

Montessori Welcome Newsletter



Welcome to 2018

This is a special newsletter to welcome all of our community to the commencement of a wonderful year ahead at Beechworth Montessori School.

We welcome new families joining us across the school;

Ruby Room: Audrey Dielman, Sidney Harrison, Gillean Hickey, Margaux Sitchenko-Vesval and Ted Pritchard

Emerald: Arlo Rivett, Mason Vesty, Micah Sutton and Wakana Smith

Amethyst: Pipa Vincent, Sophie Carr, Abel Osborne-Worrall and Saxon Hymus

Turquoise: Frankie Rivett

Moonstone: Harvey Rivett

Topaz: Haruko Morris

Tigereye: Ethan Edwards

Introducing new staff

Asha Dilkes-Hoffman is the school's first Cycle 3 assistant. Asha will move freely across both Cycle 3 classrooms to support children in their work and assist with activities such as cooking and gardening. Asha has moved from Melbourne and was a Montessori child herself. Having studied and worked in landscape architecture, her happy memories of her time at Margaret River Montessori School and an enjoyment of working with children, has drawn her to the Montessori classroom as teaching assistant.

Aimee Shea is the Cycle 1 Inclusion Assistant. Aimee will also move freely across both Cycle 1 classrooms to support children to be able to participate both socially and academically. Aimee has moved from her position as Education Support at Wangaratta Primary School and her three children Frankie, Harvey and Arlo have joined us too! Aimee was also a Montessori child completing highschool Montessori education in America.

Amber Vincent is our Music teacher. Amber has returned to her hometown of Beechworth after many years living and teaching in the Netherlands including the International School in Utrecht. Amber will also be classroom teacher in Topaz, Cycle 3 on Tuesdays. Amber's daughter, Pipa joins us on Thursdays in Cycle 1.

Initiatives this year across the school

- Designing the school grounds to foster the wonder and love of learning. Now that the building is finished we can commence gathering ideas, working on designs and fundraising for projects.
- Participating in the Social Enterprise in Schools program with Cycle 3 and co-ordinated by Martin Young (parent of Timothy and James in Cycle 2) and Susi.
- Strategic long term planning moving into the next stages and guided by our wonderful volunteer Committee of Management members.
- Celebrating an event each term providing an opportunity for our community to come together. We acknowledge that daytime events do not suit all families and therefore we will plan for evening events throughout the year too.

We hope you can join us for Harmony Day on Wednesday 21 March to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and enjoy the children's learning – songs and music from around the world, studies of different cultures, international foods and cultural dress. Time to be confirmed.

My door is always open and every voice is welcome so please feel free to call in.

Regards, Susi.