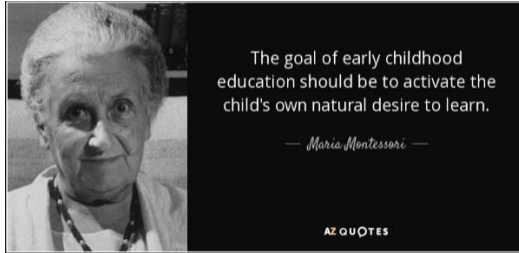




Gisborne Montessori Pre-school Newsletter Term 1, 2018



Dear Parents / Whanau,

Tēnā koutou Welcome to Term 1 of 2018

Our teaching teams for term 1 are

Beehive 1 – Anna, Sandy, Tarsha

Beehive 2 – Juliana, Meryl, Heather, Gillian, Marylou

Beehive 3 – Quannah, Keryn

Extended day – Barbara, Anna

Afternoon programme - Gillian, Heather, Meryl, Marylou

We hope you have all had a fun time with your whanau/families over the Christmas and New year period. Thank you to the teachers who worked during January in the Holiday programme and also to whanau/families that brought their children to have some summer fun during this time.



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.



With the hot weather settled in we would like to remind everyone to please ensure children have their sunhat at pre-school each day and have sunblock applied before arriving each morning. Please also provide spare clothing daily as children may get wet while using the water play activities.



It would be helpful to name all children's belongings including shoes, clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles.



Please be aware we have a nut free and healthy food policy at the pre-school. Also please take time to read our Emergency and Evacuation plan, these can be found in each Foyer.



Please remember to sign your child in and out each day and notify your head teacher or Linda in the office if you are either changing your pick up times or if a different person is picking your child up. Our Licenced hours are 7.45 to 5.15.



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



Parents are welcome to make an appointment to meet head

teachers to discuss your child's learning and development. Assessment Portfolios are available to view at any time.



School photos will be taken on Thursday 22 February and will be ready later in the term for collection.



Our first parent council meeting is on February 21. If you are interested in becoming member of the governance council to support the pre-school, please see Linda in the office. The date of the AGM is 16 May, further information will follow.



We are excited to receive funding from NZCT to purchase Montessori equipment to replace well-worn and incomplete equipment in each of the three Beehive classes. We thank Linda in the office for helping to prepare the grant application; Quannah and Gillian for organising the Christmas raffle; and all whanau/families for purchasing tickets. Congratulations to all winners. The proceeds from this raffle will enable us to purchase our full order of equipment we require.



We are making the move towards becoming plastic bag free to help reduce plastic waste in Tairawhiti Gisborne. We invite our whanau/families to support us in achieving this project by purchasing a reusable bag that can be used to transport your child's wet/change of clothes between home and pre-school. They would also make a great swim bag. Bags are \$5 each in yellow and blue (you may even like one of each colour) and will

have your child's name printed on the front. Order forms are available in each class foyer. Proceeds from the sales of the bags will support our fundraising towards our Marae visit in Term 2.



Please forward any Fundraising ideas to the office. If you would like to become involved in fundraising to support the pre-school this would be most appreciated.

Beehive 1

Anna, Sandy, Tarsha

It is great to have Isabel, Rose, Indhie, Emileen and Sam join us in Beehive 1 this term. We are focusing on building relationships and social graces. We are establishing a class agreement, where children are contributing their ideas to what we should do in our classroom. Older children have been fantastic leaders, helping our new children to learn about the daily programme. We will be focusing on Maori culture throughout the rest of the term, we welcome your ideas about what you would like included in this topic.

Beehive 2

Juliana, Meryl, Heather,

Gillian, Marylou

We would like to welcome Athena-Rose Hamilton, Anica Hancock, Noah Morgan, Isla Richardson, Indigo Shine, Hunter Thorburn, Shelby Turnbull, Jonny Honey and their families to Beehive 2 this term. The children are settling well into our routines and we have started this term with the children practicing Grace and Courtesy. Our Focus is on "Identity" and the children will be engaged into projects

that will support their learning within this topic. For News Days we encourage the children to bring News items from nature, newspapers, photos and items related to their interests (e.g. Bugs, Butterflies, Dinosaurs, Solar System, Arts, and Cooking etc.). As the weather is quite unpredictable these days, please remember to pop a named hat and a cardigan or a light jacket in your child's bag. Also remember to send a piece of fruit to be shared at morning tea time, vegetables such as cucumber, celery, carrots, tomatoes are also a great tasty treat. Our classroom doors are open for Whanau 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 Quannah, Keryn
Hello, Kia ora, konnichiwa, goeie dag,hoa, guten tag whanau family. Beehive 3 welcomes Beauden Greaves, Summer West and George Couper to our class whanau. We have started our term with our annual focus on Social Graces which includes walking inside, putting our work away and helping others. Our tamariki have enjoyed having Patch the rabbit visit us and Benji the puppy. Noho ora mai/stay well.

Extended Day Barbara, Anna
We have children attending daily from the three morning Beehives. Our focus in the class will be transition from the playground after the lunch break; getting to know new classmates and teachers; recognising and practicing

writing names and numbers; and phonetic sounds. We will also be including cooking, art, science and physical education in our programme. To begin the new year we will be talking about Waitangi Day, establishing our own class treaty and learning how to welcome and introduce ourselves.

Afternoon Programme
Kia ora, welcome to all children and families/whanau enrolled in afternoon programme this term. Our group learning focus is for children to develop their cooperative and prosocial play strategies. We will be promoting small group play and learning opportunities, supporting children to develop strategies such as listening to others, contributing ideas to groups, negotiating and respecting the ideas of others. If you have any areas of development or learning you would like us to foster for your child, please let us know. Please remember, this term children need to bring a named sunhat each day to protect them from the sun. We apply sunblock at 1pm for all children attending the afternoon sessions. The afternoon teachers, Gillian, Heather, Meryl and Marylou.

 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



Easter falls within term 1 this year with the pre-school being closed on Good Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April.

Term 1 ends Thursday 13 April with the pre-school close between 16 – 20 April and re-opens on 23 April for the Holiday Programme.

Term 2 starts Monday 30 April

Enjoy the rest of the term!

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