



# Bellevue School

## Coming Up

### Kids Can Ride Week (Senior School)

Monday 28th May to the 1st  
June

### Cozy Reading Afternoons in the Junior Classes

Friday 25th May

Friday 22nd June

### School Disco

Thursday 28th June, from  
5:30pm. More information to  
follow closer to the time.

### Last day of Term 2

Friday 6th July

### First day of Term 3

Monday 23rd July

Welcome to Term 2's Montessori newsletter. We also extend a warm welcome to the families and children who have joined Montessori @ Bellevue this term. We hope that everyone has settled into the term well.

### Birthday Celebrations

Last term, Charlotte and Skyla, our Year 7 children, organised a birthday celebration for all of the Montessori classes. This was a time to celebrate the children who had birthdays that term, share some cake and fruit, and come together for an afternoon of fun and games. Thank you to Charlotte and Skyla for organising and running this very successful event.

### MANZ Conference

The Montessori team is looking forward to attending the annual MANZ Conference in Napier at the start of the next holidays. This year's conference is called 'Within the child lies the future of humanity', and one of the central themes is storytelling. The team is looking forward to bringing their new knowledge back to the classrooms to further inspire the children.

### Cozy Reading Afternoons in the Junior Classes

Beginning on the 25th of May, the Junior classes will be holding Cozy Reading Afternoons once a month. This is a time for sustained silent reading, and the children will be invited to bring in their sleeping bags, pillows, and stuffed animals so that they can be as comfortable as possible. They will be free to read anything they want and to "whisper read" to one another.

### Concerns or Issues

The teaching team appreciate any feedback and feedforward that parents provide as it helps them to grow themselves professionally. A reminder that if there is something that you would like to discuss, or there is something that you are not happy about, please get in contact with your child's key teacher directly.

### Weekly Walks in the Junior Classes

Starting this week, the Junior Classes will be going for regular walks in the local community each week. Maria Montessori said that 'going out', as she called it, is an important part of the 6 to 9 year old child's development, saying, "When the child goes out, it is the world itself that offers itself to him. Let us take the child out to show him real things instead of making objects which represent ideas and closing them in cupboards". These weekly walks will allow the children to connect with the local community, experience changes in the area and the seasons, as well as developing their large motor skills. All of the junior classes will be walking on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:00. Please support your child to remember to bring shoes and a raincoat if necessary on those days.

### A Special Welcome

TMET and Arataki School are delighted to welcome Li Jong to the community. Li Jong is joining Coleen in the 6-12 classroom at [Montessori@Arataki](mailto:Montessori@Arataki).



From Li Jong:  
I originally came from Taiwan and have lived in Tauranga for twenty years. I have three adult children, two of whom went through Montessori early childhood education. My youngest son is in his final year of a double degree in Law and Commerce at Victoria University and my other two elder

ones live in London. After my career as an architectural draftswoman, my love of working with children saw me retrain as a teacher. I completed my bachelor of teaching degree in 2008 and have been employed full time since then. I love cooking and sharing food with friends and family. I have a strong interest in languages and am fluent in English, Mandarin and Hokkien. I look forward to meeting you all!

## Can you help us?



We would like to make our quiet room beautiful. We are thinking a nice sofa, a chair, a table, a lamp, a wall hanging perhaps? If anyone has any items they would like to donate, please can you email a picture to [leanna@tmet.org.nz](mailto:leanna@tmet.org.nz) and it will be shared with the children for their seal of approval. Our gardeners are also after tubular wire bed frames.

Thank you,  
The M@B tamariki

**“Education should no longer be mostly imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities.”**

Maria Montessori



### From Leanna and Tauranga Montessori Education Trust (TMET)

Who and what is TMET? TMET are responsible for the governance of Montessori@Bellevue and Montessori@Arataki. In terms of the day to day running of individual classrooms, TMET has no involvement. This is the responsibility of the classroom teachers and ultimately, the responsibility of the school Principal.



TMET are responsible for: fiscal management of the funds (school fees); fostering relationships with the schools' Board Of Trustees and principals; supporting teachers with professional development, and to ensure both schools are running the very best Montessori programme possible. TMET also look after all enrolments for both schools, support the teaching teams with PIEs and PEEs, organise community events and maintain positive relationships with all our pre-schools. TMET also actively promote Montessori education in the Western Bay of Plenty, as per the charter.



I am a Trustee of TMET and I also hold the position of Executive Officer for the Trust. I am a Montessori teacher, pre and primary, and I owned a Montessori pre-school in Ireland before coming to New Zealand.

TMET is also comprised of Maia Ririnui, Tanya Drummond and Fenella Wilson. Lee Martin is not a Trustee, she organises all administration concerns.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please direct them to your child's teacher in the first instance, and if you are not satisfied with the response please go to the Lead teacher and finally the School Principal.



If you have any questions or suggestions around the school governance, please contact me directly [leanna@tmet.org.nz](mailto:leanna@tmet.org.nz) I can also be found at Arataki school on a Tuesday and Bellevue on a Wednesday.