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Term 3
23 July - 28 September 2018

Primary News

2019 Accommodation for visiting Intern

Dear Montessori Community!

My name is Hannah, I am 21 years old and I live in Germany. At the moment I am studying elementary school education in Münster. In the time from February 11th to March 8th I am going to undertake an internship at Eastern Suburbs Montessori Primary School. I am looking forward to gaining a lot of experiences. Ideally, I would like to stay with a family, so I can learn more about the culture of New Zealand. Maybe you are able to offer me a place to stay.

This year I have already completed an internship in England in a Montessori preschool and stayed with a host family during this time as well. It was great being involved in their everyday life and their culture.

I am happy to help with babysitting etc.. If you think you may be able to help, please get in touch with me. I would be really glad to stay with a family. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Hannah Pütke



If you are able to offer accommodation please contact Michelle for details.

Compost Making Course

On Wednesday 8 August a Composting Course will take place in our Montessori garden from 3:15 - 4:15 pm. This is a free hands-on-course to learn about compost making and Bokashi How to's. Please support this initiative organised by one of our parents. It is open to our Glendowie community but you will need to register on the following website

<https://compostcollective.org.nz/events-calendar/>.

Confirmed participants will receive a \$40.00 discount toward the purchase of a composting system that can be redeemed online. Please bring in any composting items from your house on the 8th August to learn what to do with them.

2018 TERM DATES

Term 3 Mon 23 Jul – Fri 28 Sep
Term 4 Mon 15 Oct – Fri 14 Dec

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1 Thu 7 Feb – Fri 12 Apr
Term 2 Mon 29 Apr – Fri 5 Jul
Term 3 Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep
Term 4 Mon 14 Oct – Fri 20 Dec

DATES TO REMEMBER

ESMPS PTA

Thursday, 9 August

ESMPS Trust Meetings 7.00pm

Monday, 13 August

Glendowie School Runathon 9-12.30pm

Wednesday, 16 August

School Photos

Monday, 20 August

Cross Country, 21 August

Year 7 9:45 - 10:30 am

Year 1-2 11.00am

Year 3-4 11.45am

Year 5-8 1.30pm

Year 8 2.15pm

Rain day, 22 August

Father's Day Breakfast,

31st August 8.15-9.15am

Details to be confirmed

MPTA Dinner

31st August

Details to be confirmed

Student Led Conference

Tuesday, 11 September R28

Wednesday, 12 September Yr 5-7 R27

Yr 8 have Exhibition instead of Student Led Conference

Glendowie School Disco

Friday, 21 September

Cultural Fair - North America

Wednesday, 26 September

We will be celebrating the continent of North America. Time to be thinking about costumes, shared food for lunch etc.. Our year 7 students will be organising this day for our community.

Activities 9-12.30

Shared lunch 12.30-1.30

Cultural Fair School Assembly 1.30-3.00

Message from Rose

Kia Ora,

What a great start to the term with everyone (staff and students) hitting the deck running and that is exactly how it will stay until the end of term. There are so many opportunities for us to experience community together you'll all have to diarise and prioritise the happenings and events!

Did anyone notice the addition at the end of Room 28 - a 'Baby Barn' has appeared and the Garden Club have used the convenience of the building already as they plan the weeks ahead. Next time they meet they will be in the kitchen tasting what they've grown. The garden is amazing despite the weeds that had a chance to grow over the holidays. The sight of spring flowers and garlic stalks and a variety of 'greens' tells us that Spring must be just around the corner. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our students with Michelle Pinfold taking the helm to organise and lead this group.

Jamie Rue's visit last term was a catalyst for our team to be inspired to think about our practice and environments. Her suggestions of where to next opened our minds to change and possibilities. During the holidays, some of the staff attended the MANZ Conference in Napier.. This was three days of pure inspiration - having been prepared through Jamie's visit to thinking about changes and next steps for us as individuals and as a team. The primary speaker, Michael Dorer, challenged us about how to deliver content and provided suggestions to make this happen in a real and authentic manner. We have come back and made changes to how and what is planned as well as what we teach. Action has been taken within the classrooms to work towards delivering our Montessori Curriculum more authentically within our environments. Our children can only benefit from the changes and tweaking of our environments that our teachers have been inspired to do.

I trust that we will see you at one of the many community events being planned for this term. Runathon, Cross Country, Cleaning Bee, Student Led Conferences, Mid Winter Dinner (MPTA), Exhibition (Year 8), Cultural Fair Day. Take your pick or attend all!!! I'll be there!!!

Nga mihi nui
Rose Phillips



Room 27 9-12 Class Notices

Welcome to Term 3!

Following a busy and productive term 2, we attended a 3-day Montessori Conference in Napier where we learned and shared with our wider teaching community and became inspired and energised. We are excited to bring back many practical ideas that we have and will be putting into practice within our environment..

This term is no different to any other: it is busy but full of exciting events. Our Year 8 students start Exhibition - a culminating research project where students use all skills and knowledge gained throughout their learning journey within the PYP programme. They will be busy, there will be stress and perhaps some tears as well, but we are all here to support them and ensure they each succeed in their own way. Meanwhile, Year 7 students will embark on their own journey - planning and organising the North and Central America Cultural Fair Day. They have begun by looking in depth at countries in this region through different lenses. As we begin to plan and organise this event, we will learn about how people work together to achieve a common purpose as well as being responsible and seeing things through to the end. We rely on our parent community for support, so please keep an eye out for notices and consider volunteering as a parent helper.

Year 5 and 6 kick off the term with a new Unit of Inquiry under the theme 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. The central idea guiding this unit is that different societies have similar structures that reflect what is important to them. The students will spend time researching and trying to understand ancient cultures and why they behaved the way they did. This is an opportunity to learn from the past and grow our appreciation of history.

There are a number of regular happenings for Term 3. Speeches are filling our classroom with all sorts of new ways of looking at things as well as interesting and wacky facts. There is an exciting vibe as students hone their delivery skills ready to compete for the School Finals in Week 3. Cross-Country training is under way. The students are encouraged to train to improve their strength and stamina and this will be on display at both the Runathon and School Cross-Country. Later in the term Student-Led Conferences will take place. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning, successes and goals for the future with you. Our Masterchef programme continues and we thank our parent helpers who have committed to make this a rich learning experience.

Elena & Oliver



Room 28

Welcome to Term 3!



We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break! Last term Emma and Leon started with us so they had a little taste of life in Room 28! We welcome them back this term to enjoy the exciting learning that takes place! Last term we farewelled Michelle, Emma and Sophie and hope to hear about their new adventures! We wish them well in their new schools.

It was lovely to meet with many parents at the Parent Teacher Interview evening last term to share about the learning that has happened so far. This term you will have the opportunity for your child to share their learning with you in the upcoming Student Led Conferences in Week 8. There are other exciting events we will be working towards this term with students training for the upcoming Runathon (Week 4) and Cross Country (Week 5). Our annual Cultural Fair focusing on North and Central America this year involves the students learning more about this continent and sharing some of their learning with you at the Cultural Fair Assembly during the afternoon. Those of you from countries in this region get ready to come and share your culture with us!!!

Important for Y 3 / 4: Please help your child to remember to bring their Syndicate Sports uniform to school every Friday. We have particularly focused on the virtue of responsibility this term so remembering and wearing a sports uniform is a way that this virtue can be practised.

Saskia, Rachael & Hiranthi

Units of Inquiry

Year 1/2

We will explore the theme of How The World Works. This involves the students investigating how everyday objects behave when they are placed in liquid. We would expect that students may be experimenting at home with all sorts of different objects to check whether they sink or float and work out why that might be! During this unit they will also be learning about how this scientific knowledge impacts on how people use such objects. This unit also includes a lot of creativity as the students will be creating their own 'boats' and testing them for how well they sink or float!.

Year 3/4

This age group will also explore the theme of How The World Works. The focus for this Inquiry is on the Earth's forces and how they impact on people and our environment. This will involve students investigating natural disasters. They will be practising research skills and learning safety responses if a disaster should happen. There will be a trip to the Auckland Museum where the students will experience the feeling of an earthquake as a result of Rangitoto erupting!!!

Room 28 Class Notices / Reminders

Birthdays

The birthday celebrations in the Montessori Junior Hub are celebrated as close to the child's birthday as possible. The set times for this celebration will be either 12.15pm or 2.45pm depending on the daily schedule. You are invited to attend this celebration with your child and to avoid disappointment, we ask that you liaise with the classroom teacher at least one week before your child's actual birthday. In keeping with our healthy food procedure, a fruit or vegetable platter is the only acceptable food choice for this celebration. Please do not feel obliged to provide this.

Book Bags

Our book bags made by past Year 4 students have been a real success lasting for the whole time a child is in our class. We ask that you help to ensure that your child takes care of their book bag. They are washable and are used to keep their journal and reading books/logs in, these should come to and from school each day.

Journals

In your child's journal, a work record is pasted every two weeks. This is for the recording of lessons given and to help the student choose a variety of work independently. What work a student does can be recorded daily. Please note that students are at different abilities to complete this. We encourage the students to write a daily reflection and sharing this with someone at home can be a starting point to discuss the events of the day.

Journals are also the mode of communication between parents / teachers and school. School notices are generally stapled into the journal so please remember to check the journal on a daily basis. Please take stapled notices out of the journal and initial the journal every day. This helps the teachers know that the journal has been seen.

Poetry

Most weeks your child will have a poem pasted / written in their journal. Your child may not always be able to read the poem independently. Please enjoy reading the poems with your child. Research has shown that rhyme, rhythm and repetition are helpful elements in assisting children's reading development. Over time they will become familiar with the poems and enjoy going back to their favourite ones and recite many off by heart.

Reading Books

Students are expected to read at home every day. Those students on the colour wheel up to purple should be taking a book home to read with you each day. Please record the book your child has read in the reading log notebook and return both the book and the reading log daily in the book bag. Reading to your child and having them read regularly is a beneficial experience so please try to share the reading of books you have at home as often as possible. The students who are past purple are still expected to read daily and may read chapter books from home. We want reading to be an enjoyable experience for your child and for them to experience success at reading. Please be vigilant about returning any Glendowie School books sent home in book bags.

Library

Our weekly school library slot is on Thursday. Your child is encouraged to issue a library book and read and enjoy it with you at home. All our students are able to be issued 2 books. The books can be returned at any time during the lunch hour. Only if a book is returned, a new one can be issued. Therefore please help your child remember to bring their library book on a Thursday to avoid any disappointment.

General Reminders

Before / After School

Students are asked to wait on the court if they arrive before 8.30am. When the bell rings at 8.30am the students must walk sensibly to their classroom and unpack their belongings. At the end of the day, please meet your child either on the upper court or at the seating near the top field. If you have a Year 1 or 2 child you are welcome to meet them at their class after the bell has rung. 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 classes work cycle.

Independence

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

Lunches

Our school encourages students to eat healthy lunches and to drink water. We encourage "litterless lunches" so would appreciate the use of recyclable lunch boxes / containers / reusable bags. Sweets / lollies should not come to school. At 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 children with known allergies.

Water Bottles

We encourage all students to bring a named water bottle to school for use in the classroom. Water is the only liquid allowed in the classroom.

Meetings & Appointments

If you wish to meet with a class teacher you are most welcome to email the Montessori Office or write in your child's journal to arrange a suitable time. Teachers will liaise around their meeting commitments to accommodate your request. Please do not contact teachers on their personal home or mobile phones 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, sports uniform and drink bottles. 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

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 the day of 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. The Sports Uniform is required for all terms. Children can also change into their Sports Uniform at lunch time to play on the school field during the wet months.

Reminder: students cannot come to school or leave the school in their sports uniform unless they are late returning from a tournament.

Kindo

Any Glendowie school payments can be made on Kindo.

Term 3, 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Week 1 July</i>	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Week 2</i>	30	31	1	2	3
<i>Week 3 August</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>MPTA Meeting 7pm</i>	10
<i>Week 4</i>	13 <i>Trust Meeting 7pm</i>	14	15 SCHOOL CLOSED HALF DAY OR WHOLE DAY tba	16 <i>9.00-12.30pm Runathon</i>	17
<i>Week 5</i>	20 <i>Class Photos</i>	21 <i>Cross Country 11.00am Yr 1/2 11.45am Yr 3/4 1.30pm Yr 5/6 2.15pm Yr7/8</i>	22 <i>Rain day for School X Country</i>	23 <i>Mathex 7pm</i>	24
<i>Week 6</i>	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Fathers Day Breakfast 8.15-9.00am MPTA Dinner</i>
<i>Week 7 September</i>	3	4	5	6	7
<i>Week 8</i>	10	11 <i>9.00am Student Led Conference R28</i>	12 <i>9.00am Student Led Conferences Yr5-7</i>	13	14
<i>Week 9</i>	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Glendowie School Disco</i>
<i>Week 10</i>	24	25	26 <i>Cultural Fair North America 9-12.30 Activities 12.30-1.30 shared lunch 1.30-3.00 School Assembly</i>	27	28 <i>Last day of Term</i>