



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 2021

DEAR MONTESSORI FAMILIES

A very big welcome to all the new families joining us in 2021, and welcome back to the returning families. As we come to the end of the 1st term, I trust I share everyone's sentiment when I say I'm glad 2020 is behind us as we resume, to a large extent, normal activities this year.

A big part of being able to do so is down to the tenacity and dedication of our Principal, Miss Denise, who is assisted by the School's wonderfully hard working and tireless staff, Miss Chandani, Miss Renae, Miss Louise, Miss Natalie(PTP) as well as the returning Ms Natalie and Miss Amanda. Congratulations to Miss Renae who reached 10 years of service to our school. We gave her a set of crystal wine glasses in celebration.

I also extend my thanks to our previous Chairperson, Andrew Hansen, who was pivotal in leading the School's financial recovery during his tenure. Andrew has graciously moved into the Secretary role this year in order to ensure continuity on the school council, and I look forward to working with him, as well as my other fellow council members, James McCullough and Shikha Chadha, in 2021.

We would be delighted to hear from any parents if you have any feedback, queries or concerns with respect to the School.

Finally, we have been seeking and were finally assigned a Bunnings BBQ Day for Term 2. If any parents have capacity or need to complete their community hours, please look out for this and sign up for the event.

I wish everyone a happy and safe break over Easter!

Best regards, Jason Zhang

Chairperson (Jonathan and Annabelle's dad)



CLASS REPORT

We wish to welcome Annabelle Zhang, Marco Dozan, Emmett Grantley, Oliver Schreiber, Thomas Tobola and Alexander Tobola and their families to our school. They are learning the classroom routines and are at various stages of settling in.

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 made 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 been on a bus they were very excited.



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 hats and wore them home on the last day of term.

Another term has come to an end.

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 18 years. Before that she was the Director of a Montessori Preschool in New Zealand. She works full time at the school.



Miss Natalie is one of our teachers. She has been with our school for 2 years. She works mainly with our parent Toddler group.



Miss Natalie returned to us after a 6 year break, having had 2 children. She assists in the morning class and runs our Home Environment class.



Miss Renae is one of our Directresses. She has been with the school for 10 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 over 18 years. She works full time at the school.



Miss Amanda is our teacher. She is back after a 2-year break doing more study. She has been with the school for 6 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.



Miss Louise is our Admin Officer. She has worked at the school for 12 years, Mondays to Thursdays. She has completed her Certificate in Childcare.



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 2021 starts on Tuesday 20th April

Maintenance day is on Saturday 24th April.

Parent Information Evening is on Thursday the 10th June.

It will cover our Kindergarten program. As you may be aware we are accredited to have kindergarten age children at our school. We have a ratio of 1 teacher per 8 students which is quite different from the ratio of 1 teacher to 28 students at main stream schools.

The students attend from 12pm to 2.30pm over and above the morning class. These hours are at no extra cost as the school and Department of Education subsidize these hours.

Please come and see the extensive program they achieve during these hours.

Any family is welcome whether you are attending kindergarten next year or the year after.

Fundraising

This term we are doing two BBQ's. The first one is on Saturday 15th May and the second one on Sunday 30th May. A notice for your assistance will be out shortly.

We also hope to have our family fun day on Saturday 6th November so please put that date into your calendar.

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 2021.



Contact the Principal at childrenshousensw@gmail.co

