



Gisborne Montessori Preschool
Newsletter Term 3 2017

“There is a great sense of community within the Montessori classroom, where children of differing ages work together in an atmosphere of co-operation rather than competitiveness. There is respect for the environment and for the individuals within it, which comes through experience of freedom within the community.”

Dr Maria Montessori

Dear Parents / Whanau,

Welcome to Term 3 of 2017. The children and teaching teams have settled into their learning environments after the holiday break. We welcome all our new children and their families to the pre-school.

We are very pleased to welcome Anna as our head teacher in Beehive 1 and also Tarsha to the class teaching team. We have two new relief teachers, Ivonne and Karyn who will be working during staff absences.

We invite our families / whanau to purchase a Montessori T-shirt \$20, order forms in class foyers.


Our pre-school has featured in the Zero to Five Early childhood Education focus in the Gisborne Herald, copies can be viewed in class foyers.


Please pass our information to friends and families to promote enrolment of their children to our pre-school. We have brochures available in the office if you have a work place or other suitable places in the community to display these.


Parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet head teachers to discuss their children’s learning and development. If you are interested in any early childhood information on a particular topic please feel welcome to ask your child’s head teacher.


Children’s Assessment Portfolios are available to view at any time, you may wish to take these home to share with your family/whanau.


Please remember


 To sign your child in and out each day and notify the office if you are either changing your pick up times or if a different person is picking your child up.

 To name all children’s belongings including shoes, clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

 With the colder weather teachers are asking parents to dress children appropriately with warm clothing including warm jackets, shoes and socks.

 Be aware of our Emergency and Evacuation plan, these can be found in each Foyer.

 To make sure gates are shut while arriving and departing and consideration is given to others while parking.

 To be aware we have a nut free and healthy food policy at the pre-school, the teachers can provide you with ideas for lunches.

Beehive 1

This term we have welcomed Tarsh into the Beehive 1 teaching team. Tarsh has previously worked in other roles in the preschool so is already familiar with the children and programme and has fitted straight in. We have three new children who have joined us this term - Jed, Cyrus and Stella. They are settling in well to the room, with older children taking on leadership roles of showing them what we do and how the class operates.

Our current focus for planning is language, in particular supporting children’s oral language skills to express their ideas, extend their vocabulary and problem solve with others. Children will be involved in a range of language games to provide practice in developing these skills. Individual interests that develop through the term will also be supported.

Beehive 2

We would like to welcome Tanairius Read-Hamilton, Madeleine Hansen, Jethro Hancock and their families to Beehive 2 this term.

The children are settling well into the routines and we have started this term with the children practicing Grace and Courtesy. Please take the time to read our notice board and to check your pockets each week as it will give you information about what is happening in the classroom and in the preschool. As the weather still with some very cold days please remember to pop a warm jacket in your child’s bag. Our classroom doors are open for whanau/family visits every Friday, and if you would like to discuss your child’s learning progress, please let Juliana know and an appointment can be made.

Beehive 3

Kia ora whānau/family. Please join us in welcoming Fiske Johanson-Robinson, Jessica Pham and their families into our preschool. Our class focus for the first two weeks of term is Social Graces; saying please, thank you, excuse me, hello and goodbye, walking inside, putting our work away to name a few. The next topic will be learning about the different cultures of the children in Beehive 3. We will celebrate our cultural diversity with a whānau evening and shared kai/food later in the term. Our tamariki/children have been enjoying their regular kapa haka practice and are becoming strong singers. Tangelo juicing from our tree has been a very popular practical life activity as has egg shell crushing which we add to our collage. Ngā mihi nui, Quannah and Keryn.

Afternoon Program

This term our learning focus is "Gisborne: our place". We are continuing to extend children's oral language by prompting conversations about favourite places to visit in Gisborne, local landmarks and making connections between children's out-of-centre experiences. Children are responding eagerly to the photo resources and this is already prompting lots of discussion between

children and teachers. We will have several home activities going out this term to support our focus, it would be great for children to return these when done so that we can include them in our follow-up conversations at group times. We have Sandy and Keryn working with us again this term, as well as Marylou, and we welcome our new relievers Karyn and Ivonne. From the afternoon teachers.

Extended day

We welcome to our new friends and their families to our Extended Day class. We have children attending daily from the three morning Beehives. We also welcome our three Beehive head teachers who will be continue their support for children's learning while working in the Extended day class during the afternoons.

We will continue with our planned group learning for the term to focus on practicing our social skills, the 5 under 5 fundamental movement skills, conversational skills, recognising and practicing writing names, numbers and counting, phonetic sounds and singing songs/waiata. Barbara, Anna, Juliana and Quannah

You may like to visit our pre-school website www.gisbornemontessori.org.nz, and Facebook, the parenting sections of MANZ www.montessori.org.nz and also the Ministry of Education website www.parents.education.govt.nz

Term 3 ends Friday 29 September
Holiday Programme 9 – 13 October
Term 4 starts Monday 16 October

Enjoy the rest of the term!

