

Montessori Memo

Term 4

Week 1 - 5 October 2016



Full newsletter is distributed fortnightly with a brief memo in alternate weeks.

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4! It has been a wet start, but it is lovely to see children, families and staff reenergised and the sun out today.

I would like to particularly welcome Rangi Perera, who has now joined our staff, working four days a week in the Early Years, primarily in the Ruby Room and facilitating Tots. Rangi brings a life-long commitment to Montessori, having been educated herself in a Montessori setting and having worked in Montessori settings in Sri Lanka. Rangi has an international Diploma in Montessori teaching, as well as an Australian Certificate 3 in children's services. Having worked in a variety of Early Childhood settings both in Melbourne and locally, as well as most recently running her own Family Day Care business, Rangi brings a love of children, a commitment to Montessori, sound regulatory knowledge and experience to our organisation. We welcome her warmly, and hope she feels right at home very soon!

Other staff changes this term include that Sue Astridge is working across the school in various roles, including as Director of the Emerald Room on Wednesdays and in literacy and numeracy support for Cycle 3 on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Tameeka has slightly reduced her time fraction and will generally be in the school on Wednesday afternoons, but not Wednesday mornings. As previously advised, Dina will be Moonstone Director 3 days a week (Mon-Wed) and Nicola will take on this role on Thursday and Friday. We welcome and thank Nicola for filling this role, and wish her well working for us in this capacity this term. Martina has moved out of Ruby Room, though is supporting Rangi over lunch hours this week, while she takes on her new role as Moonstone Assistant.

Kind Regards, Bron Martin

It's been a pleasure being back in the Montessori environment. My first week has been delightful with all the support from the staff, parents and children. I am looking forward to learn and work with this amazing team.
Rangi



Lost Property

- On the last Monday afternoon of term 3 an **Apidra Solostar Insulin Pen** was found on the steps outside the front of the school. If it is yours please pick it up from the office.
- In term 2 an ipod and a watch were found (independently of each other) in the car park. If you think they might be yours please come and see us in the office.

Security Deposits for 2017 Prep Children are now due

Please be aware that any unpaid Security Deposit payments for your 2017 prep child are now due in order for the continuing enrolment of your child at Beechworth Montessori. If you are yet to secure a 2017 Prep place for your child, please ensure you fill out a Security Deposit Agreement and return to the office as soon as possible. Please remember that any outstanding fees must be paid before payments can be allocated to the Security Deposit. See us in the office if you have any queries or need assistance with this.

Volunteers for Wodonga Children's Fair

At this stage, the Marketing Sub-Committee has reserved a stand at Wodonga Children's Fair on Sunday October 23. This is an event, where many, many local schools, and children's services showcase their services to the wider Wodonga community. Our participation in this event will be dependent on having sufficient people to be at our stand and to positively advocate for our school, and to facilitate activities to engage children on the day. Unfortunately I will not be available for the bulk of the day, due to family commitments. Please let me know, if you are keen, willing and able to support the school by volunteering an hour of your time or to assist with set up or pack up on the day. In light of response, we will be making a decision, whether to go ahead with this plan, by the end of next week, or to defer our participation to 2017

Chinese Classes

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Chinese Showcase held at St Josephs on the last Thursday of term 3 and to Sok Yi for her work in preparing our students for this event. It was a wonderful, event, and I was very proud of both our Early Years and Cycle 2 and 3 students who participated. Elective Chinese classes resume next Monday 10 October. It will be assumed that children presently enrolled will continue to the end of the year. We can accommodate new students, should you wish your child to join the group this term, with a view of continuing participation into 2017. Please let us know at the office. Invoices will be distributed in the next week.

Sun Smart Policy – Please remember your hat

In line with our school Sun Smart policy, the children are required to wear a sun hat from the start of September. These include broad-brimmed, bucket and legionnaire hats. Caps are not acceptable as they do not protect the neck or ears.

The following information comes from the Sun Smart website regarding how to choose a good sun hat:

- a hat should shade your face, head, ears and neck
- a broad-brimmed hat should have a brim of at least 7.5 cm
- a bucket hat should have a deep crown, angled brim of at least 6 cm and sit low on the head

