



THOMAS MORE CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



14 August 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another eventful week here at Bega Montessori! When I walked through each classroom including our Play Group this week, I saw ALL students joyfully engaged in their activities, exhibiting concentration and diligence. I watched different children skip with joy going from task to task. It is truly a delight to observe a "normalized" Montessori School in action.

Thanks to all of our teachers for the wonderful environments that you have created. You are the "key" to success!

P & C Tomorrow Morning.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our Saturday morning Gardening with Mrs. Remy and the P & C. Mrs. Remy is all prepared to provide lots of work for you and the P & C look forward to an informal meeting at 11:30am as well. Hope to see you there!

Bush Dance is ON!

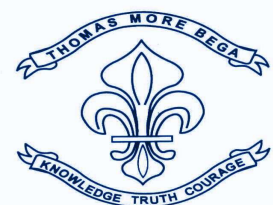
Already some of our students are reporting raffle ticket sales. Time is nigh to go out and sell those tickets! Looking forward to seeing who is able to sell the MOST!



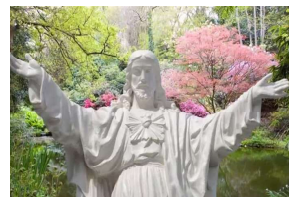
UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 15 August
P&C Gardening Day
9am - 11.30am

Friday 28 August
Annual Bush Dance
4.30pm-7pm



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Thanks for your Prayers for Ms. Wagner's Daughter, Shelby!

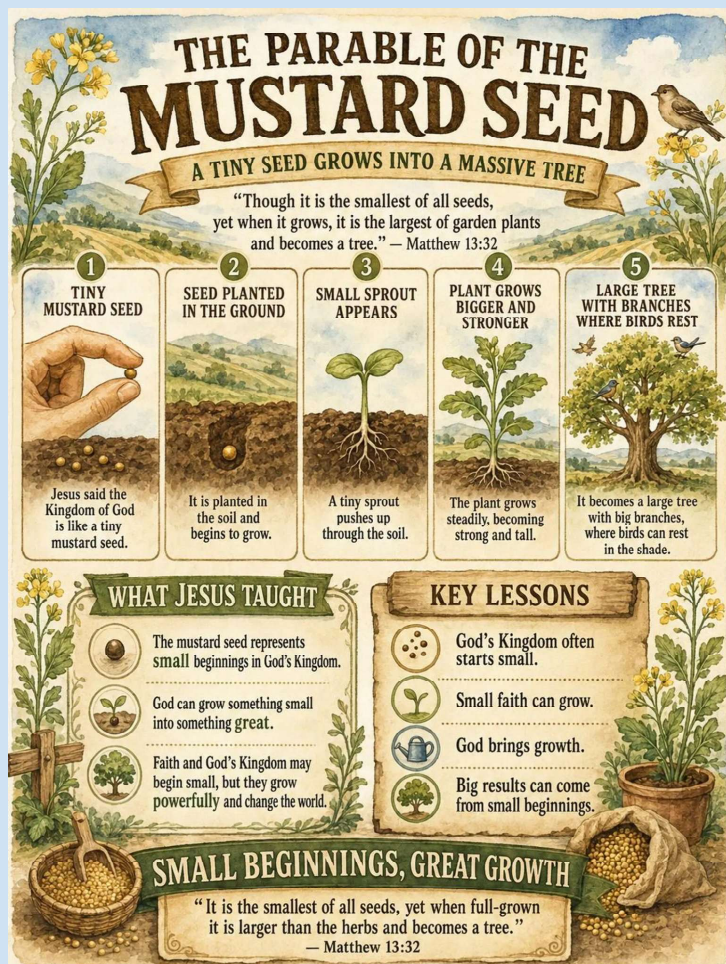
We are happy to report that Shelby has had her skin graft surgery and is finally on the mend. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as the pain is significant. We pray for it to subside quickly and that the healing process continues now unabated. May Jesus speed up the natural healing process in her body according to God's Holy Will!

Advertising Campaign

We will soon be commencing an ad campaign on Power FM and 2EC radio. For our formative years we have had a small one room country school model and are now ready to spread our wings. Like the Mustard Seed we commenced with the smallest number of students ever registered in NSW (2) and have grown to hundreds of students enrolled over the years by 2026 and are ready now to expand. Not to the very Largest of Schools as compared to the very Largest of Trees but to the largest of impact on the Lives of those so fortunate to have been a part of our small, Christian, Montessori Family. Please keep our expansion, in your hearts and prayers and feel free to offer any wisdom that you have on how to achieve our coming expansion!

Warm Regards,

Donna McCulloch





Parent Child Program News

This fortnight in playgroup we made paper doll chains and explored baby wipes as a mixed-media art tool. The prints that were created were absolutely stunning, and it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their pincer grip - an important foundation for writing.

It has been beautiful to see the children becoming more familiar with the space and, with that, their confidence growing.

Maya has really warmed to the environment and is participating more fully. I particularly enjoyed working alongside her this week as we explored smells, art and cooking together. It has also been a joy watching Ava explore the classroom with her dad. He has such a calm and attentive way of being alongside her, giving her the freedom to discover while being there when she needs him. Ava's language is exploding too - she is now putting sentences together, and her strong drive for independence is in full swing.

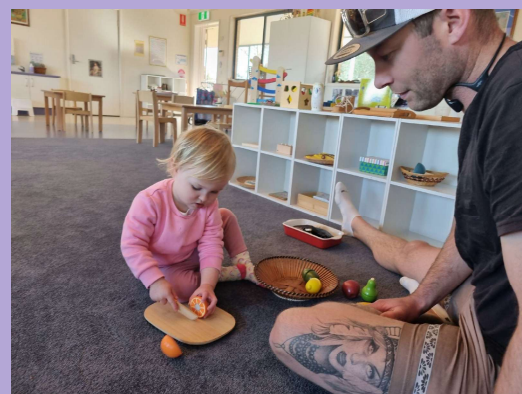
That "I do it myself!" stage can be both beautiful and challenging. It can test our patience, particularly when we are in a hurry, tired, or when our child is struggling with something we know we could do more quickly and without the mess.

But these moments are incredibly important. When we pause, give children time to try in their messy, clumsy way, and encourage their efforts rather than rushing in to do it for them, we are doing more than teaching a practical skill. We are helping to build the neural pathways that support confidence, capability and a growing sense of self - foundations that can stay with them throughout life.

This is at the heart of the Montessori approach: help me to do it myself. We don't need to let children struggle unnecessarily, but we can resist the urge to do everything for them. We can offer just enough help, step back, and let them experience that wonderful feeling of "I did it!"

With Love

Ms Boulter



Cycle One News

What's been happening...

- Making snowmen pizza and Apple Crumble
- Creating our own Paddington Bears
- Learning about symmetry through artwork
- Lots of new and challenging maths lessons



So much fun using vegetables to make Snowman Pizza! And they were delicious!



Selena creating symmetrical art with natural objects.



Rosie practiced Doctor Foster Went to Gloucester all week to share with her friends.



Reign practicing subtraction with four digit numbers using the Golden Bead

A huge well done to Reign this week who has really challenged himself with tricky maths work. He shows that he is determined to learn and never gives up until he can do it confidently.
Well done Reign!

Message from Miss Guest

We have seen some amazing progress in reading over the last term and lots of reading at home. Even just 3 times a week can make such a huge difference. Please remember to send in the readers, even if they don't need changing as we often read in class.



Cycle 2 News

Multiplication madness has erupted in Cycle 2 this fortnight. Watching the children fill the classroom with bead-chains, golden-bead materials, and stamp-game materials is fantastic. Through the use of these beautiful materials, each child can see and feel how numbers increase dramatically through multiplying.

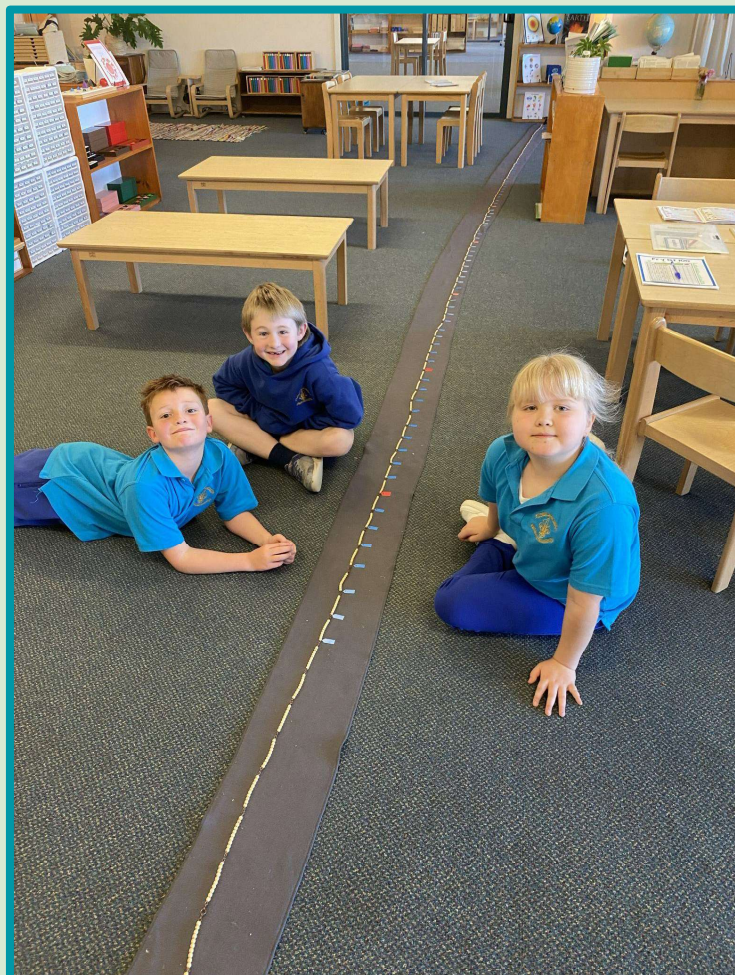
Children learn and practice to “skip-count” using the long-bead chains (eg. counting by 10s up to 1000). Using the golden-bead materials and stamp game children can visualise and complete more complex operations such as 2643×4 .



Kensi using the beads to represent the 2 times table



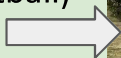
Anouk using the Stamp Game



Elliot, Lucas and Sophie completing the 1000 bead chain. (counting in 10's to 1000)



Our Sun
(basketball)



Earth
(a mustard seed)



We have also begun looking at our place in the Solar System...here we are holding Earth (a tiny mustard seed) 30 meters away from our Sun (a basketball), to demonstrate our tiny size in such a vast space. Next we will explore the other planets in our solar system.

Each Tuesday we continue to explore the Tastes of Asia... last week congee, this week a vegetarian lychee salad.



During our language lessons we are continuing to practice our Procedural Writing and 'verbs'. Along with our spelling work, readers, and comprehension work. Cycle 2 are becoming great readers and writers...well done everyone!

- Mr Foster



Tuesday 'Tastes of Asia'



Cycle 3 - Classroom News

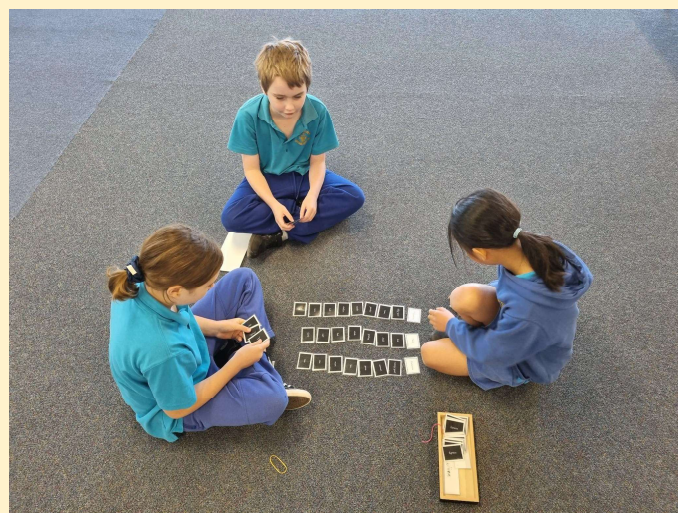
Hello Everyone,

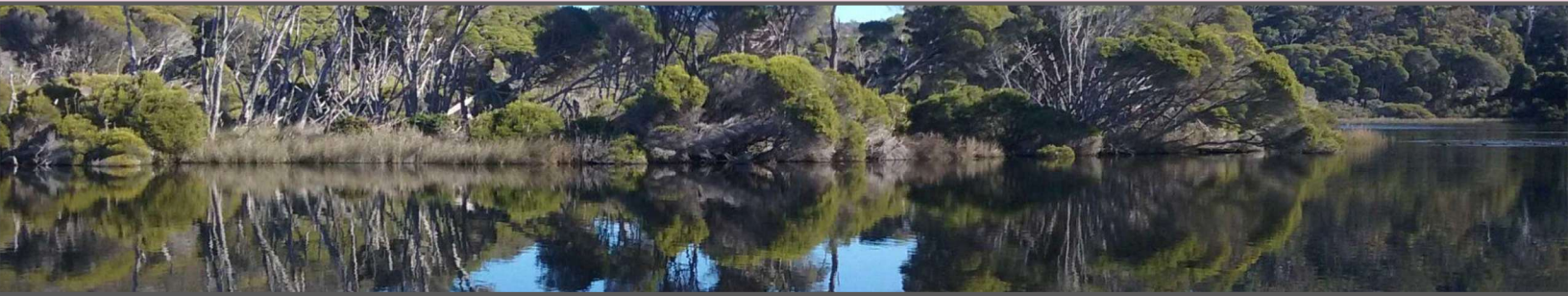
I'm very sorry I missed the previous newsletter, but I want to thank everyone for their support. And, a big thanks to Mrs. Christine Croxford for taking Cycle 3 on the days I have been unable to be here! Mrs. Croxford has done a wonderful job keeping the students on track with their lessons in language arts (advanced nouns and adjectives), history (Ancient Mesopotamia), maths (multiplying fractions), spelling, facts practice and more! Even better she has brought her own expertise, creativity and storytelling, to the classroom! Also, thanks to Mr. Foster for his extra support in history and P.E.

We are continuing to study Ancient China next week, then we'll move onto Ancient India which will include Indian mythology, Hindu religion, medicine, inventions and more. Advanced verb study, multiplication stamp game, measurement and simple machines lessons are also forthcoming!

Outside of class lessons, Cycle 3 is still doing gardening with Mrs. Remy, cooking with Cycle 2, PE with Mr. Foster and Ms. Stobe, Chapel with Mrs. McCulloch and Japanese art with Ms. Guest.

Cheers - Ms. Wagner





Health & Wellbeing

One of the best things you can do for your child is to practice math at home – skip counting, fractions, times tables. By this I don't necessarily mean you should sit them down with worksheets each night after a long day at school; rather, just include them when you are baking a cake..."All I have is this quarter cup measure, but I need a whole cup of flour, so I will have to use four of them." Or see if they can use the $\frac{1}{4}$ cup measurement to fill up the cup measure and does that equal 4?

Skip counting can become a game where you see how far your child can count by 2's or 5's or 10's. Most kids love a challenge. Learning times tables is a bit tricky and may need a few different strategies. Rhythm really helps most children. When my kids were young I used to bounce a ball between us while we 'picked the pattern' – I would say 3 and bounce the ball to him, my son would then say 6, and bounce it back. Then I would say 3x1, bounce the ball to him, he would give the answer sending the ball back. In this way the bouncing of the ball on the ground gave us the rhythm he needed.

There are many other ways to practice with your kids and I have provided a list here.....

Maths Games

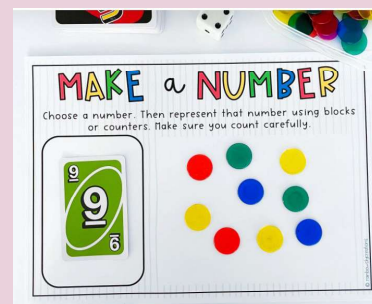
Games are always the most fun way to learn:

- *Bingo*
- [Playing Card games](#)
- *Dice games*
- [Games using Uno cards](#)

Songs can also help, something like Schoolhouse Rock from the 1970's (this was my favourite when I was a kid)

Other ideas:

- *Flashcards (make your own or have an older child make them)*
- *Group objects together, called arrays (counting beads or teddies)*
- *Make charts or print one out and hang it up where the child will see it often*



The Kitchen Garden with Mrs Remy



The gusts of warmish winds this week have felt the beginnings of the new season to come. Although we haven't yet seen the end of the chilly mornings, we can feel the change in the air.



This has inspired a boost of new plantings in the garden this week!

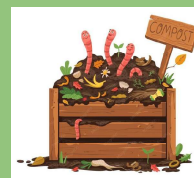
Seeds of Red Lady Early Potatoes, dwarf/bush peas and rainbow chard are all in the ground thanks to the children's efforts. We also 'chopped and dropped' the green manure that will nourish the next crops. Cycle 1 had a great time snipping the plants then rolling in the bed to squash it all down nicely!



Last week we ventured into the world of worms. Our faithful worm farm in the kitchen garden has seen better days and the poor wormies were overwhelmed with yucky smelling sludge. So, we've learnt last week how to take care of them, what they eat and how to troubleshoot problems. It was a bit of stinky fun and the worms are on their way to a healthier life again thanks to Cycle 3's brave efforts of removing the worst bits and mixing in dry leaves and cardboard to dry it all out again.

Garden sunshine
Mrs Remy

'Hope to see you at our Garden Working Bee, morning tea and P&F meeting this Saturday, 9-11:30am!'





From the Kitchen...with Ms Boulter



MENU	
Mon 17 August:	Chick Parmesan W Mashed Potato & Vegies
Wed 19 August:	Chicken Korma
Mon 24 August:	Potato Soup
Wed 26 August:	Pea & Ham Soup



★ Thomas More ★
Christian Montessori School

ANNUAL BUSH DANCE



★ FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026 ★

TIME: 4.30PM – 7.00PM

\$30
FAMILY

BYO: Supper to share &
Soft drinks - tea and coffee
will be provided

\$15
SINGLE

KAMERUKA HALL – WEST KAMERUKA ROAD, KAMERUKA

~ Five piece Kameruka Bush Orchestra ~

★ RAFFLE: ★

1st Prize a Load of Wood –
valued \$300

2nd Prize a Fuel voucher –
Valued at \$200

LOTS OF SPECIAL DOOR TICKET PRIZES

★★★★ BEST DRESSED ★★★★★

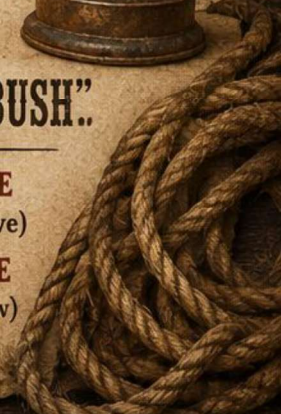
“BELL OF THE BARN” AND “BLOKE OF THE BUSH.”

SENIOR BELLE
(9 years and above)

JUNIOR BELLE
(8 years and below)

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P&C Garden Day

Bring the kids and come enjoy a morning maintaining and improving the school garden. It's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

All are welcome to join our informal quarterly meeting afterwards or continue gardening.

WHEN: Saturday 15/8/26

9 - 10:30am Gardening

10:30 - 11am Morning tea (provided)

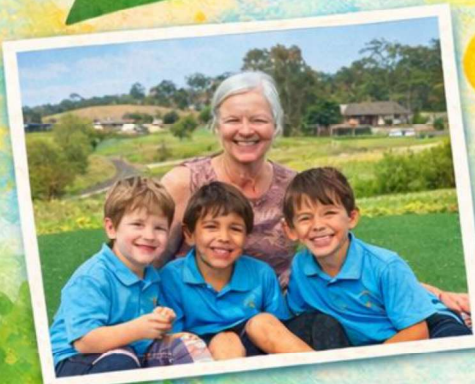
11 - 12pm Join meeting or continue gardening

Lunch afterwards

BRING: Shovels
Gloves
Lunch to share

Join Our P&C

Connect, support, and grow with other parents and the school



Help build our
school community



Help organize school events & activities



Share your skills & ideas



Strengthen our school community
& faith-based values



Help create fun and meaningful
opportunities for our community to connect

Get involved – everyone is welcome!

Email: contact@begamontessori.nsw.edu.au



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1ST MERIMBULA SCOUTS



ADVENTURE. FRIENDSHIP. FUN. LIFE SKILLS.
= **THAT'S SCOUTING!** =

FREE TRIAL AVAILABLE!

= AGE SECTIONS =



JOEY SCOUTS 5 – 7 YEARS

Fun, play and discovery.
Building confidence and
trying new things.



CUB SCOUTS 8 – 10½ YEARS

Adventure, challenge and
learning new skills with
friends.



SCOUTS 11 – 14½ YEARS

Exploring the outdoors,
developing skills and
taking on challenges.



VENTURER SCOUTS 15 – 17½ YEARS

Leadership, outdoor
adventures and making
a difference.

ACTIVITIES YOU'LL DO



**BUSHWALKING
& CAMPING**



**CAMPFIRES &
OUTDOOR COOKING**



**KNOTS &
PIONEERING**



**NAVIGATION &
ORIENTEERING**



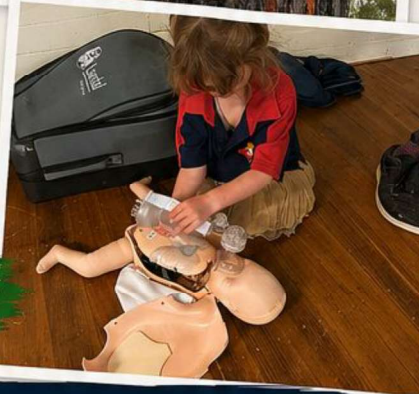
**FIRST AID &
SAFETY SKILLS**



**MAKING FRIENDS
& HAVING FUN!**



**BE PREPARED
FOR ADVENTURE!** =



GROW YOUR CONFIDENCE. MAKE GREAT FRIENDS. =
CREATE MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME. =



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KAMERUKA SPRINT STRIDE n STROLL

≡ Saturday OCTOBER 24TH 2026 ≡

Kameruka Estate



**COURSE:
5KM**

START & FINISH
AT LORD'S OVAL



**CHECK-IN
9.30AM**
**RUN STARTS
10.00AM**



**FANCY
DRESS
ENCOURAGED!**



**NO PETS
EXCEPT FOR
SERVICE ANIMALS**

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



EARLY BIRD PRICES
REGISTER BY 9TH OCTOBER

FAMILY OF 5
(2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)

\$20

ADULT

\$10

CHILD
(UNDER 18)

\$5

ON THE DAY PRICES

FAMILY OF 5
(2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)

\$25

ADULT

\$12

CHILD
(UNDER 18)

\$7



**P&C BBQ
WILL BE
OPERATING**



**MARKET
STALLS**



ALL AGES



**GET YOUR
RUNNING SHOES
READY!**



**A GREAT DAY
OUT FOR THE
BEGA VALLEY!**