



# The Children's House Montessori School

The children celebrate their birthdays by walking around the sun holding the continent globe.

They walk around once for each year.



Term 1 2018

## DEAR MONTESSORI FAMILIES

I hope the first term of 2018 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.

It was great to meet many of you at the Easter Picnic, and I look forward to seeing you all again on the guest days. As we have quite a number of children now we have two guest days for you to choose from.

I would like to give a special thanks to those parents who have volunteered to be on our school council. We meet once a month and work towards the longevity of the school and supporting the staff as best we can.

This year's council members are: Andrew Hansen (Chair), James McCullough (Vice Chair), Rini Chandra (Treasurer), Crystal Isaac (Secretary), Anche Van Ede (Human Resources), Jane Girot (Fundraising).

We will have four more families join us next term, please welcome them and let them know about our routines.

Kind Regards

Denise Underwood

Principal



## CLASS REPORT

We wish to welcome Charlie Shiroma, Jay Zhao, Christina Marioulas, Audriana Kurniawan, Leo McCullough, Lucas Miller and Zavier Aman and their families to our school. They are learning the classroom routines 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 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.

The kindergarten 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 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 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.



They 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.



Easter has come and gone. The children completed many Easter art and craft work before the Easter break. They made cards, Easter baskets and completed many other fun activities. The children decorated their won hats which they wore for the Easter hat parade. They also made a bunny ear hat for a family member. The picnic was well attended. The children enjoyed having lunch with family and friends.

Another term has come to an end. We wish Dexter and Alicia all the very best in their future schooling as we say good bye to them and their families. The staff wishes everyone a Happy and safe holidays.

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

STAFF AT THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE



Miss Denise is the Principal. She has been at the school for 15 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 2 years and is studying for her Montessori Diploma.

She works full time at the school.

Miss Natalie has left us to work in the Central Coast Montessori as she now lives up there. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



Miss Renae is one of our Directresses. She has been with the school for 7 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 Louise is our Admin Officer. She has worked at the school for 9 years, Mondays to Thursdays. She has completed her Certificate in Childcare.

The staff wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to your return.



Miss Chandani is one of our Directresses. She has been with the school for over 15 years.

She works full time at the school.



Miss Amanda is our teacher. She has been with the school for 5 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 2018 starts on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Maintenance day is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Parent Information Evening is on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

It will cover our Kindergarten program.

Guest Day is on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> June.



Easter Parade

## Fundraising

This term we held a car boot sale, thanks to all the parents who contributed goods and their time.

We made approximately \$400.

We also held a BBQ at Bunnings Chatswood. We made \$1200. Thank you to all the families who assisted.

If anyone has any other ideas for fundraising please let Jane Girot (Ella's Mum) know.

## Parent Toddler

Our **Parent Toddler** sessions are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

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 2 2018.



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