



The Children's House Montessori School

Learning about the continents of the World is one of the many activities we have available for children to discover that the world is a big place.



Term 1 2017

Dear Montessori Families,

I hope the first term of 2017 has gone well for you and you are pleased with the ongoing growth and development of your child through the Montessori approach.

In particular, I warmly welcome the new families to the school and hope you have been made to feel close and connected to the school since commencing.

In terms of governance and strategic oversight, I note that the School Council representatives for 2017 include myself, Andrew Hansen, James Mak, Brian Nizette, Anche Van Ede, Kat Dimarco and Winsey Wang. This group meets each month with staff representatives to review various aspects of the school, including the current business plan. Please feel free to contact any of the School Council members should

you have any questions in this regard.

There are many initiatives that we will see at the school this year. There are plans to further update the website, the preparation of digital reports are being adopted and staff training remains a strong focus to ensure our teachers are continuing developing their skills.

The Trivia Night scheduled for October 28th is already being planned for and we intend to see other opportunities for families to come together throughout the year to interact on a more social basis.

In addition, the parent toddler program continues to go from strength to strength and the Home Environment has also been growing in popularity. These were both initiatives commenced by Miss Denise in 2016 in response

to feedback from families and it has been pleasing that these have continued to gain momentum.

I take the opportunity to thank the wonderful staff at the school as well as you the parents who contribute your time generously to Maintenance Days, Bunnings BBQs and other activities in order to support the school in achieving its objectives.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break.

Regards,

Brad Chan

Chairperson (Marissa's Dad)



CLASS REPORT

We wish to welcome Alexandra Sze, Arianna Chippendale, Whitaker Grantley, Willam Isaac and Ella Girot and their families to our school. They are learning the classroom routine and settling in well.

The three year olds have been looking at the farm animals, reading books on the subject and making craft each week, relating to the animals they have learnt about. The craft activities have given them the opportunity to practice their fine motor skills.

They have also done art and craft work highlighting a colour each week.

The four year olds are learning all about the human body. They have explored the five senses gaining some understanding of their senses. They have had opportunities to physically experience the senses tables set up in the classroom, each table highlighting a different sense. They have also started a book on the human body, naming the parts of the body.



The kindergarten day children are studying about land and water forms. They have completed a book on land and water forms. They have gained a sound knowledge about many land forms being able to identify an island and a lake with ease. They made their own land forms using clay, which they proudly took home.

The kindergarten day children have started a world book. They learn about a country each week-starting with Australia and following the alphabetical order. With this study, the children learn about the language spoken in the country, the currency used, its population, the neighbouring countries and the climate, the significance of their flag and also places of interest.

They have also begun a flag book. Children develop researching and investigating skills as they find background information regarding the flag which country it belongs to and its exact location within the continent.

The kindergarten day children have been studying about the famous artists. They re-created a Monet art work by painting the water and adding lily pads and water lilies to complete it. They have also studied about Ken Done, an Australian artist drawing their own beach scene

with pastels and adding sand to represent the beach. They have also looked at art work from other famous artists such as Margaret Preston and Frederick Remington.

The kindergarten day children have been on an excursion to the Sydney Aquarium as part of their study about things that live in water. As it was the first time most students had visited the Aquarium, the excitement was infectious.

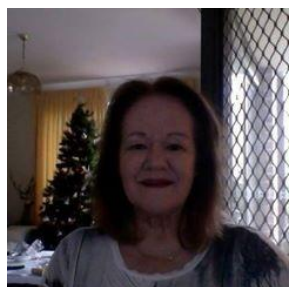


We went on the boat looking at the penguins, which was the most exciting part as they had the opportunity to watch the penguins from a touching distance. We watched the sharks swimming swiftly, the manta rays gliding above us, dugongs moving around and many other colourful and ugly looking fish. We also had the opportunity to touch the star fish, sea urchins and shark eggs at the touch pool. The children made us proud by listening to instructions and behaving well. We wish to thank the parents who accompanied us to the Aquarium

It's Easter!

We are getting ready for Easter with many art and craft work available for the children to do. The children are making cards, Easter baskets and doing many other fun activities. We are all looking forward to the Easter picnic before we break up for the Easter holidays.

Staff at The Children's House



Miss Denise is the Principal. She has been at the school for 14 years. Before that she was the Director of a Montessori Preschool in New Zealand. She works full time at the school.



Miss Kassie is our teaching assistant. She has been with the school for a year and is studying for her Montessori Diploma.

She works full time at the school.



The staff wishes everyone a Happy and safe Easter holidays



We look forward to seeing you all on your return at the end of April.



Miss Renae is one of our Directresses. She has been with the school for 6 years this time and before she had her 2 boys she worked here for 3 years. Both her boys attended The Children's House. She works full time at the school.



Miss Chandani is one of our Directresses. She has been with the school for 14 ½ years.

She works full time at the school.



Miss Louise is our Admin Officer. She has worked at the school for 8 years, Mondays to Thursdays. She recently completed her Certificate in Childcare.



Miss Amanda is our teacher. She has been with the school for 4 years on a part time basis for 3 days a week. Before that she worked at the school on a casual basis. Her 3 children attended The Children's House.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 2017 starts on Wednesday the 26th April.

Maintenance day is on Saturday 29th April

Mum's Night Out is on Thursday the 11th May

Parent Information Evening is on Thursday the 18th May

Guest Day is on Friday the 26th May



Fire drill practice

Fundraising

Our major fundraiser will be held on Saturday the 28th October 2017. It will be a trivia night with a Halloween theme. Jane Girot has kindly taken on the job of coordinator with Kat Dimarco in charge of sponsorship and donations.



Most families are down to assist with the major fundraiser as part of your parent points so these ladies will be contacting you over the next term.

We are looking for several large donations to use as auction items, such as weekends away, holiday home stay, or similar, please let Kat know if you are able to donate or arrange a donation from a business.



Our **Parent Toddler** sessions are full for Term 2

These sessions are great for new parents to the school to meet the teachers and talk to parents who already have a child attending the 3 to 6 class.

If you have a child approaching 18 months it would be a good idea to come and book a place for Term 3 2017.

Contact the Principal at
childrenshousensw@gmail.com

