



Newsletter Term 4 2017

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." "Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."
Maria Montessori.

Dear Parents / Whanau,

Tena koutou Welcome to Term 4 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.

Thank you to families/whanau who have purchased our new Montessori T-shirts. The children/tamariki look fantastic wearing them.

Thank you to families/whanau for completing our annual Survey. Please let us know at any time if there is anything you would like to ask or talk about.

We had fantastic attendance by our families / whanau at our dinner in September and the teachers are very

interested in holding more of these special evenings next year.



Our Christmas concert will be held on Thursday 14 December at 12.15 with a shared lunch. Further information will follow.

Fundraising – please email your photos for the calendars to the office by 1st of November to ensure there is time to receive them before Christmas.

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 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.

Kapa haka festival
Wednesday 15 November
Bus leaves pre-school 10am
Consent forms will follow

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 a lucky dip and raffle to start our fundraising for our Marae trip next year.

Montessori Open Day

Date: Saturday 4 November

Time: 10-1.00

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 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.



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 welcome Lyla, Ian, Ashton and their whanau to our class. Children are continuing to show an interest in being creative and are constructing a variety of paper craft objects, we will continue supporting

this interest with a construction focus. We would appreciate any materials such as small boxes, bottle tops, bread bag tags etc that children could use in their creations. We invite whanau input to support children's learning, if you have any ideas or suggestions of activities or skills/expertise in craft or construction that you would like to share, please come and have a chat.

Anna, Sandy, Tarsha

Beehive 2

Kia Ora koutou Whanau! We would like to welcome Mia Turnbull, Alice Huang, Oscar Lines 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. We will also explore more about gardening and how to take care of our outdoor environment. The children are also working with new activities in Practical Life and Sensorial Areas. Social Interactions and Language and Maths are also a great focus, as children are practicing to work alongside others, to share resources, to take turns. .

For 'News' day we encourage the children to bring items from nature, newspaper articles, photos or items related to their intense interests. We asked for children to keep their toys at home as sometimes they can be lost or damaged. As the weather is getting

warmer please remember to pop a named hat 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.

If you would like to discuss your child's learning progress, please let Juliana know and an appointment can be made. Ngā mihi, Juliana and Beehive 2 Teaching Team

Beehive 3

Konnichiwa, we have started term four with a two week focus on Social Grace. More specifically practicing; walking inside, using our quiet voice, putting our mahi (work) away, pushing our chairs in, taking turns and learning how to interrupt others politely. We have planned a transport topic starting week three following our tamariki interest in planes, boats and trains. We have had a busy start to term and we have already made; 'zen bottles' (sensory bottles which support feeling calm), pikelets and a tornado bottle (donated by koka Heather). Later in the term we will be making Christmas crafts which will reflect some of the different cultures in our class. Arigatou (thank you) Quannah and Keryn.

Extended day

We have 13 children attending from the three morning Beehives. Alongside

our programme focused on support towards attending primary school, this term we are also supporting children to develop an understanding of keeping themselves safe during the Summer season through group discussions and activities. Thank you to our families/whanau for contributing to our planning which includes Sun safety, Water safety, Road safety, Safety in public and Dehydration. Our visit from the Red Cross has supported understanding of what children can do to help in an emergency.

Barbara, Anna



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 4 ends Friday 15 December 2017

Holiday Programme 8 – 26 January 2018

Term 1 starts Monday 30 January 2018

Tāikiha Thank you

Enjoy the rest of the term!

Reminder: to email the photo for your calendar if you haven't already to: gismontessori@xtra.co.nz

