



The Children's House Montessori School

Learning about different celebrations around the world gives our children a glimpse of the wider world.



Term 1 2025

Dear Montessori Families

I hope the first term of 2025 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, we are fortunate to have Ariana Neuman continuing as Chairperson with Shikha Chadha, Selina Li, Renee Collins, Leah Weiss and myself as School Council representatives.

We meet via zoom each month 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 about our business plan or other school matters.

I would like to thank all the families past and present who have made voluntary contributions to our building fund. In 2024, we were able to update our playground at a cost of \$48000. This year we have a major plumbing job that needs to be attended to, this has been costed at \$7000.

Our BBQ fundraisers are vital in giving us extra funds to carry out small upgrades. This year we will paint the library area and put new carpet in. Thank you to those families who give up their time to attend.

We have had an exodus of 3 year olds from our parent toddler classes into our 3 to 6 program this term. Therefore, we now have a few spaces on Tuesday mornings for 18 months to 2.5

year olds. If anyone knows a family with a young child, please send them our way for more information.

I take the opportunity to thank my wonderful colleagues at the school who are dedicated to provide the best experiences for our children.

Lastly, a big thank you to our maintenance crew, a good rake up once a term is vital in keeping the school grounds safe.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break.

Regards,

Denise Underwood
Principal



We wish to welcome Ryan, Francesca, Riaan, Neppy, Callum, Shivansh, and Isabelle, Vinhy and Nivin 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 studied. The craft activities have given them the opportunity to practice their fine motor skills.



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 experience the senses through baskets set up in the classroom, each basket highlighting a different sense.



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 landforms using plasticine, which they proudly took home.



The kindergarten children have been studying about the famous artists. They re-created a Monet artwork 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.

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 the children had been on a minibus, there was great excitement

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, and many other colourful and ugly looking fish.

We completed our excursion by eating our lunch on the docks.

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 morning tea this Friday before we break up for the Easter holidays.

Regards

Miss Chandani and Miss Renae

