

# Montessori Team



Bellevue  
School

Growing  
Learners for  
Life

Term 3, 2020

*Greetings from the Montessori Team*

*We extend a big welcome to the families that have just joined our community.*

*It was great that our Maui the Magnificent production made it to the big stage to share with family and friends. We were so proud of the children. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for them on so many levels.*

*We have more celebrations in store for you this term!*



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## 🎵 The Magic of Music 🎵

Like symbols, signs, and drawings, music is a universal language. Because of this there are huge benefits for children when they learn music and sing. All children, regardless of ability, circumstance, or cultural background, have a natural affinity for music (P. Vaiouli & A. Friesen, 2016). With 'Maui the Magnificent' fresh in our minds, many of us would have seen first hand how the enjoyment, engagement and inclusion of music impacted the children throughout the school. The show allowed children the opportunity to try something they might not ordinarily consider trying. Music provides learning opportunities throughout all areas of the curriculum. 'Just as spoken language is composed of a stream of connected phonemes, music comprises a series of sounds and musical notes or tones grouped together (Darrow et al., 2009). Therefore, many literacy skills are enhanced through music learning. For example, skills for reading - sounds, intonation for speech, and vocabulary is developed through song lyrics. Through music children also recognise patterns and repetition which is found throughout maths, sports, science, and literacy. Music and singing have wonderful benefits to children, such as; developing attention, focus, confidence, collaboration, memorisation, and risk taking. Plus, the added bonus is that when we sing or play music, endorphins are released in the brain. Whilst it can be nerve racking singing in front of others, hopefully, the feel good factor from the endorphins outweighs the nerves - it most definitely seemed to for many of our students during their performances at the beginning of the term! Amazing work was put in by all in their musical efforts!



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## Senior Class

The seniors have been doing lots of great work this term. These photos show them sharing what they have learnt with each other and focusing on work.



Vinnie, Rylan, Daniel, Trey, and Aden share their Sentence Slam role play



. Mia, Joanne, and Paquita focusing on their botany work.



Trey, Aden, Vinnie and Rylan sharing their learning about the Periodic Table

*Children are not only innocent and curious but also optimistic and joyful and essentially happy. They are, in short, everything adults wish they could be.*

*Carolyn Harwood*

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## Junior Class

The junior team have been very busy. There has been learning and discussions surrounding: the First Great Story and the make-up of the universe; creating peaceful places and being at peace with oneself and each other; using the kitchen for creating toasted sandwiches and learning about the joy of sharing food with others.

Our tamariki have astounded us with their resilience - last term like no other. They have bounced back into classes, learning and friendships like there was no interruption. Let us learn from them always.



They have worked hard to improve their fitness for the cross country. And they have developed their sanding skills whilst working on projects for the upcoming market. Shopping with Rhiarne has been a highlight for some too.



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*Wood letter magnets cleverly created by Rhiarne and stamped by the children*

## **Diary for Term 3**

*Term 20<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> Sept*

- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August** - Teacher Only Day
- **Year 5/6 Winter Tournament** - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- **Maria Montessori Birthday** - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- **Maria Montessori Market** - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September



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## CELEBRATING

### 150 YEARS OF DR MARIA MONTESSORI

How do we celebrate your choice to be part of our Montessori community, 150 years of Dr Maria Montessori and the growth of Montessori within the Tauranga area? With a market of course!

We welcome our whole school and wider community to join us on Friday 4th September 3-5pm at our Montessori Market at Bellevue School.

The Montessori Market is a celebration for you to join us either on the day, or in the weeks prior to 4th September, to come into our classrooms and share a skill with children. It is a way to bring the whole community together to celebrate and showcase what we at Montessori@Bellevue and Montessori@Arataki do. It is for us to take time to remember Maria Montessori, her life and works. This market will be run by our community for our community.

We will continue to ask for donations of 'stuff' and manpower. Please keep an eye out for emails and FB posts. Remember to like and follow our FB page to keep up to date and to have a peek inside our classrooms

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"*

*Helen Keller.*

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**Guess Who?**

## **Dedicated to Making a Difference** *Extending our knowledge as Montessori Educators.*

Look at what the team has been up to ...



Our NAMC studies have taken us through 10 curriculum areas so far, with another 7 to go. It is always good to revisit the key essences of the Montessori methodology – like Cosmic Education, the Five Great Lessons, and Education for Peace as it is unique, rich, and inspiring. It is immensely rewarding to share with children, and it makes our hearts sing as it is a way to truly make a difference.

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## HUGE THANK YOU

Tauranga Montessori Education Trust (TMET) thank you for continuing to pay your donations. This allows us to continue to provide Montessori education to your children and all future children.



Thank you to the volunteer Trustees who are all parents within our community: **Tanya Drummond** (Chair), **Maia Ririnui** (Treasurer), **Leanna Mitchell** (Executive Officer), **Fenella Wilson**, **Julie Fisher-Somervell** and **Kent Hazlehurst** who give so generously of their time and knowledge to ensure that families can continue to choose Montessori for their children.



Thanks also to **Lee Martin** and **Leanna Mitchell** who are directly in communication with you and are in both schools regularly.

Lastly, thank you the **Bellevue School Board of Trustees** and **Melissa Nelson** for continuing to support M@B being a part of Bellevue School.

