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The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.

Edward John Phelps
(1822 – 1900)
American lawyer and diplomat

Laundry

The Brozicevich family is responsible for laundry on 6 December 2013 and the Budrikis family on 7 February 2014. Please collect from La Casa D’Oro on Friday at pick-up time.

School Car Park

The school car park is to be used by staff and parents with permits. Please do not use it for drop offs for older children. If you have a baby and require a permit please enquire at the office.

The ACROD parking is for ACROD card holders only.
From the Principal

It is surreal that this year has come to an end of quickly! It truly seems like yesterday when we began the year. 2013 has been a wonderful year for the Beehive Montessori School, our numbers have grown and our community has blossomed. When I look back on the year I can reflect on the success of the school’s performance and it is with delight that I observe each and every one of the students grow and develop to reach their potential. I have also seen the consolidation of our strong and authentic community that now gathers in our Piazza to meet friends, drink coffee and while away the time.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been part of the mechanics of our school, without your help we would not have the wonderful vibrant community that we have. Special thanks to Judy Loader, our Queen Bee and her team of Beeliners, Sami Bromley and Kirsty Hayden, our mangia! team and Martin Black for his PR and marketing. Words cannot describe what you have done for our school community.

I wish all the families a happy and restful holiday; enjoy your time together at the beach or movies or anywhere that you may be.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

Rhonda

From the RAP Committee

Beehive Finalist in the Department of Indigenous Affairs PALS Awards

On Friday 15th November, Rhonda and members of the School’s Reconciliation Action Plan Committee and their children attended an award ceremony at Parliament House. Beehive was nominated as a finalist in the Partnerships, Acceptance, Learning and Sharing (PALS) Awards in The Arts category. As joint runner up, Beehive was recognised for its work in building positive relationships with local community members and supporting Reconciliation. Leading up to NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Day Committee) Week in July students participated in a whole of school cultural incursion and completed an artwork modelled on the 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petitions. Rosemary Roe, parent and artist, worked with each student group to create art which resonated with the bark petitions. This was one of many activities throughout 2013 which contributed to Beehive’s nomination. For more information on Reconciliation visit: http://www.reconciliation.org.au/

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Reconciliation Action Plan Committee contact Helen on 0420481964 or h.flavell@curtin.edu.au

From the Teachers and General

La Casa dei Fiori

La Casa dei Fiori has had some more new faces this term – Valentina, Baxter and Bradley have joined us – with their older siblings very pleased to have them now in our class. It has been lovely to see all of these younger brothers and sisters, who have said “good morning” to me for years, now able to come into the classroom and join in! The children have really enjoyed welcoming their siblings and new families alike into the classroom over the course of this year.

We have been talking a lot this term about the virtues of peacefulness and self-discipline and the relationship between these two. If you practice self-discipline then it is easier to experience peacefulness and vice-versa. The children really enjoy talking about the virtues and trying to identify them in others and practice them in the classroom.

Practising self-discipline while watching cooking.

At the end of this term we farewell Jonah and Jack as they transition to Middle Primary and begin the next stage of their journey at Beehive. We wish them all the best and look forward to having them come and visit for morning tea and to show us their work.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped throughout the year, your assistance is appreciated! We hope you have a lovely long holiday break and look forward to seeing you refreshed and relaxed next year.

Take care

Ellen and Lauren
La Casa del Nord
We had another wonderful, busy, productive term.
Many grandparents attended the Grandparents Morning Tea and the children enjoyed showing the activities that they do throughout the day and their portfolios.

La Casa Contenta
Term 4 ended on a good note; it was a very busy term with series of different activities and at its conclusion, everyone is happy to head off for a well-deserved holiday.

Grandparents’ day happened early in the term. Attendance was great as the grandparents are always in awe of the children’s work and the children in turn enjoy all the admiration coming from their grandparents.

For our Corroboree item the children sang a variety of songs A Slippery Fish a Slipper Fish; Crabs and Sea Shells; How Much is that Doggie in the Window; Shoo Fly, Don’t Bother Me; Baa, Baa, Black Sheep; and the Alphabet Song.

The virtues we focused on were assertiveness, caring and compassion.
The children are looking forward to the Christmas concert. Thank you to all the families for your help and support throughout the term and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Christine & Amanda

Harry Hill will be moving into Middle Primary at the end of this term and we wish him all the very best.

Our corroboree this term featured seeds and a song titled “Let It Grow” by Ester Dean. The children planted seeds in little pots and chose the virtue they think they needed to practise most. We like growing seeds to nurture the virtues we have been learning in class, to enable the children to become good and responsible people in our world.

For our virtues this term, we talked about courtesy and confidence but the children still continue to remind themselves about other virtues we have discussed in class. Two of our five year olds who had a playdate reported that they heard the word “confidence” on the news. One of our parents shared this story with us, and we felt it would be wonderful to also share with you:
"I was speaking with a friend who was asking me about what I would look for when I was choosing a high school. My four year old daughter was sitting with some friends nearby drawing and had been listening to our conversation. I had told my friend that I would look for a high school which valued social responsibility, curiosity for learning and had great teachers and a principal with a strong vision for its students. After I had answered my friend, my daughter stood up and came over and said "Don't forget, self-discipline!"
We were so blessed to have two parent visitors come in this term to talk to the children. One is a lawyer and he spoke to the children about his profession and the other a doctor, who came to share one of his hobbies; playing the saxophone.
Our first visitor, Peter Kakulas, Anaia’s dad explained in simple language what being a lawyer entailed. He talked about some of the different roles played by lawyers and tools used to carry out their work. There was even a mock trial with Anaia and Ella playing the part of lawyers, Peter was the “defendant” and Geraldine was the “judge”. It was a funny presentation; the children asked lots of interesting questions and got to have a feel of the items he brought in.
Our second visitor, Yuben Moodley, Shrayen’s dad first reviewed some musical instruments with the children, and then went on further to explain the functions of the different parts of the saxophone. He ended his visit by playing from a sheet of music to the tune of Chasing Pavements by Adele. It was a very touching performance. While the children were watching and listening to the presentation in awe, it brought tears to the adults’ eyes. It was indeed a very rare and magical moment for us all.

Another parent visitor, Sue Ausbruch, Ella and Sebastian’s mum came to do some gardening with the children. They gave a new lease of life to our garden bed and the children thoroughly enjoyed gardening with her. The children went out in small groups to work but most of them were reluctant to come in when their time had ended.

Last term we had three wonderful role models move up to middle primary and they have settled into their new environments. They sometimes come back to show their work or just to visit and we have enjoyed having them over. This term we have three more role models who performed their roles as the oldest children in the room very well. They will be moving up in Term 1 next year and they have already paved the way for the upcoming oldest children. They will be dearly missed but we have the assurance that we will see them from time to time.

We would like to say thank you to all the parents who have helped out in one way or the other this term. We had a few parents help out with washing this term and others brought flowers. We would specially like to thank Elizabeth Prendiville, Mardi Purdie and Alison Loutsky-Lyons for helping out with the gingerbread houses despite their very busy schedules. We also wish to say thanks to Aimee and Alison for helping make baskets from recycled newspapers for the children to take home their Christmas craft and goodies. Finally thank you to our awesome beeliners, for all you do to support our work. Happy holidays everyone!

Lydia and Geraldine

La Casa del Giardino

Term 4 has passed very quickly in La Casa del Giardino. It has been wonderful to be back in the classroom and witness how much growth has happened this year – it is always amazing to be reminded how special our Montessori environment is and how much it impacts on each individual.

The children were very excited to welcome into the class four new friends and their families: Nathan and Annabelle Gibson, Adam Koch and Ella Chan. They have quickly settled and become part of our community. There was also much excitement at sharing the environment with family members to celebrate Grandparents’ Day – a meaningful chance to interact with the materials and reflect on portfolios and the work already accomplished.

Inside the classroom, there has been a great enthusiasm and dedication applied to cleaning activities – much scrubbing of tables, benches and chairs as well as great care taken to clean, scrub and even moisturise hands and feet!
Taking care with our appearance and being responsible for our environment are fundamental aspects of the Montessori philosophy and have also allowed us to practise the virtue of cleanliness. The children have also been practising the virtue of love this term and shared aspects of this virtue with the rest of the school in their corroboree performance.

It is time to wish Kari, Lucila, Archie and Tadhg all the best as they move on to new environments and experiences – we know they are going to have so much fun along the way! Finally, a big thank you to all the families who have helped out with classroom jobs during the term – we are so grateful for your input. We look forward to celebrating with everyone at the end of year concert and wish you all happy and restful summer holidays.

Lucy and Suzanne

La Casa Della Luce
This term has whizzed by with Corroboree and concert rehearsals and lots of festive activities. The children enjoyed having parents Jonah Desforges and Belinda Hopper come in to talk to the m about the heart.

Thank you to all parents who have helped out this term, including those who have done cooking. You have brought a little extra joy to our daily classroom activities and we really appreciate it! The children are looking forward to the fun that Christmas brings, such as the party, Christmas craft and Saint Nicholas. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

April & Renata

La Casa del Cuore
This term we welcomed Lila, Alia, Jacob, Benjamin, Taj and Charlie into our class. They were looked after by the older children and have settled in well. The children have worked hard and these are their comments about the term: I liked doing drawing and sitting next to my friends. I liked mental maths, playing with friends in the playground and sketching. I liked doing maths, history, science and everything really. I liked learning about ‘Early Man’ and making dioramas. Grandparents day was well attended the children enjoyed having their grandparents in the class and showing their work. Joshua, Zen, Jackson, Jayde and Heidi have been visiting the Upper Primary classes and look forward to moving into their new classes next year. We wish them all the best! They now look forward to Christmas celebrations and are very excited. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Maria and Riris
La Casa della Gioia

What an active term it’s been! It was lovely to see all the children again after my term of long service leave. My travel experiences and the Montessori International Congress is still in my mind and heart! The children had grown in so many ways and I would like to thank Bronwyn and Lea for looking after them so well and nurturing every aspect of their being. They were very proud to show me their work achievements and their lessons in “virtues” were evident in their positive social relationships. The flow of work continued throughout the term and we welcomed a new six year old, Willa, to our class.

To complement the Zoology curriculum we organised a long awaited excursion to Cicerello’s in Fremantle. The children enjoyed the train ride and walk through Fremantle, a play at the Esplanade park and an interactive encounter at the Cicerello’s restaurant aquarium.

Gary, a marine biologist and education officer, presented an informative and interesting show and touch session.

Afterwards we walked to Bather’s Beach seashore for a beachcombing experience. When we returned to wash our hands, Gary surprised us with a special treat of our lunch served on the boat moored at the sea front, overlooking the harbour. We even had time on our way back for a quick lesson about the “Batavia” shipwreck at the Fremantle museum. It was a great day out and everyone enjoyed it!

We say a fond farewell to our four wonderful role models, Darcy, Dylan B, Connor and Arya. Thank you for all of your help and hard work, fun and wisdom. Have a fantastic time in your next cycle of education.

La Casa della Gioia says a big thank you to Robina (Dylan’s Mum) for her happy and warm communication as our Beeliner and we welcome and thank Bruce (Matilda’s Dad) for taking on her role. We really appreciate Katie’s contribution (Lauren’s Mum) towards the children’s Christmas gift this year, and hope you all have a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Anthea and Lea. xx

La Casa della Pace

This term has flown by! The children have been working hard in all areas, especially with their picture books. They have really enjoyed and grown through the whole process, and we can’t wait to see them all.
The children presented a delightful corroboree performance, chosen by the children, which displayed their musical skills (thank you Robin!) They have been working hard on their end of year song and are really looking forward to it.

The year six graduating students presented some magnificent speeches and they are well prepared for the next phase of their schooling. We wish them all the very best.

A group of girls, Sophie (the ideas girl!), Prair, Danielle, Alana, Issy, Rose and Ruby decided they would organise a cake stall to raise money for the Shenton Park Dog Refuge. The girls organised this all themselves and raised $146.00. I took them to the refuge to personally hand over the money and the refuge was very grateful. We were informed that BHP will be matching the girls’ donation so this took it up to $292.00. Well done girls!!

“IT was a great pleasure to raise money for the dog refuge; we thought it was an enjoyable and special occasion”. Prair

“We thought we helped the dog refuge a lot by doing the cake stall”. Danielle

“Some of the dogs that we visited had been very ill-treated so the money we donated did a lot of good”. Issy

“We helped the dogs at the refuge who were poorly treated and we think that we helped the dogs a lot by donating $146.00.” Rose

“We thank all of the parents, children and staff at Beehive for contributing to these dogs needy cause.” Ruby

“It is a wonderful opportunity to get so close to these gorgeous dogs and help them have a better life. I can’t believe that so many have been abandoned.” Alana

“It is very sad that people have abandoned their dogs and only bought them because they were cute, not realising how much responsibility they are.” Have a wonderful holiday and stay safe,

Sam, Esther and Carolyn

La Casa del Mare

The year has once again flown by and Christmas is around the corner! The students have worked very hard and diligently throughout the year and when they reflect upon all the lessons they have attended they are amazed that all of this occurred in one year!!

The students in la Casa del Mare have developed emotionally and physically and have matured in a very noticeable way and their ability to work independently is quite remarkable.

They have enjoyed many aspects of school this year, including art, surf lifesaving and excursions.

Whenever we are on camp or excursions the people running the various activities remark on the students’ politeness and ability to organise themselves effectively.

Some of the children have produced beautiful artworks either depicting aspects from the curriculum or extensions of their personal projects.
The year six students are well prepared for the next phase of their educational journey and have certainly developed skills that will benefit them throughout life. We wish you luck in the next phase of your life. We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2014!

Kath and Vera

La Casa della Terra
We have had a fun and event-filled term 4. Our year nine students returned in week two from Italy with many stories to share and have been busily preparing for their graduation. The much anticipated arrival of our bees was a highlight of the term. Rob Manning from the Department of Agriculture worked with us to make sure the bees were happy in their new hives and he will be continuing to work with students to monitor the health of the bees.

We worked with the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre to create our own unique puppets and wrote a puppet show, which we performed at corroboree. This was a fantastic experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In Humanities we have been studying Popular Culture in Australia since 1945; we have enjoyed looking at examples of continuity and change in beliefs and values. We worked as a group to produce a documentary and an interactive, online timeline of technology in Australia.

In Occupations we studied physics through the guise of the ‘Museum of Machinery’. Key lessons were supported by a visit to Scitech’s CSIRO labs and a visit from UWA scientist Rob Woodward, who taught us about magnetism and electricity.