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# Pānui

4 August 2025

## Upcoming Events and Dates

Whānau Education:  
Saturday 9th August

Open Day: Sat 16th  
August 9am – 10am

Masjid/Mosque Visit – no  
cost. TBC

Trip to Wellington  
Botanic Gardens

## Montessori Quote

Our experience with children in elementary schools has shown us that the age between six and twelve years is a period of life during which the elements of all sciences should be given. It is a period that, psychologically, is especially sensitive and might be called the "sensitive period of culture" during which the abstract plane of the human mind is organised.

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Maria Montessori



**Porirua Montessori**  
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We loved learning about the history and process of Indian block art with visiting artist Sneha today

## WHY DO WE HAVE SO MUCH OF A FOCUS ON THE ARTS?

Montessori education places a strong emphasis on the arts—not as extras, but as essential to child development. Unlike mainstream schools where art can be sidelined or standardized, Montessori classrooms integrate music, movement, visual arts, and storytelling into daily learning. This fosters creativity, emotional expression, and fine motor skills. Research supports this approach: a 2022 study published in *Frontiers in Psychology* found that arts-integrated education significantly enhances cognitive flexibility, empathy, and academic performance. Montessori's emphasis allows children to explore self-expression without judgment or comparison, reinforcing intrinsic motivation. Furthermore, the multisensory nature of art supports neurodiverse learners, a growing need in modern classrooms. This commitment to the arts is a defining strength of Montessori education—nurturing the whole child in ways that traditional systems often overlook. In a world increasingly valuing creativity and adaptability, Montessori's deep-rooted artistic integration offers a timely and lasting advantage.



**PORIRUA MONTESSORI  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AGES 5-13 (YEAR 1-8)**

**OPEN DAY SAT 16 AUGUST**

**Come see the school!**

**9am - 10.30am**

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Practical Life Skills such as learning about how to take care of our environment help us develop skills and confidence. In our classroom children help with chores such as folding washing, mopping floors, vacuuming, doing the dishes and cleaning tables.

#### MEAL TRAIN

Thank you for your awhi and aroha with the kai for the family in our community who needs support. It is very appreciated. We have set up a 'Meal Train' web page to make sure we don't double book. If you do not have a link but want one just email me.

#### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER - Money due 8th August

Our first fundraiser of the term are chocolates. Please return the money by the end of this week if possible. We also have 7 more boxes to sell!

#### WHĀNAU EDUCATION

Our whānau education is compulsory for all current families. It is on Saturday 9 August at 9am - 10.30am. Our topic is Fostering Independence, Compassion and Resilience. We have also put the invitation out to the wider community. You are welcome to invite friends. The cost for people not enrolled at our school is \$10.

#### VOLUNTEER HOURS

You are welcome to cover your 5 volunteer hours during school time by listening to children read or sorting materials or teaching a skill. Just let me know what and when works.

#### FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you part of the facebook group? Please join - emergency information and incidental notes are put up here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/991764733064511>