



The Children's House
Montessori School

NEWSLETTER TERM 4 2021

Our extended day
children visited the
Botanic Gardens for their
school trip this term.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the final term for the year at the Children's House. I would like to thank the staff, school council and parents for your continued support of the school and the community. It is the friendly, positive environment created by the teachers and the parents that makes this school an amazing place for all our children to attend, learn and grow.

We had a great term four culminating in our family fun day organised by Alessia Campagna. A big thank you also to Amanda Jacka for assisting the children to produce three fabulous artworks which fund raised a total of \$1950.

As teachers we are always a little bit sad to see our children leave to go to big school however, are happy in the knowledge that we have done our best to help them become independent learners and to enjoy learning and discovering what they are capable of. We wish all the children going onto big school our best wishes for their future learning.

I hope everyone is having a great break and enjoying the holidays, and we look forward to seeing all those returning on Monday the 31st January at 8.30 am.

Kind Regards
Denise Underwood



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

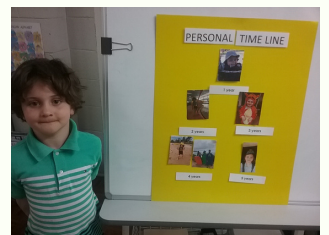
This term has seen the children discover many new things. The focus for the three year olds has been animals that live in the water. They took a look at seahorses, turtles, sharks and fish. It gave them an opportunity to discover and learn more about the creatures that live around them in their world. The information passed on to them will serve to develop their vocabulary, thinking and concepts of sea animals. This project work also aids in their fine motor development, using scissors, pencils and glue sticks.



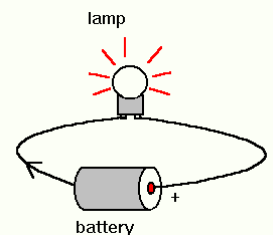
The four year olds have been delving into the life cycle and parts of a butterfly. A popular story to accompany this learning is of course, The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, which a lot of children are familiar with. Looking at the different parts of any animal or insect is always interesting for the children as it gives them a chance to discover more about them.



The extended day class have been learning about the solar system and timelines of dinosaurs, humans and the planet. The children looked at their own time lines and brought in photos for every year of their life so far. It was so nice to see in photographs what each child was like as a baby and to have their growth documented in this way to the current day. Thank you to the parents for providing the pictures. The children enjoyed sharing them with their peers and teachers.



Science lessons in the extended day class have centred on magnets and conductors, electricity within our environment and electrical circuits. The class experimented with making their own static electricity and then used batteries to learn about circuits and how to make them work. Another science topic investigated this term was soluble and insoluble, carrying out experiments to understand this concept and looking also at what happens to substances when they are heated and frozen.



The children started a world book at the start of the year discovering a country in the world named after each letter of the alphabet and saw the completion of it this term. This exercise provided the children with a good opportunity to discover the world around them and look at pictures from far and wide and compare them to the life they live here in Australia.



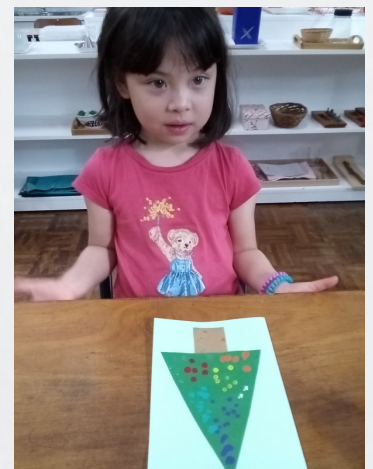
Parent observations provided a good opportunity for the parents to be able to observe their child in the classroom after a long absence due to COVID-19. Most of the children took it in their stride and went about their activities. We hope you enjoyed your insight into what your child likes to do and the classroom in general. We thank all the parents for attending the interviews to discuss your child's progress.



HALLOWEEN



CHRISTMAS TIME





The class has been using our music time on Friday's to learn songs and dances for our concert. The children have been enthusiastically learning dances and actions to go with different music from around the world. This has lent itself to the development of their co-ordination, gross motor movements and balance. Our Christmas concert video will be sent out shortly.

PARENT TODDLER CLASSES

Our Parent Toddler sessions held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am continue to be well attended. They are great introduction 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 book a place for Term 1 2022.

Contact the Principal at childrenshousensw@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maintenance Day	Saturday 29th January	8 am to 11 am
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Students resume	Monday 31st January	8.30 am
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Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser	Saturday 26th February	
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VOLUNTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS VACANT

We have two positions to fill on our school council in a voluntary capacity.

1. Secretary
2. Vice Chair

We meet every third Tuesday of the month, starting in February through to November at 7.30 pm usually via zoom.

If you are interested please email the school and I will send out a job description for you to view before you commit.

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