



Term 2

Week 1 – 15 April 2015

Distributed weekly on Wednesday

Term 2

13th April – 26th June

11 weeks

1 public holiday – Queen's Birthday

1 pupil free day – Report Writing

To Be Advised

Cycle and room excursions if conducted and other events if the need arises

April

13th Monday – School resumes

17th Friday – Gum Tree Pies delivered for 12 noon or 3.15pm pick up

24th Friday – School Cross Country

25th Saturday – ANZAC Day

27th Monday – Cycle 3 Cross Country

30th Thursday – Open Day at School – observations in rooms and tours

May

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

12th -14th Tuesday – Thursday – NAPLAN testing

16th Saturday – Montessori Philosophy Workshop – MWEI Trainer
Dianne Davis

20th Wednesday - Pupil Free Day - Report Writing day

June

8th Monday – Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

15th Monday – 19th Friday – Cycle 1 Kindergarten (Funded and Unfunded children) Parent teacher interviews. Room schedules to be communicated prior to this date

19th Friday – Reports distributed – Prep, Cycle 2&3

22nd Monday – 25th Thursday – Cycle 1 Prep Parent teacher interviews. Rooms schedules to be communicated prior to this date

26th Friday- End of term 2.15 finish

From the Principal

It was a busy term break for many staff members with five staff off at workshops, others working in their rooms, and returning Amethyst to a usable state after having the marmoleum laid. This is stand down time for Directors who use the time partially to recoup and renew but also to prepare for the coming term.

Spent the week as a learner at a Montessori intensive curriculum workshop and BOY it's exhausting work being a learner! I have a renewed appreciation for the work of the children who work so intensely during the morning work cycle – I know I needed some practical life activities once my brain was full for the day ... for me that was shopping.

I've come back to school to see a vege garden outside the Tigereye room, lines painted for downball and soccer goals in the lower part of the Cycle 2&3 playground. Thanks to Andrew and Caitlin, Clint and Edan and Colin for their role in making these things happen.

We have been advised of our assessment and rating inspection under the National Quality Framework for our early years programs. Staff are now busy preparing for the visit and once we have a finalised date I will advise our families. We had this process at the LaTrobe campus several years ago, however this will be our first assessment and rating for the

new service at Gilchrist Ave. I will be unavailable at times as I will be working with our Early Years Directors in preparation for the assessment. I must acknowledge the level of commitment from our Early Years staff who have worked steadily over the past three weeks in bringing everything together for our assessment.

Heather

Parents & Friends (P&F)

Easter Parade



We managed to pull together a great float for this year's Golden Horseshoe Parade on Easter Saturday. The theme for the parade was 'Golden Age of Rock and Roll' and so we had golden balloons, electric guitars, wigs, rock star masks and of course, some rock and roll music blaring from our speakers. A big thank you to all the families who helped with the preparation and to those who joined us in the parade. It was a fun afternoon. A particular big thank you to the Roddas for the use of their ute, complete with driver!



End of Term 1 Dinner at the Stanley Pub

A lovely night was had by about 12 Montessori families to mark the end of Term 1. Think the night always marked the beginning of the colder months and there was a definite comeback of many winter woollies. We'll look at doing something similar at the end of each term. All families always welcome to join.

Gumtree Pies

Orders will be delivered for 3pm pick up Friday 17th April.

Pancake Breakfast - Thursday 23rd April 7.45 - 8.45am

As a welcome back to school for term 2, P&F will be holding a pancake breakfast for families. Please join us for pancakes and a tea/coffee before school. Helpers and donations of jam very much appreciated. Please email us at pandf@beechworthmontessori.vic.edu.au. Gold coin donation per person appreciated.

Social Catch Up - Friday 1st May from 8pm

And for those keen for a different kind of welcome to term 2 catch up, we'd like to invite all adult parents and friends to meet at the Commercial Hotel for a social drink. Email us your rsvp or just turn up. A lovely way to get to know other Beechworth Montessori parents.

And as always...

If you have ideas and or suggestions for P&F for 2015 we would love to hear from you.

Also there is currently a small group planning fundraising for a pizza oven at the school. If you would specifically like to be part of this, please let us know.

pandf@beechworthmontessori.vic.edu.au

General News

Bluearth community event – Friday May 1st (weather permitting)
3.30pm for a 3.45 – 4.30pm
Mayday Village Oval
Students & siblings, friends & family
BYO picnic dinner for after the session
BYO water bottle, runners, active gear.

Run by our Bluearth instructor Daniel – be prepared to get active and have fun.

Hats

As per our Uniform policy Broad brimmed or bucket/surf hats are to be worn outside from September to April. Staff will make allowances for this week however the sun can still burn the skin at this time of the year when exposed for a period of time and we will be asking all children to wear a hat outside until the end of April.

Lunch Orders

Sausage Rolls - \$1 each next Wednesday.

Physical Education

The school cross country is coming up on the 24th of April and I am looking for parents interested and available to help on the day with timing, recording and on course marshalling around La Trobe. It takes many people to ensure a smooth, safe Cross Country and so any assistance would be invaluable.

Cycle 3 classes will be running from 9:00 - 10:00.

Cycle 2 classes will be running from 10:00 - 11:00.

As this is part of our Physical Education program, all students are expected to participate and we will be supporting them to ensure it is a fun, positive experience. If you are available or have any questions please feel free to contact me at joshc@bms.vic.edu.au

Cycle 2 News

Moonstone

This term we are learning about the different biomes on earth and how animals adapt to their environment. We are focussing on the classification and study of vertebrates and will be referring to the Timeline of Life to gain an understanding of the concept of evolution. Art links these subjects as we experiment with mixed media to create different biome landscapes leading to the construction of a three dimensional diorama. Botany is ever present in the room with a focus on leaf shapes as we watch the season change. Cooking is exploring using seasonal produce and science experiments investigate concepts across the curriculum.

A wonderful term of learning lies ahead. Remember early nights, lots of sleep and coming to school rested and well is essential for your child to learn. Please keep sick children at home so they can rest and recover as well as helping to reduce the spread of germs.

- * Check your child has a water bottle and cup at school.
- * Please return readers each week
- * Maintain healthy food for lunch and snack - reduce packaged items and sugary snacks
- * Wear suitable clothing for sport on Friday.

Susi and Sally

Lunches!

In Terms 2 and 3, Cycle 3 will be making hot lunches for Cycle 1, 2, 3 and After Session Care children in Ruby Room. This is a project that Charlotte Hopp is



undertaking to fundraise for a chicken and guinea pig enclosure for the Cycle 2 and 3 outside area.

The lunches will be sold every Wednesday in the courtyard in weeks 2-9.

If you wish to order lunch, please put your order form and money in the order box which will be near the sign in area for Cycle 1 and outside Topaz room for Cycle 2 and 3. Please place your order by 12 noon Tuesday.

The roster for Term 2 is:

Week 2	Sausage Rolls	Week 3	Pizza
Week 4	Tacos	Week 5	Hamburgers
Week 6	Cannelloni	Week 7	Sushi
Week 8	Pizza Scrolls	Week 9	Soup and a roll

Please bring your own plate/bowl/cup and cutlery on the day to have your food served onto.

*Vegetarian options not available every week.

*Sorry but we are unable to accommodate dietary requirements such as allergies.

Turquoise

Welcome back, I hope all had a restful break. This term sees our foci change to zoology and botany. The children will be learning the five classes of vertebrates and the distinguishing features of each, while in botany the children will investigate leaves, stems and roots. The art program will incorporate the colour wheel, warm and cool colours, complementary colours, along with primary and secondary colours into vertebrate related tasks. The cooking program will seek to use a range of herbs in a large array of dishes from teas to desserts. We have already planted some 'pot people' using chives to create our 'hair'; chives may be slower growing than the traditional grass but more useful in the long run.

This term our projects, art work, and science experiments will encourage children to further develop their skills of persistence, patience and resilience – skills many found challenging last term. We are focusing on the journey rather than the outcome to encourage children to slow down, challenge themselves and develop a greater awareness that we do not always succeed the first time and that instant gratification is not the way nature works.

Karen and Sonja

Cycle 3 News

Across Both Rooms

School Lunches:

As part of her final year project Charlotte Hopp is organising school lunches on Wednesdays from weeks 2-9. A flyer has been placed in your parent pocket. Lunches will be made by both Topaz and Tigereye students and all money raised will go towards building a chook and guinea-pig pen in the Cycle 3 playground.

Anzac Centenary Activities:

On Thursday April 23rd we will be taking part in activities to celebrate the centenary of the Anzac landing. Cycle 3 students will walk to the local RSL branch where they will take part in cooking Anzac biscuits, listen to stories and find out about the history of the many artefacts in the RSL collection. Please feel free to join us.

Thanks: To Rob Holden for once again fixing our chess table

To Edan and Clint for painting lines on our down ball court

To Bec, Amelie's mum for teaching us to weave during art classes

Tigereye

Welcome to Term two! Hope you all had relaxing holidays. We have started some gardening projects out the back of Tigereye while the weather is still warm and now have a lovely new corrugated iron veggie garden bed that Caitlin is going to plant with veggies.

This term Cycle 3 are going to make lunches to sell each week. This is part of a fundraising project by Charlotte Hopp to raise money for a chicken and guinea pig enclosure. Tigereye will cook these each fortnight starting in Week 3. If any parents/grandparents are able to assist with cooking on a fortnightly basis please let me know as it would be great to have an extra helper on these busy days.

Cross-country notes will go out soon for the Beechworth & District Cross-country on Monday April 27th; this event is open to all our Cycle 3 students. We require some parent helpers on the day so please let Terie or I know if you are able to help. Josh will be doing some training with the students prior to the day including our school cross-country next Friday. If your child is competing in the Beechworth District Cross-country you might want to encourage them to do a little bit of training at home.

Some cool websites we have enjoyed looking at in class recently:

<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com.au/photography/photo-of-the-day/>

<http://htwins.net/scale2/>

<http://humanorigins.si.edu>

Kat

Topaz

Hi and welcome back to all our families, I hope you had a lovely relaxing time together. Over the holidays I attended the MWEI Language Workshop 6-12 years, held at Melbourne Montessori School in Caulfield. The five day workshop focussed on grammar, writing genres, spelling and word study. On the way home as I reflected on what I had learned, my head crammed with new knowledge and ideas, I thought how lucky the students are to be learning in an environment where language skills and particularly grammar are taught so comprehensively. Mastery of these areas will indeed set them up for their studies in high school.

Stationery: Can all families please check their children have the necessary items in their pencil cases: a glue stick, scissors, lead pencils, coloured pencils, red and blue pens, highlighters, an eraser and a ruler. Gel pens and other fancy 'Smiggle' items are unnecessary and are currently being returned home due to distractions to student learning. Thanks for your assistance.

Terie

Supporting your Montessori Child

Bursting the Montessori Bubble

Posted on March 13, 2015 by the full monte(ssori)

"At what point do you burst the Montessori bubble?" a friend recently asked. She has two young children in Montessori, but is considering enrolling them in a traditional private school after they finish primary education.



My first thought (as a Montessori child, parent, and teacher) was, **Why would you want to burst it? Why leave Montessori if you don't have to?**

But my friend is not alone in her concern: many parents feel that Montessori shelters children from tests, grades, and competition. Based on their own background, they believe that only a conventional approach to education can provide the tough experiences that will prepare children to be successful when faced with the hardships of real life.

Finding myself at a loss for a coherent answer, I posed the question to [Dr. Steve Hughes](#) during his recent visit to our city. He looked at me from behind his glasses for a moment, and then asked:

"Which is the real bubble?"

His question was all the answer I needed.

Because the truth is, success in life is not built on a foundation of standardized tests, but on the freedom to make difficult choices and experience their consequences.

Success in life is not built on grades and percentages, but on self-awareness and self-improvement.

Success in life is not built on artificial competition among same-aged peers, but on genuine collaboration between generations.

Success in life is not built on cheating the system, but on having the wisdom and courage to transform it.

In Dr. Maria Montessori's words...

"If education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?... The child is endowed with unknown powers, which can guide us to a radiant future. If what we really want is a new world, then education must take as its aim the development of these hidden possibilities."

Community News

BWCC Junior & Senior Presentation afternoon

19th April, 2pm start with presentations to commence at 2.30pm.

Canapés styled food will be supplied by the club throughout the afternoon.

Keep this arvo free for lots of laughs and reflection upon a really successful season of cricket!



Emma Hamill
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THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
3.45PM – 4.45PM

10 WEEK ENROLMENT STARTING
THURSDAY 23rd APRIL

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Johnny's Rockers - Beginners Rock & Roll Classes
Commencing: Term 2 13th April 2015

Monday Evenings for 6 Weeks

7:30pm-9.00pm Baarmutha Function Room

Balaclava Rd Beechworth (Beechworth Football Ground)

Cost : \$72 for 6 classes to be paid on 13th April/ \$12:00 per class

Johnny has had numerous dance achievements over the years.

Some of the titles he has won are: Southern Pacific Region Rock ' N' Roll Championships, Victorian Rock ' N' Roll title ,North East Victorian Rock 'N' Roll title, Judging the 2014 State Championships

To Enroll Phone Christina:

0438085548 or email cct196@gmail.com



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Contact: Mel Tompkins
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Net Set GO and Auskick Season 2015 – Starts this Sunday!

The new Net Set Go and Auskick season for 2015 will commence this Sunday 19 April at the Beechworth Football Netball Club.

Registrations for the season are open and online at <http://www.auskick.com.au/> and Net Set Go at <http://netsetgo.asn.au/> (NSG close 3 May).

Auskick Session Times:

- Prep – grade 1: 10.00am – 11.30am
- Grade 2 +: 10.00am – 12 noon

Net Set Go Session Times:

- 5-7 years 10.00 – 10.45 am
- 8-10 years 10.45 – 11.45 am

The dates are as follows:

1. Sunday 19 April: Season starts
2. Friday 1 May: Friday night under lights 5.00 – 6.30pm
3. Sunday 10 May: **Mother's Day**
4. Sunday 17 May
5. Sunday 24 May
6. Sunday 31 May
No sessions Queen's Birthday long weekend
7. Sunday 14 June
8. Sunday 21 June: Final session – Mums , dads and kids game

A big thank you to all those parents and helpers who have already volunteered to assist with coaching, coffee making, etc... It is great to have everyone support! Anyone else free, just come and give us a hand – many hands make light work. If you can assist please let us know!

We can be contacted on 0408 730 177 or beechworthauskick@gmail.com or netsetgobeechworth@gmail.com

Gabriella Tange and Scott Ramsdell
Coordinators



Invitation

Healthy Eating Workshops for Parents and Carers

April and May 2015

Would you like to learn about healthy eating for your child but don't know where to start?



Get your questions answered and get all the healthy facts by a local dietician and parenting educator at one of our free workshops.

At our workshop we will discuss:

- Myth busters - what is really healthy;
- Serving sizes;
- Healthy snacks and lunchboxes;
- Parenting strategies for fussy eaters;
- Parenting strategies healthy eating;
- Healthy body image; and,
- Open Q and A with health professionals.

Presenters:

Lisa Deppler, accredited practising dietician, Beechworth Health Service

Laraine Catlow, parenting educator, Gateway Health

Helen Still, accredited practising dietician, Albury Wodonga Health

Lucky Door Prize: \$50 voucher to spend at a local greengrocer

Yackandandah Primary School
Tuesday, April 21, 7pm - 9pm

Beechworth Health Service
Beechworth Health Service function room
Wednesday, April 22, 7pm - 9pm

Felltimber
Community Centre, Wodonga
Monday, May 11, 6pm - 8pm

Refreshments provided

Please RSVP by April 10

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