



Gisborne Montessori Pre-school Newsletter Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents / Whanau,

It is through **art** that children develop their fine motor skills. In the **Montessori** environment, we provide open-ended art activities that help children explore and use their creativity. When it comes to art, it is the process not the product that is important to the child.

Tēnā koutou Welcome to Term 2 of 2018

Our teaching teams for term 1 are
Beehive 1 – Anna, Sandy, Tarsha
Beehive 2 – Juliana, Meryl, Keryn
Beehive 3 – Quannah, Heather, Gillian
Extended day – Barbara, Anna
Afternoon programme - Gillian, Meryl,
Marylou, Jenny

We hope you have all had a fun time with your whanau/families over the school holidays. Thank you to the teachers who worked during the Holiday programme and also to whanau/families that brought their children to have some fun during this time.

Montessori Open Day

Date: Saturday 12 May

Time: 10-1.00

 OPEN DAY Families/whanau are invited to support us by attending our open day to promote our pre-school. Please ask your extended families, friends, neighbours to join us for a fun day and to view our Montessori Early Learning Environment. We have fun activities for the tamariki/children and a firewood raffle kindly donated by Quannah's whanau to support our fundraising for our Marae visit this term.

 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.

 Our Council's Friends of Montessori Parent Group will meet again this term for a coffee and chat to discuss ways to collectively support our pre-school. Dates to be advised.

 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.

 Theatre - The pre-school will attend the 'Capital E National Theatre for Children' on 11 May. We will be travelling by bus to the War Memorial theatre and will need parent support for this trip. Consent forms and further information will follow.

 Our AGM and parent council meetings are on May 16. If you are interested in becoming member of the governance council to support the pre-school, please see Linda in the office. Your attendance is vital at this meeting for our pre-school to achieve the numbers required to hold this meeting. Please register your name at the office.

 Our Marae visit is scheduled for Tuesday 29 May, travelling by bus. We will need parent support to prepare and attend this visit. More information will follow.

 As part of our quality practice at the pre-school, our teachers evaluate specific areas of teaching and learning to ensure we provide our tamariki / children with a high quality early childhood education. During 2018 we are evaluating our Mathematical teaching and learning and invite you to complete our on-line survey. You will receive information regarding outcomes of our evaluation later in the year.

 With the cooler weather settling in teachers would like to remind everyone to please ensure children have

warm clothing and shoes. Please also provide spare clothing daily as children may get wet while using the water activities.

 If you are interested in purchasing a reusable bag that can be used to transport your child's wet/change of clothes between home and pre-school please order with Linda in the office. Bags are \$5 each in yellow and blue and will have your child's name printed on the front.

 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.

 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 you 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.

Beehive 1 Anna, Sandy, Tarsha
We would like to welcome Freya and Alexandra and their families to our Beehive this term. Children will be supported to continue their learning through the Montessori curriculum as well as extending their individual interests. Our class focus will be on developing children's learning through the maths curriculum and to make connections to maths in their wider environment. We welcome your contribution of ideas or suggestions you would like included into our planning topics.

Beehive 2 Juliana, Meryl, Keryn
Tēnā koutou parents, caregivers and whanau
We welcome to Beehive 2 this term Aura Creighton, Mighal Koyikkara, Jonnae Anderson, Cooper Hansen and their families.

The children are settling well into the routines and we have started this term with the children practicing Social Graces and also some Safety procedures, following with a visit from Gisborne Fire fighters.

As the weather is starting to change please remember to pop a warm jacket in your child's bag. Also remember to send a piece of fruit or vegetable (e.g. carrots, tomatoes, cucumber, celery etc) to be shared at morning tea time.

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 ☺

Nā mātou noa,
Beehive 3 Quannah, Heather, Gillian
Kia orāna whānau - hello family/community, we are excited to have Heather and Gillian sharing their teaching experience and expertise with us. We welcome Flynn Gray and whānau into Beehive 3. We started term two with our focus on Social Grace encouraging our tamariki to be kind to each other, take turns and put their work away. It was wonderful to finish our fire safety focus from last term with a visit from our Gisborne fire fighters and their fire engine (ngā mihi nui Keryn for organising this). We are enjoying our regular Wednesday waiata practice in preparation for our marae visit week four and invite any whānau interested to come and join us in Beehive 2 at 11:40am. Meitaki ma'ata - thank you,

Extended Day Barbara, Anna
Tēnā koutou Welcome, We have 14 children attending our Extended Day class at present. To begin the term our programme will include transition from the playground after the lunch break; working with and alongside peers; focus on the Montessori language and maths curriculum areas; art; singing; physical skills and preparation for our Marae visit.

Afternoon Programme
Gillian, Meryl, Jenny and Marylou.
Kia ora, welcome to all children and families/whanau enrolled in afternoon

programme this term. We also welcome our new teacher, Jen to the afternoon class. Our group learning focus is oral language, focused around nursery rhymes. We would love to share at mat time any books or puppets related to your child's favourite rhymes (please name them). If you have any areas of learning or development that you would like us to focus on for your child, please let us know. As it is finally getting colder, remember to bring a named warm jacket and shoes for your child for outdoor play. If you have any questions about the afternoon programme, please feel welcome to see us.



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 2 ends Friday 6 July with the pre-school closed between 9 - 13 July and re-opens on 16 July for the Holiday Programme.

Term 3 starts Monday 23 July

Enjoy the rest of the term!

