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Pānui

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Upcoming Events and Dates

Next week: Knitting with Maria French

Block Art painting

Chocolate money due back - Aug 8

Calendar Art Fundraiser Montessori Quote

"Adults must defend children. We adults must see the real humanity in children, the humanity which will take our place one day, if we are to have social progress. Social progress means that the next generation is better than the one before."

Maria Montessori
The 1946 London Lectures, p. 140



We love our weekly time in te mara with Kiki!

MEAL TRAIN

Kia Ora e te whānau

It is lovely to have everyone back.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Our first fundraiser of the term are chocolates. The money is due in the school account on August 4th. The cost per bar is \$2.50 which is \$90 for a box. We have more boxes to sell. If we sell all the boxes we will make \$1000 which will help pay for next months lease. Thank you all for your support.

WELLINGTON REGIONAL AWARDS

Tomorrow Summer and I will be attending the Porirua regional Volunteer awards. We are finalists in the Porirua category. This is a honour. We will keep you posted.

TOPICS FOR THE TERM

Montessori has a highly individualised programme which makes it different to mainstream. This means that one child might be having a lesson on biomes while another might be learning about Africa. In saying that we will have some lessons that all the students will be offered. Our big topics are:

- The Golden Age of Islam (looking at the contributions of Ancient Islam to the World)
- Increasing our knowledge of our community and growing our understanding and compassion of those in our community. We will be visiting a Masjid/Mosque this term.
- The human body and the different things it can do



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>

CLEANING ROSTER

To help with workload we are asking families to sign up for the cleaning roster. This counts as volunteer hours. This takes about an hour to an hour and a half a week and can be done on Wednesday - Friday during school hours or on a Saturday. Access here

MONTESSORI CORNER - Prepared Adult

"The concept of a "Prepared Adult" within the Montessori principles refers to an adult who is consciously prepared, both in understanding the developmental needs of children and cultivating personal characteristics that serve children's growth and learning. It promotes the idea that the adult's role in relation to the child involves preparing and maintaining the environments, observing, guiding, and supporting children based on their individual needs and interests. The Prepared Adult should have patience, respect for differences, humility, and the ability to step back and allow the child to lead their own learning based on their innate and natural curiosity." Read more here -> <https://startmontessori.com/glossary/prepared-adult/>

RECOMMENDATIONS

We love the free podcast 'Wow in the World' especially designed for children this podcast approaches science and technology in a really fun way. Great to have on in the background while children play! Get Epic books is a paid app that can be used on devices to read books, have books read to a child and best of all it has audiobooks - this means your child doesn't need to be attached to a device - simply put it on give them some headphones and get all that awesome reading goodness in! There are books for ages 4-12 on the app.