAN – not of adult man on whom every appeal is wasted. He, economically insecure, remains bewildered in the maelstrom of conflicting ideas and throws himself now on this side, now on that. Man must be cultivated from the beginning of life when the great powers of nature are at work. It is then that one can hope to plan for a better international understanding.

**Maria Montessori**

## Community News



# LOADS OF CLOTHES

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clothing & accessories.  
Thousands of new & preloved items  
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OCTOBER 11&12

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Sat: 9am - 4pm

Sun: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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