



Montessori News



Haratua 2016
May 2016

Tēnā koutou matua ma!
Greetings to all Parents!

Stoke Montessori

Up Coming Events

Mon, 2 May	Start of Term 2
Mon, 2 May—Tue, 7 Jun	Kat away on placement
Wed 4—Fri, 6 May	Nicolle Away
Wed 4—Thu 19 May	Gina Away
Mon, 9 May	Mother's Day
Mon 9—Fri 13 May	Sign Language Week
Wed, 1 June	Parent Info Evening
Tue, 7 June	Community Meeting
Fri, 10 June	Disco ~ Farewell
To Be Confirmed	Visit to the Brook Sanctuary
To Be Confirmed	Visit to Birchwood
Fri. 8 Jul	End of Term 2
Mon, 25 Jul	Start of Term3

Good bye



We sadly said goodbye to Ailia Atkinson at the end of Term 1 . We wish Ailia and her family all the very best in all their future endeavours. Thank you to Sarah and Kelvin for all their help during the Santa Parade.

Visiting the



and



will be happening this term but the dates and details are yet to be finalized. Await more information via email.



Sign Language Week from Monday 9 May to Friday 13 May. We will be using more sign language during this week, including songs with sign language.

Mother's Day will be celebrated on Monday 9th May from 9—10.30 am with a special breakfast for all mums or a significant lady in the child's life.

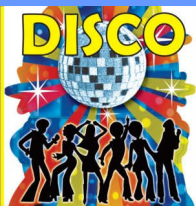
We look forward to seeing all of you here.

Please put it in your diaries and keep the day free.



Community Meeting is on Tuesday 7 June from 1.15 pm to 2.15 pm.

You are welcome to bring siblings in and our staff will take care of them. It's a great opportunity to feed into the programme and find out what's happening. Book your diaries now!



Time to get out your dancing shoes! 'Fairy tale Disco Nite 2016' will be on Friday 10 June from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Feel free to bring your own dinner and join the rest from 5.30 pm or join the boogie from 6 to 7.

Though it maybe sad, let's say farewell to Suzette on a happy note, as she takes on her new position at Kauri on the following Monday.



is celebrated during the month of June. Please await more details soon via the next Newsletter or email.



Parent Info Evening

We are looking at having our Parent Info evening on Wednesday 1 June from 7 pm to 8 pm.

This terms topic of discussion is

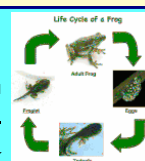
"Montessori Materials"

Come along and find out what your child works with while they are here and how to work with the materials and how the materials help them.

We do need at least 8 families to go ahead with it so make sure you sign up.

Holiday News!!

We have been waiting for Joy to turn into a frog and this was taking longer than anticipated. So we released Spider into the creek behind our centre. Spider is now in his natural habitat and will be able to find food for himself.





Its Autumn Time

This is a season of unpredictable weather. It's cold and hot and wet and dry.... All in one day...

So please ensure that your child has layers on that could be taken off if it does warm up..

Slippers and Jackets sounds good for the coming term.

Sunhats can be taken home at the end of the term for washing.



As the weather gets COLDER it brings with it coughs, colds and various bugs and viruses..

If your child seems under the weather or does have a cough or runny nose please keep them at home to prevent illness going through the

centre.

If your child does seem ill when they arrive at Montessori we may have to ask you to take them home or call you to pick them up.

Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you but it is to prevent illness going through the centre.



To Nicolle as she takes time away to attend her graduation from Wednesday 4 May to Friday 6 May!! Mel Young will be relieving during this time.

Gina will be away on holiday from Wednesday 4th May to Thursday 19th May. Angie will be relieving for her during this fortnight. Have fun Gina!!



Be a teacher....

Help our children experience different cultures and celebrate each others unique individuality.

Let us know of celebrations that are specific to your native country



and culture so that we may take a virtual trip over and explore the country, culture and celebration with our children.

Please speak to the staff or send an email about how you would like us to celebrate your family culture.

Communication



As you are aware we are looking at our Communication Policy, on how best to improve our communication and relationships. Through this we are looking at different roles.

Please take note that **there is always a staff member on the deck at drop off and pick up**, to pass on information to you and from you. If you have any concerns or questions **please speak to the teacher outside**. If you would like a longer meeting you will need to make an appointment for a more comprehensive meeting.

Kat is away on placement from the Monday 2 May to Tuesday 7 June. We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys her time!

Let's Learn Te Reo Together

Join us in using some new words this month.

pangahono (pa-ng-a-ho-no) — Puzzle

Pūtāiki (poo-tie-key) — Basket

Paepae (pay-pay) — Tray

Pukapuka (poo-kah-poo-kah) — Paper

Takapou (tah-kah-poh) — Mat

Peitatanga

A guide to the sounds of Maori Vowels

'a' as in car 'e' as in egg 'i' as in eat

'O' as in for 'u' as in too

* If you see a 'i' above a vowel make the sound long

'ng' as in sing 'wh' is 'f' as in fish



A Montessori Snippet

How Important are the Montessori Materials? ~ Angeline Lilard

The Montessori materials have an interesting history. The initial ones were developed by Seguin for working with special needs children, and were adapted by Montessori in the early 1900s. From there she modified the originals and added to them. My impression, from her books and from conversations with people who have access to unpublished lectures and have spent time with people who worked directly with her, is that tremendous thought and experimentation went into the development of these materials and their use. The Pink Tower, for example, is not merely a tower of blocks of increasing size, but instead is a carefully calculated instrument to educate the senses and the motor system, and to implicitly introduce the decimal system and the notion of cubing. Each block is one centimetre longer on all sides than the one that came before, and there are ten such blocks going from one cubic centimetre to ten. The increasing size is reflected not only visually but also haptically and barically: each block is heavier by an exponentially increasing magnitude.

Please click the link on your email for the complete article.

NOTICES

No Crocs on the playground Crocs are not suitable shoes for children on the playground as they have no grip and have caused a lot of injuries from slipping. Children need to have suitable shoes for climbing and working outdoors please.

Afternoon Session

Special Offer for 2016— Do 2 or 3 afternoons and get 2 more for free. This offer is only valid for 2015 and will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Any queries please speak to the staff.

Important Notice

Please note that the 20 hours ECE subsidy is valid until your child is 6 years old, which means they can complete the 3 years at Montessori

Any queries please speak to the staff.

Some House Keeping

- ☺ Please remember that if you wish to speak with staff about any concerns you might have or just to discuss your child's development you can make a time before 8.45 am or after 3pm to meet with us.

Please ensure that your child has a spare change of clothes in their backpack. They must have a clean pair of pants, a top and not forgetting some underwear and socks.

If you are bringing a sibling in during drop off and pick up please ensure that you are supervising them. As we cannot be responsible for their safety.

Not that we see anyone smoking around Montessori but just a reminder that we are a **Smoke Free** centre.

In a case of an Emergency

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE RADIO FOR OUR EVACUATION POINT

Library and Basketball

We will be attending Basketball every Thursday and Library every Wednesday.

Your child needs:

- ☺ **A small bottle of water**
- ☺ **Appropriate footwear NO gumboots please.**
- ☺ **School t-shirt**



Illness

Please keep your child at home if they show any symptoms illness or fever. This would help us minimise illnesses spreading through the centre.

Please note that our Health and Safety Policy requires you to keep your child at home for 48 hours after the last incident in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea.



If you intend to stay longer than 5 minutes or so to maybe speak to a staff or other parent please be mindful of others and park on the road as the Driveway is for a quick drop off or pick ups only. Please **DO NOT PARK** up by the gate as reversing with children around is dangerous. Use the drive through only.

Montessori Primary

Catherine (Rhys and Griffin's Mum) is keen on starting up a Montessori Primary.

If you are interested please contact

Catherine via jcebarak@yahoo.co.uk or on 5410854.

Community

If you have an occupation or hobby that children would find interesting or enjoy we would love for you to come in one morning and share it with us. =)

It could be pottery, photography, art, music, nurse, pilot, etc.

Email us back if you are keen!