



TMET TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



**Bellevue
School**
Growing learners for life

Welcome whānau to 2022.

Let's embrace this year and any challenges together! All going well our children will attend school and day to day life for them will be relatively smooth. Please keep an eye on communication from Bellevue/Arataki School around Covid19 protocols. We also encourage you to like Montessori at Bellevue/Montessori at Arataki FB pages, here you will see what we are up to in Montessori. Bellevue School and Arataki School have school FB pages too - no shortage of communication!

Why did you choose Montessori for your child? Maybe it is because the mainstream setting didn't work for you as a child and you were seeking something different, maybe because you have read about Montessori her life and works, maybe you attended an observation and saw the magic that happens in a Montessori environment. Whatever your reason, we celebrate your choice and as a Trust and teaching team we strive to honour your choice of a Montessori education for your tamariki.

Special thank you to Bellevue/Arataki School for continuing to be our host schools and allowing Montessori to thrive in a primary environment. TMET has been operating Montessori at primary level for 20 years this year!

Everyday at Montessori school we endeavour; to awaken the child's spirit and imagination; to encourage his normal desire for independence and high sense of self-esteem; to help him develop the kindness, courtesy, and self-discipline that will allow him to become a full member of society; and to help the child learn how to observe, question, and explore ideas independently.

Thank you for trusting us with this task.



The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth.

- Maria Montessori

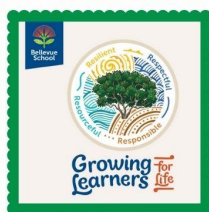
Welcome

A huge heart felt welcome to Donna and Abha, two experienced teachers who are bringing a wealth of knowledge with them. TMET feels very fortunate to have two such teachers of this high calibre to be joining Claire, Karina, Colleen and Desiree at Montessori@Bellevue.

Kia ora,

Ko ake tonu atu maunga,
Ko kēnga te awa,
Nō India ahau,
Ko Abha tōku ingoa.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.



Hello,

My name is Abha Tandon. I come with years of experience in the field of education. I have worked for more than a decade in Singapore schools and for five years in a Tauranga School. I have a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching, Graduate Diploma in TESOL, and a Diploma in Montessori.

The best learning that a teacher can have is from the students themselves. The wider the range of possibilities our children have, the richer their experiences, motivation, and interests will be. We are here to nurture their curiosity, wondering and interests to create life-long creative thinkers with love and authentic listening.

I am looking forward to working alongside your children.

Ngā mihi nui

KO TE AHUREI O TE TAMAITI
AHAHIA Ō TĀTOU MAHI
LET THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CHILD
GUIDE OUR WORK.



This is my whānau.
My husband, Pankaj and
my son Aadit.

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Kia ora, my name is Donna, and it is a great privilege to be given the opportunity to work in the Montessori unit. I have been teaching for the last 20 years, six of these years I have spent teaching at international schools around the world.

I am passionate about children making their own choices. I read a lovely quote that sums up my philosophy: Instead of the teacher reaching up into the world of knowledge and bringing it down for the children to access, the teacher lifts the child up so they can access it themselves.

I am a qualified chef, beekeeper, Garden to Table expert, and my home gardening demonstrates my commitment to sustainable living.

I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know the Montessori community.



What makes Montessori different?

The Montessori approach is often described as an "education for life." When we try to define what children take away from their years in Montessori, we need to expand our vision to include more than just the basic academic skills.

Normally, we think of a school as a place where one generation passes down basic skills and culture to the next. From this perspective, a school only exists to cover a curriculum, not to develop character and self-esteem. But in all too many traditional and highly competitive schools, students memorise facts and concepts with little understanding, only to quickly forget them when exams are over.

Recent studies show that many bright students are passive learners. They coast through school, earning high grades, but rarely pushing themselves to read material that hasn't been assigned, ask probing questions, challenge their teacher's cherished opinions, or think for themselves. They typically want teachers to hand them the "right answer." The problem isn't with today's children, but with today's schools.

Children are as gifted, curious, and creative as they ever were, when they're working on something that captures their interest and which they have voluntarily chosen to explore.

Montessori schools work to develop culturally literate children and nurture their fragile sparks of curiosity, creativity, and intelligence. They have a very different set of priorities from traditional schools, and a very low regard for mindless memorization and superficial learning.

Montessori students may not memorize as many facts, but they do tend to become self-confident, independent thinkers who learn because they are interested in the world and enthusiastic about life, not simply to get a good grade. Montessori believed that there was more to life than simply the pursuit of wealth and power. To her, finding one's place in the world, work that is meaningful and fulfilling, and developing the inner peace and depth of soul that allows us to love are the most important goals in life.

By - Tim Seldin (Check out Tim Seldin's books, a good read for Montessori whānau)



The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.
- Maria Montessori

Please remember hats for T1

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children &
communities

WE NEED YOU!

If you have a skill that you would like to share with our tamariki please let your child's teacher know or email trustadmin@tmet.org.nz. We are always after green thumbs, bakers, knitters, book readers etc..... We may not need you straight away but it is great to have a database of all the wonderful talents our whānau have to share.

Our National body, MANZ (Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand) has some wonderful reading on their website. Click on the link and then download the Parent Guide online, <http://www.montessori.org.nz/parents/parent-guide-6-12-years/> "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

If you have any questions about your child please talk directly to their teacher.

**"Whoever touches the life of a child,
touches the most sensitive part of a
whole which has roots in the most
distant past and climbs toward the
infinite future."**

- Maria Montessori