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Term 3

25 July – 23 September 2016

## Primary News

**Baby Show**  
PREGNANCY / BABY / TODDLER

Having trouble explaining  
**MONTESSORI**  
to family and friends?

Then come to The Baby Show  
and bring them with you!  
There will be experts available at  
the Montessori Glass Classroom  
to explain how it all works!

Early bird tickets online now!  
Visit [www.babyshow.co.nz](http://www.babyshow.co.nz)  
\$15 plus booking fee  
Children under 12 are free!

ASB Showgrounds  
Epsom, Auckland  
19th, 20th & 21st August  
10am-5pm

Search "Mahi Montessori"

**VOLUNTEERS FOR  
Montessori Glass Classroom  
at the Auckland Baby Show  
19 August 1-5pm**

ESMPS is participating at this event. Parent and child  
volunteers are being requested.

Information regarding this will be sent home with students.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### PTA Meeting

Tuesday, 11 August 7.30pm – school staffroom

Tuesday, 13 September 7.30pm

#### Eastern Suburbs Montessori Trust Meeting

Tuesday, 9 August, 7.00pm

Tuesday, 6 September, 7.00pm

This will be held at the Montessori Unit.

#### Runathon

Wednesday, 17 August 10.00-12.30

#### Cross Country

Wednesday 24 August – Yr 1/2 11.30 / Yr 3/4 1.30

Thursday 25 August – Yr 5/6 11.30 / Yr 7/8 1.30

#### Cultural Fair – Asia

Wednesday, 31 August 9.00-3.00pm

Activities 9-12.30

Shared lunch 12.30-1.30

Cultural Fair Assembly 1.30-3.00

#### Glendowie School Disco

Friday, 9 September (Details to follow)

#### Student Led Conference (Room 20 & 28)

Tuesday, 13 September

#### Student Led Conference (Room 27)

Wednesday, 14 September

#### Big Boys Breakfast

Friday, 16 September 8.15-9.15am

This year we will celebrate significant 'boys' in the lives of our students by inviting them to a 'Big Boys Breakfast'. Please note this is 2 weeks after Fathers Day.

#### WORKING BEE

Sunday, 18 September 1-4pm

This will be a big clean and tidy up before our 20 year Anniversary next term. Please come when you can. Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. An afternoon tea will be provided.

#### Wrap It Up System

Just a reminder that parents will need to sign up on the Wrap it Up System to pay for school trips. Montessori students are listed under "Montessori" (not included in their actual Year Level).

## Message from Rose

The first weekend of the holidays, many of our teachers spent the weekend in Hamilton attending the annual Montessori Conference - Exploration - a Joyful Experience. Wendy Calise who is Head of a Montessori School in Chicago spoke to the 6 - 12 teachers about their approach to lesson giving for this age group. She challenged us to follow 21st Century principles to assist students to do more thinking.

Wendy brought a fresh perspective to lesson presentations within our 6 – 12 classrooms. As teachers, we can have that feel good attitude of presenting lessons just like we learned in our training, but often we need to reconsider this knowledge giving approach and allow students more discovery in their learning. The wave of current educational thought is for students to thinking more deeply i.e. to be critical thinkers and to work on solving problems for themselves. Many of our presentations lead students to the answers and processes required and Wendy emphasised that we need to give more opportunities for them to figure things out, make mistakes and have them find answers for themselves. These are all 21st Century learning principles. She used lesson examples to help the delegates 'think for themselves' and they had opportunities to problem solve using critical thinking and processes we know. This helped us to better understand how some of the lessons we use in the classroom could be delivered.

Engagement is the name of the game and our role is to stimulate the imagination and reasoning mind. She emphasized that we needed to get students to do more thinking and encouraged us to stop lessons in appropriate places where students could then think for themselves and work out how they could solve the problems they faced using what they knew already.

This reminder supported what we have already started to do in our classrooms. It was encouraging to be reminded that Montessori approaches support what current educational thought is in practice throughout New Zealand and other places in the world. Your students are experiencing a truly International Education through initiatives from the practices of Glendowie School and from Montessori worldwide!

We look forward to what your child will share with you at the Student Led Conferences later in the term. Will you notice their 'International Mindedness'?



Rose Phillips

## Junior Units of Inquiry

### Year 1 and 2

The Year 1 and 2s have continued with their inquiry into the Dinosaur world and have been creating their own prehistoric creature, taking into account all they have learned throughout the unit..

Their next Unit of Inquiry under the theme '**Where We Are In Place And Time**' will focus on the Olympic Games and how such an event helps us to celebrate our skills and culture.. They will look at the history of the Olympics and how they can manage themselves and be open minded. They will participate in our School Mini Olympics. We look forward to having energy and physical exercises along with learning new skills and fun!

### Year 3 and 4

This term, our year 3s and 4s will be exploring '**How The World Works**' and about the natural events that occur as part of the natural process. They will use their research skills to inquire about Maori myths and legends around the many mountains in New Zealand and go on a field trip to Mangere Mountain on Thursday 18 August. Children will investigate the composition of the earth, its cycles, and effects. In addition, they will investigate means to protect against those natural disasters and will be able to share their proposed emergency plan with the wider community.

### Year 4s

Year 4s have their individual blog page set up within the Junior Montessori class page, where they will be posting and sharing their learning for others to view. The pages have already created a buzz as students use technology in many creative ways to expand their learning expedition. The link is <http://montessorijuniorsgs.blogspot.co.nz/>

## Room 20



We began the term with three children being overseas. They have all arrived safely and the term is well Underway. We started the term focusing on the virtue **thankfulness** and reflected on all the things we could be thankful for. The next focus was on **respect of others and our environment**.

The children are encouraged to share any exciting news they have with the class on Mondays and Thursdays. There is also a 'News and Views' book in our class where newspaper clippings and news reports can be pasted in and shared with the class. Often this can lead to a discussion time on the event.

Our class meetings are conducted by the older children and take place every three weeks. Robbie the Hippo (our class stuffed animal) continues to have many exciting adventures with the children during weekends and holidays and shares his diary with the class every week. Each child will have the opportunity of taking him home on a Friday to return to school on the Monday. He went with Mina to France. Floppy (the puppy), our other class pet went to Slovakia with Bryn.

**Hiranthi**

## Room 28



Welcome back to term 3!

It feels great to welcome you back to yet another exciting term this year. This term is full of celebrations and a lot of learning!

The focus in room 28 this term is to foster a responsibility to learn through choosing wisely. Learning experiences in math, language and culture give opportunities to ask questions and expand knowledge and understanding.

Now that more established work cycles are witnessed, our focus in room 28 is to foster greater responsibility in our children in following their will to learn and thrive. In this regard, children will continue to undertake big projects in Math, language and cultural studies to expand their learning experiences.

The common area between room 28 and room 20 has been reworked to encourage students to collaborate between the classes and work together at any time. Children are able to utilize the space with great responsibility and care.

Our new laundry roster has been circulated through your child's journal. Please make arrangements with other parents if you would like to swap and let me know of the change. Encourage your child to take responsibility for washing and folding at home.

I would encourage you to continue reading to your child at home and have them read to you daily. We will continue using our journals as a means of communication between school and home. Seeing parents' initials in the reading logs and journals assures me that we are in this together!

**Anita**

## Montessori Resource Teacher

My responsibility continues to be focusing on learning to read and write with our younger students. I am also responsible for implementing the handwriting programme between the classes. This term I will be working with small groups of students to prepare the vegetable gardens and also supervise the Junior Art Contribution for the 20 year celebration.



**Saskia**

## 9-12 Class Notices

What's been happening in Room 27?

The term has started like we're running a 100 m sprint! So much is happening and we seem to be at top speed already. On top of that it is a short term!

As part of the ESMPS 20th year anniversary celebrations, the children in room 27 are creating Mosaic tile stepping stones for our garden. There has been some concentrated effort and thought about the designs so far and the students are keen to start 'gluing'.

The class speech finals resulted in Lee Berman taking out the privilege of presenting his speech to all Year 5 and 6 classes in the School Speech Finals and Kaia Olsen participating in the Y 7 / 8 School Speech Finals. The effort by all students has been impressive! We have some incredibly inventive topics and some fantastic public speakers in the making.

Our Master Chef programme is about to restart with the focus being on making soup. As we are in the depths of winter, this seems an appropriate time to learn and experiment with many different soup recipes.

Training for the cross country races which will be held in week 5 is underway. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These practices also provided training for the upcoming runathon next week.

Elena has only two more weeks of her course left and we all look forward to what new learning will be implemented in our classroom. She will be back with us on Thursday 25th August.

### **Units of Inquiry**

The Y5/6's have begun a new Unit of Inquiry which focuses on the responsible use of digital media. During this unit they will be creating their own videos which will be used to inform and inspire others.

Year 7's are learning about the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities and the structure and function of organisations. This involves being Event Organisers for our Cultural Fair. Cultural Fair preparations are ramping up with organising items, crafting, painting, sewing, dancing, learning languages and games as well as it seems a million other things. This is a huge undertaking for our year 7's and we are all very excited to see what our Asian Cultural Fair will reveal.

The Year 8's continue to work on their Exhibition inquiries and the presentation for parents will be Tuesday 23 August.

*Elena & Oliver*



# 20 Year Celebration fund raising opportunity



We have the rare opportunity to raise funds for our senior class camps and a new data projector for the junior class, adding to the fantastic learning environment our children enjoy.

We are arranging three hampers for raffle tickets on the night of our 20 year celebration on **Saturday 15th October**, and are calling on all families to provide one **new and unused** article for three high-end hamper collections.

If you feel inclined to contribute more than one item, that too would be most appreciated. Furthermore, should you have a voucher or service you could donate, we would be happy to accept those too.

These are examples of what we're hoping to collect from now.

## Gourmet Food Hamper

New Zealand olive oil, olives and wine

Oat/nut crackers

Balsamic glaze

Deli condiments like chilli sauce, chutneys and jams

Lindt chocolates

Specialty biscuits etc.



Please hand donated items in to Michelle in the office before the end of this term.

**Thank you!**

## Kids Hamper

*Bearing in mind our ideal target ages are 6-13*

Books/book voucher, Puzzle books

Smiggle stationery

Toys or games

Hair accessories

Sports equipment  
eg. handball,  
football etc.



## Pamper Hamper

Scented candle

Soap bar

Bath salts or bath gel

Face towel, loofah, shower cap

Hand cream etc

## TERM 3, 2016

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Week 1 July</i>	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Week 2 August</i>	1	2 <i>PTA Social Cleaning Night 6.30-8.30pm</i>	3	4	5
<i>Week 3</i>	8	9 <i>Trust Mtg 7.00pm</i>	10	11 <i>PTA Mtg 7.30pm</i>	12
<i>Week 4</i>	15	16	17 <i>Runathon 10-12.30</i>	18 <i>YR 3/4 Trip to Mangere Mountain</i>	19 <i>Glass Classroom ASB Stadium 1-5pm</i>
<i>Week 5</i>	22	23	24 <i>Cross Country Yr 1&amp;2 11.30am Yr 3&amp;4 1.30pm</i>	25 <i>Cross Country Yr 5&amp;6 11.30am Yr 7&amp;8 1.30pm</i>  <i>Elena back from TMI</i>	26 <i>Cross Country Rain Day for Y1-4</i>
<i>Week 6 September</i>	29 <i>Cross Country Rain Day for Y5-8</i>	30	31 <i>Cultural Fair Day ASIA—9-3pm</i>	1	2
<i>Week 7</i>	5	6 <i>Trust Mtg 7.00pm</i>	7	8	9 <i>Glendowie School Disco 5pm</i>
<i>Week 8</i>	12	13 <i>Student Led Conference R20/R28</i>  <i>PTA Mtg 7.30pm</i>	14 <i>Student Led Conference R27</i>	15	16 <i>Big Boys Breakfast 8.15-9.15am</i>
<i>Week 9</i>  <i>Sept 18 Working Bee 1-4pm</i>	19	20	21 <i>Peace Song 11.00am</i>	22	23 <i>Mufti Day</i>

## General Reminders

### **Absences**

If your child/children are away from school, we request that you phone the school on **575 7374** and leave a message, preferably before 8.30am on the day of absence. If your child is to be away for an extended holiday, or special event, please could we have written notification beforehand.

### **Before / After School**

Children are asked to wait on the court if they arrive before 8.30am. When the bell rings at 8.30am the children must walk sensibly to their classroom and unpack their belongings. At the end of the day please meet your children either on the upper court or at the seating near the top field. If you have a Year 1 /2 child you are welcome to meet them at their class. It is school policy that students go straight home unless accompanied by their parent.

### **Forgotten Items**

If you are dropping off something for your child, please leave it at the main office and they will ensure your child receives it. Please try to keep these to a minimum so as not to disturb the cycle of the class.

### **Independence**

Please help your child develop independence by encouraging them to be responsible for remembering their lunch, journal, book bag.

### **Lunches and Water Bottles**

Our school encourages children to eat healthy lunches and to drink water. It is very important children bring a named drink bottle with water in it. No juice is allowed in the classrooms and sweets / lollies are not to come to school please.

At Glendowie School we recognise there are a number of students with food allergies, some of which have serious implications. We do not allow children to bring any food to school to share with others including birthday treats such as cakes. If there is food cooked or shared at school as part of the learning programme, class teachers will advise parents of students with know food allergies.

### **Meetings & Appointments**

On Monday and Thursday afternoons the teachers are involved in staff meetings. In the mornings teachers are also busy with class preparation and the children before school. If you wish to see a class teacher or make an appointment, you are most welcome to email the Montessori Office or write in your child's journal, but please bear in mind teachers meeting commitments. Please do not contact teachers on their personal home or mobile unless specifically asked to by the teacher.

### **Named Clothing**

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of NAMING all articles of clothing, this includes socks, lunchboxes. We have items of clothing left at school every day and it makes it easier to return to the owner if items are named. Please note that socks should be navy blue or black – no other colour should be on them

### **Punctuality**

Children are asked to wait on the court if they arrive before 8:30am. When the bell rings at 8:30am the children must walk sensibly to their classroom and unpack their belongings. Students are expected to be in the classroom by 8.55am. It helps them have time to think about their day and what they need to accomplish. Our lessons start at 9:00 am so students need to be ready to start by then. Please ensure your child arrives on time as this assists them in getting ready for their learning. If your child is late they must go to the office to collect a late pass.

### **Sports Uniform**

Please remember Sports Uniform is compulsory for Year 3 and up and this term it will be necessary to be worn on the field for sports and lunchtimes if the field is open.