IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd June 2015   Middle Primary Shoe Box Museum—9am to 9.45am
24th June 2015   Shockproof Incursion Whole School
29th June 2015   Montessori Book Club—Mallee 8.45am
2nd July 2015    Junior Primary Assembly 11am
2nd July 2015    Bake Sale  10.30am

Principal News—Montessori Australia Foundation Update

Congratulations to the Blue Gum Montessori School team on being accredited by Montessori Australia Foundation (MAF). I know all staff members constantly work towards best practice and I am very proud of their achievements.

“After a period of time trialling the Montessori Quality Assurance Programme (MQAP), the Montessori Quality Assurance Council (MQAC) has relaunched the MQAP to take into account the needs of today’s educational environment of standards, accountability and professionalism. The MQAP now not only includes an emphasis on continuous improvement but also a registration component. Schools and centres that have been assessed to meet the majority of MQAP quality standards will be designated as “Montessori Registered” schools and centres…

The MQAC recognises the role that Blue Gum Montessori School has played in the development of the MQAP as a foundational participant.

The continuous involvement that Blue Gum Montessori School has had in the MQAP, including a mentor visit has given the MQAC sufficient information to be able to give your school registration under the restructured MQAP.

It is with great pleasure that the MQAC has recognised Blue Gum Montessori School as a registered school for 3 years.

Blue Gum Montessori School will now appear on the MAF website as a registered school. The number of years that each individual school is registered does not appear on the website.

As a registered Montessori school or centre you are authorised to use the attached logo on your publicity material and state that your school or centre is registered with the Montessori Quality Assurance Programme and has been assessed to have met the majority of Montessori Quality Standards. To retain registration the school will still need to submit a yearly MQAP Annual Progress Report and maintain membership of MAF”.

The Montessori Quality Assurance program charter will be displayed on the parent notice boards and is also available on the MAF website.

This year we are providing a login to all BGMS parents so you can access the Individual Subscriber section of the MAF website. Details will be sent to all BGMS families shortly.

We look forward to sharing our Montessori learning with you.
Blue Gum’s Got Talent
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Wandoo Visit

Emma Barsden visited Wandoo to support Abigail with talking to class about her recent visit to their family’s farm. Emma shared her in depth knowledge and first-hand experiences about being born and brought up in a farming family. The difference between the tractors of the past and present were pointed out by Emma. She brought in samples of wheat, barley, canola, oat and lupin seeds from her farm. Emma impressed upon the children that Western Australian farmers are the most skilled at farming in the entire world because they have to overcome challenges of water shortages and soil that is not fertile. Thank you Emma!

Re-Vegetation Excursion

The revegetation excursion to Coogee Beach turned out to be a fabulous experience for the Middle Primary children. Being Montessori children they were adept at the hands on task and planted 200 saplings in a time frame of one and a half hour.

Wandoo class on the White Patch Day Fundraiser. All children went to a lot of effort to dress for this event, thank you for your participation and donations.
BGMS School Uniform Update

At BGMS our uniforms are not compulsory. We provide an opportunity for the children to choose what they would like to wear to school. It is also important the children wear clothing that is suitable and comfortable to learn in. We do require all children to wear the uniform on school excursions. The staff need to be able to quickly identify our children and if they are wearing a BGMS uniform this assists with their supervision.

We would like to showcase the latest two garments that are now part of the BGMS uniform. We have also had requests for a rugby and long sleeve polo top. We will investigate these items and provide an update shortly.

The graduating students will also be receiving a ‘graduation jacket’ as part of this rite of passage.

Thank you

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As the Bake Sale is happening during school time food items must align with the Blue Gum healthy eating policy (plenty of fruit or vegetable ingredients and not so much sugar, colours, additives or preservatives – and nut free). Please include an ingredient list with your delicious bakes wares!

Scholastic Book Club!

Everyone who ordered books in the Scholastic Book Club should be receiving their books soon! We are in the process of finalizing the sales figures so we can let the teachers know how much money they have to go shopping with to buy more books for our children. We will be receiving more catalogues in Term 3 and preparing for the Under the Sea Book Fair, in the meantime you can see the entire Scholastic catalogue here - http://shop.scholastic.com.au/

Upcoming Events!

For those of you who like to prepare early, Term 3 means Book Week and the wonderful Book Week Parade! With the rain setting in this week it’s a great time to get cosy with a book and think about characters to dress up as!

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LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is overflowing with jumpers and all sorts, please take a moment to check the box for your child/ren’s belongings before the end of term. All items left will be washed and donated to charity.