Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s a boy! Congratulations and best wishes to Kim, Ryan and Fyrne on the safe arrival of Kit, who arrived yesterday at 1.08pm. We are absolutely delighted to hear both mother and baby are doing well and are all looking forward to meeting Kit in the near future!

On Wednesday, while the Grade 5 and 6 students enjoyed a beautiful day of skiing, the Preps, 1s and 2s were treated to a drama performance by the Grade 3/4 students. Their play, ‘That’s the Way a Fairy Tale Should Be!’ was developed over the course of a term and incorporated the development of many skills associated with stage production, ranging from voice control and character development through to prop and set design. The performance itself was very entertaining and it was wonderful to see so many budding actors and actresses! Congratulations to you all! I would also like to compliment Aidan, who did a magnificent job at helping set the scene by leading the musical accompaniment, throughout both performances. Our sincere thanks to Emma for her work in guiding the students through the development of this production and to all those parents and friends who came to support the performances.

Many thanks also to all our wonderful volunteers for their support with skiing this week. Our students were very fortunate to enjoy another wonderful day of skiing, thanks to the assistance of our parent volunteers Andrea, Natalie, Wayne, Jake and Sophie. Our sincere thanks also to Narelle and Shelley from Dederang Primary for their involvement and support in the program and to Julie and Dave for their ongoing organisation and supervision. Fingers-crossed, next week’s weather will be just as perfect. Unfortunately Mrs Martin’s day did not go according to plan and we were very sorry to hear of her injury. Our thoughts and best wishes are with her and we hope that she enjoys a speedy recovery.

This week is ES week and an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work our ES (Education Support) staff do at Mount Beauty Primary School, to support students with their learning. As a school, we are deeply appreciative of all our ES staff and would like to thank Sue, Angela, Kylie, Jeanette, Kay, Gael, Christine, Kath and Ben for all that they do to support us all. Thankyou also to Jodi for providing the staff with a delicious ‘thank you’ luncheon and to Wendy for her organisation of this. By all accounts it was absolutely magnificent and I am only sorry I wasn’t here to enjoy it!

On Friday the 16th of October, there will be an information session offered by the Department of Education regarding the Identification of Gifted and Talented Children. This free parent event is being held at Wangaratta High School from 2.00-4.30pm. If you would like to register for this event, please email Sylvia Green at infolrax@vagtc.asn.au by sending the following details: Your name, Venue – Wangaratta and Session – Parent.

Carolyn Serpell
Principal
**Artist of the Week**
This week’s artist of the week is Carmela, for her ‘wax resist’ self-portrait fish. You can see “Artist of the Week” on the display board outside the supermarket.

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**BIG WRITE Week 7**

Our Big Write sessions are continuing on Wednesdays during Term 3, but each year level will be using writing prompts that are relevant to their class topics. The following prompts will be used next week.

Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about ideas for their story.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wed 26 August—Kinder transition 9.30am to 10.30am
Wed 26 August—Visit from the Big Red Kidney Bus
Thur 3 Sep—Jump Rope for Heart

**Arts Nights at the Community Centre**
Wed 16 Sept—5/6 performance 1.30pm
Wed 16 Sept—Prep, Year 1 & 2 performance at 6.30pm
Thu 17 Sept—Year 3 to 6 performance at 7.30pm
Fri 18 Sept—Last day of Term 3—finish 2.20pm

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**FRIDAY ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**

Prep K

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**This week is National Science Week.**

All classes have enjoyed performing a science experiment. In years 5 & 6, we investigated what happens to M&Ms in water. Firstly the colors spread out into the water, leaving white M&Ms. Then, after 10 minutes, the little white M floats to the top! This happens because the letter Ms don’t dissolve in water (they are insoluble) but they are attached by soluble glue. Try it at home!

*This is a photo of Lilly and Hannah’s experiment.*

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**CANTEEN NEWS—TUESDAY & THURSDAYS**

**Tuesday limited lunch menu**

Homemade Sausage Rolls $3.00
Ham/Cheese Toastie $3.00
Cheese only Toastie $2.50

**Week 7 Special—Thursday 27 August**

Hearty Beef Soup $3.00
Bean Burritos $4.00

The Canteen Menu is on our website
www.mtbeautyps.vic.edu.au
Year 5 & 6 Skiing

What fantastic conditions for our second day of skiing!

Rachel, Nieve, Amali, Matilda & Grace with Sophie

Connor, Isaac, Jaymon & Patrick

Ariel, Arneh, Sophie & Olivia

Taylah & Genevieve

Thanks to our wonderful parent helpers.
We have two more skiing days to complete.

Billy, Lily, Hannah, Zoe, Rosie, Riley
Claire & Adam with Jake
SPORTING SCHOOLS up and running!

Sporting Schools is officially up and running following the national launch earlier this week with the Federal Minister for Health and Sport, Sussan Ley at Werrington Public School in Sydney's west.

Already nearly 4,000 primary schools are registered for this $100 million programme that's all about getting more children active more often.

By partnering with over 30 national sporting organisations students are also getting a greater choice in sport.

It was great to have the participation of so many national sporting organisations on the day. The kids loved interacting with the athletes, like former NRL player Nathan Hindmarsh, GWS Giants player Dylan Addison and the Hockeyroos' Mariah Williams.

Check out our YouTube video of the event.

As part of the launch, Sporting Schools also offered up tips for parents to help them nurture their child's sporting development:

**TIP 1:** Foster a full range of fundamental movement skills. This includes kicking or hitting a ball, running, jumping, climbing and basic aquatic skills.

**TIP 2:** Promote play by setting up diverse and stimulating environments at home. Use a variety of areas around the home, like the backyard or even the hallway, to play. Provide a variety of sports equipment. Encourage ambidexterity (use of limbs on both sides of the body).

**TIP 3:** Foster everyday sport activity at home and be an effective support provider. Limit screen time at home. Provide a positive encouragement for sporting activity and get involved.

**TIP 4:** Insist on the right sport format and equipment. Sporting Schools provides a great choice of appropriate sport formats for primary school children that are lots of fun. Buy the right sized equipment.

**TIP 5:** Sample and have fun! Resist the temptation for your child to specialise in one sport too early. Sampling a large range of sports, at least until the age of 15, is likely to assist the development of a full range of sporting skills, coordination and control. It also minimises the risks of overuse injuries and allows kids to work out which sports they like most.

It's an exciting time for children's sport with this innovative school programme. We are looking forward to working with schools across Australia to get the nation’s children, **active, engaged and having fun!**
Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre

Courses and activities in August:

- Adult Learner Week starts 31 August
- IPad & Tablets for Beginners - Sat 29th August, 9.30 - 12pm
- Wild Womens Workshops - 2nd Sunday of the month, 12-3pm
- Scrapbooking - Fortnightly Tues, 1-2pm
- Feng Shui - Sat 29th Aug (beginners) or Sat 12th Sep (advanced), 10am - 2pm
- Tax Help - starts the beginning of Aug (please call to make an appointment)

For more info, please ring us 03 5754 1166 or visit our website: http://www.mountbeauty.org.au

The Upper Kiewa Valley Community Association (UKVCA) is seeking input from more parents in the community.

The UKVCA is a lobby and advocacy group of volunteers that work on community improvement opportunities and local issues of concern in our community.

Some recent work includes:

* Working with council on the playground & foreshore upgrade,
* Working with council on the town centre upgrade,
* Engaging the Green Army to clear blackberries and plant more autumn colour trees along Pebble Beach track & other public areas,
* Lobbying Council on various road, park and public infrastructure issues such as getting the new drainage on KVH in Tawonga South,
* Improved signage to the airport & town centre,
* Nominating local young adults for various awards,
* Improving Youth Council representation in the valley,
* Walking track linking the Information Centre to the Gorge walk,
* Building relationships with Alpine Shire Council and Indi representatives to improve outcomes for the valley.

We would love to have more input and involvement from young adults and parents. If you would like to help, please come along to the AGM on September 3rd at the Information Centre Auditorium.

The AGM will begin at 7:30pm. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting.