




Gisborne Montessori Pre-school Newsletter Term 4, 2018


Dear Parents / Whanau,

Tēnā koutou Welcome to Term 4 of 2018

The fundamental motivation of a Montessori education is to guide the child to grow in knowledge and strength as a whole person and thus gain the practical skills and insight into initiating his/her success in their future life.

Maria Montessori

 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 who brought their children to have some fun during this time.

 Please take time to read our Emergency and Evacuation plan, these can be found in each Foyer. We have participated again this year in the NZ Shakeout on Thursday 18 October at 9.30. Our tamariki/children are supported to understand what to do in emergencies through participation in Earthquake and Fire drills each term. You may like to practice these with your families at home.



We would like to thank our whanau /families who have joined our closed facebook page **Montessori Preschool Gisborne Beehives**. This page is only accessible to current parents and teachers of our preschool. It is used as a tool for teachers to communicate with you and share what is happening in your child's beehive/class. We recommend you send a request to join us.



To support our promotion of our Montessori pre-school please share our facebook posts on our open page **Gisborne Montessori Preschool**



Many thanks to Frankie Wallingford's family for donating the Milly Molly series of children's books to our pre-school.



We would like to acknowledge our funders for their support during 2018. Funding from NZCT; One Foundation; First Sovereign; COGs Tairawhiti and Lions Foundation has allowed us to maintain the high quality of our premises and purchase learning resources for our tamariki/children.



Thanks to everyone purchasing avocados from the pre-school's tree. Proceeds have been used to purchase Bicultural learning resources for our tamariki/children.



We are in the process of organising a Christmas Raffle. More information will follow.



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.

We are planning a Photo Fundraiser in November. These will make fantastic Christmas presents. More information will follow.



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.

Please let Linda know if you would be interested in purchasing a Montessori T-Shirt. You can view these in the office. We will need an order of 40 for this to go ahead.



Our Marae Visit is scheduled for November, travelling by bus. We will need parent support to prepare and attend this visit. Dates and more information will follow.



We will be participating in the Kapa Haka Festival Wednesday 21 November 11am, the children will be travelling by bus, Requests for parent support and Consent forms will follow.



The pre-school may enter a float in the Christmas Parade if we are able to locate a suitable truck to use and whanau/families are able to help with the organising of the float and on the day.



Through our Internal Evaluation focused on mathematical teaching and learning we have created a teaching resource that will support teachers to provide tamariki/children of all ages to engage in the six strands of early maths. These include Counting & Grouping, Locating, Patterning, Measuring, Shape, Sorting. Earlier in the year several families indicated that they would be interested in understanding ways they can support children's mathematical learning at home. Please find this in your pocket in the foyers.



With the warmer weather please ensure your child has sunblock applied daily and a sunhat to wear every day. Please also provide spare clothing daily as children may get wet while using the water play activities.



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 be aware we have a nut free and healthy food policy at the pre-school.





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





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.


 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 This term we welcome George to Beehive 1. We will be supporting children's interest in food preparation activities by including baking opportunities with a focus on healthy food choices. We welcome suggestions/ideas of recipes that we could include in our programme. We will also be practicing our kapa haka waiata in preparation for the upcoming kapa haka festival in November.

 **Beehive 2**
Thank you to Meryl, Kylie, Charlotte and Marylou for their work with the children in the absence of Juliana. This term we welcome Holley, Nila, Leah and Luella and their whanau to the Beehive 2 family. The children are settling well into their classroom routines and we are continuing with our practice of Grace and Courtesy and also our waiata in preparation for the upcoming kapa haka festival. Our Focus is on fish with lots of

books being read and very interesting discussions at our daily group times.

 **Beehive 3**
Quannah, Heather, Gillian
Kia orana. We welcome Katie and her whanau into our learning community. Our first two weeks has focused on practicing our Social Graces and discussing what it means to be a good friend. We will start our healthy food focus next week which will include growing vegetables in our garden and cooking. Families are asked to please bring a piece of fruit each day and a sunhat for playing outside. Meitaki


 **Afternoon Programme**
Gillian, Meryl, Marylou and Jarhna.
This term we are focusing on supporting the development of children's active physical skills and confidence (for example through jumping, batting balls, throwing and catching balls). This learning underpins brain development through integration of the left and right sides of the brain. We are also focusing on practical life skills of gardening (weeding, composting, planting and caring for plants). As we are anticipating lots of sunny weather, please ensure your child has a full, named drink bottle each day, as well as a named sun hat. We will be learning about sun safety and this will help children take increasing responsibility for keeping themselves healthy and safe.

 **Extended Day** Barbara
We have 12 children attending from the three morning Beehives. Alongside our

programme focused on support towards attending primary school, we will continue with our planned group learning for the term to focus on practicing our social skills, the under 5's fundamental movement skills, conversational skills, recognising and practicing writing names, numbers and counting, phonetic sounds and singing songs/waiata.

 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

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for the last week of term. Dates and more information will follow.

 Term 4 ends Friday December 14 and re-opens on January 7 2019 for the Holiday Programme. 2019 Term 1 starts 29 January

Enjoy the rest of the term!

