

Newsletter



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week we held the second Head to Head Forum in our school hosting twenty Montessori school leaders from around Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia. This initiative was instigated by our school in 2018 and both years have been a huge success! The Forum was a gathering of Principals and Deputy Principals to share ideas, develop practice, tackle challenges and provide collegial support.

The Forum was held at Wairoa and a variety of presentations and discussions filled the two days and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Participants shared a dinner on the Thursday evening and enjoyed being taken on a tour of Wairoa by our adolescent students. The Cycle 4 students also gave a presentation focusing on 'Choice' in the Adolescent Program.

Being a well-established Montessori school, it's important for our school to take leadership nationally within the Montessori community and encourage connection and collaboration. The Forum is now an annual event and next year will be held at Melbourne Montessori School.

Some of the feedback received from participants was....

"The most beneficial part of the H2H Forum was the collegiality – amazing, authentic, empathetic."

"I actually enjoyed the student presentation the most. It brought us to the reality of Montessori's work in developing strong, confident human beings."

"Developing national strategies that will support our schools was highly beneficial."

"Thank you! I'm really happy to be a part of this fantastic group of passionate educators."

"Thanks for your leadership in this area – the Forum has been wonderful."

"Great, stimulating conversation, awesome!"

"It has been valuable to hear about our shared challenges and share ideas."

"It was a fabulous couple of days – very rich learning!"

Cathy France –Principal



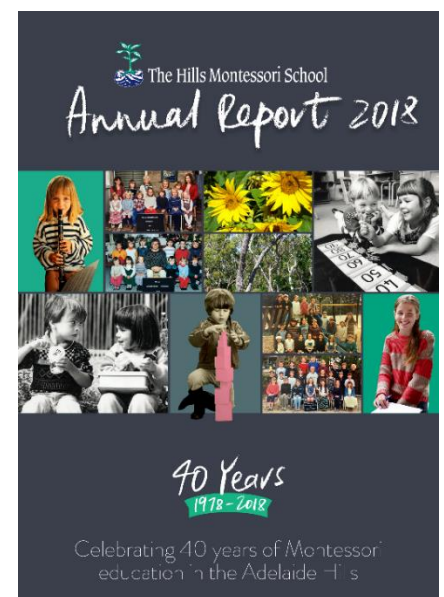
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Next week we will distribute the 2018 Annual Report to our school community to read and share, outlining the school's activities for the 2018 school year. We hope you enjoy reading all of the wonderful learning activities the students were engaged in throughout last year. The Annual Report also details the general school operations highlighting the progress and growth that has been made in the twelve month period.

The 2018 financial statements are not included in the annual report; however if any school community members would like to peruse the financial statements they are available at the office.

The Annual Report document can also be used in a marketing and promotional manner and be provided to prospective families if they are interested. I have no doubt many of our school families will want to share the report with family and friends. We are also happy for you to share the document with anyone you know who is perhaps seeking more information or interested in the school as a prospective family. If you didn't receive a copy please contact the school office.

A huge thank you to [Nicki Stewart](#) (parent) for designing the document and putting many hours into it to make it look so professional. Thank you to [Anthea Hagar](#) for her input on the design and layout and thanks to [Pete Kupniewski](#) (parent) for his time in editing the document. We very much appreciate all of you generously sharing your skills.



School News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please enter Tuesday, 28th May 6.00pm in your diary as the date of the school's AGM. The AGM will be held at Yultiwirra Campus. Following the AGM there will be wine, cheese and chatter. We encourage parents to attend.

PARENT GET TOGETHER – WAIROA CAFE

Come along to the Wairoa cafe with great coffee, tea and scrumptious cakes and in a warm & inviting atmosphere on Thursday 23rd May from 9.00am until 10.30am.

TERM 2 SNIPPETS WITH SUSAN

The second 'Snippets with Susan' session will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 9.10am with a focus on *Student Transition from Cycle to Cycle*. Book in via SkoolBag.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

It is nearly the end of the Financial Year so you could take advantage of a Tax Deduction through making a donation to our school building fund. Many families already donate and have nominated to do this when paying their tuition fees. Your donations can make a very real difference for our students and we are extremely grateful for the donations we receive each year from families.

You can support through donations to the School Building Fund.

This fund is used to help cover the costs of new buildings, renovation & improvements to existing structures but **you only have until the 30th June for a tax deduction for this financial year.**

TERM 2 SHARING ASSEMBLIES

We wish to invite all parents/caregivers to our "sharing assemblies" this term held at Yultiwirra campus, where students have the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school. Please make a note of the dates and place it in your diary:

Wed 29th May 11.30am – Preschool, Cycle 1 & Cycle 2
Thursday 4th July 9.30am – Cycle 3 & 4 sharing work

PROJECT ORCA

We were thrilled to see Cycle 3 students Jonah, Felix and Jaz featured in The Advertiser last week for their efforts with fundraising for Project Orca. Through t-shirt sales, Jonah, Felix and Jaz raised \$345 which was passed on to Project ORCA - Orca Research & Conservation Australia.

The team at Project ORCA were so incredibly touched by their initiative and drive to protect Australian marine life, that they asked the students and their class if they would like to name one of the killer whales in their Bremer Photo-ID catalogue. The class renamed killer whale SWA085, whose new name in the local Noongar language is 'Bindjel'. Noongar is the official language of the Aboriginal people of the south-west of Western Australia and Bindjel translates to Bubbles! We're incredibly proud of Jonah, Felix and Jaz.

The Advertiser



PARENT/STAFF EDUCATION SESSION

The STEM Approach at our School

What is the STEM Approach? What does this actually mean?

A Staff/Parent session is being held for those interested in finding out more about The Stem Approach at our school. This year staff have been focusing on enhancing the STEM approach in their teaching and learning programs and they have been working closely with Kate Dilger.

Kate Dilger is from SA Science Teachers Association (SASTA) and in this engaging session she will help to unpack and describe what STEM looks like in action.

Come & join us for this interactive session!

Thursday 23rd May 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Yultiwirra Common Room

Free Creche – Bookings essential.

Book online via Skoolbag app or book your place at the office.

OPEN DAY – WAIROA

Wairoa Open Day - Tues 21st May Tours 9.30am

If you are interested in finding out more about the Middle School and our Adolescent Program (Yrs 7-10) come along on a tour! Alternatively, if you know families from outside the school who might be interested please let them know the details. The Wairoa Open Day is for both current school families and the wider community. Phone or come into the office to book into a tour at 9.30am.

INDONESIAN WITH ELLIS

A whole school performance by 'Suara Indonesia' last term was greatly enjoyed by the students. The diversity of Indonesia was seen through the different dances throughout the show such as sitting body percussion dance from Aceh (*Ratoh Duek*), 'Tari Piring' and 'Randai' from West Sumatra where a fusion of rhythm and sound was created by hitting the big pants called 'Galembong' while incorporating basic 'Pencak Silat' (*martial arts*), 'Tari Bajidor Kahot' (*fan dance*) and 'Tari Topeng' (*mask dance*) from West Java.

Some comments students wrote in their recount are as below:

'Tari Topeng' was really cool - how she (the dancer) held the mask the whole time by biting the metal stick that was in the middle part of the mask. *Lilly G*

'Tari Ratoh Duek' - it looks good when you join hands and then change to the next position. *Emily*

The costumes looked amazing and very pretty. *Sophia*
The music was like cow bells, they also used drum, gong and Ibu Alfira sang. *Molly*

My favourite part was when we got to do the dance together *Olivia* and when I said thank you to the dancers and everyone clapped at the end.

Amelia



Cycle News

CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL

In the Preschool, students have started the term learning about our planet earth with a focus on continents, cultures and land and water forms. As a part of the Goodenia room's learning about Europe, Haizea's family talked about Spanish culture and traditions and set up a beautiful grape harvesting and crushing for the children. The children in the Banksia room have enjoyed making fried rice, eating with chopsticks and using Indonesian words throughout the day.



CYCLE 1 PRIMARY

Following on from their study of Leonardo da Vinci and the properties of air earlier this term, Cycle 1 students have engaged with a STEM design challenge. They followed the engineering design cycle to Ask, Imagine, Plan, Make, Test, Improve and Share. Students were given the scenario of needing to parachute a bale of hay to stranded cows that were surrounded by flood waters. They developed several ideas and designs, and worked with resilience to test, analyse and re-design to create the best product. Both classes came together to share their final designs and put their parachutes to the test in delivering the bale of hay to the cows.



'Making the parachute was hard but I liked working with my partner Shareef.' *Amelia*
'We made three designs and the last one caught the air!' *Tabby*

CYCLE 2

This term began with much enthusiasm and energy. This was channelled into a vigorous first yoga session and effective and focused cutting skills for making Mother's Day treats!

Elizabeth said, "I liked the 'cobra' and the relaxation." Tyler said, "I liked the animal changing game!" Oliver said his favourite pose was the 'eagle and the tree'. Aurelia thought the relaxation part was good.



INFANT PROGRAM

Pouring is a practical life activity that is always available to the children in the Infant Program. It encourages eye/hand coordination, control and concentration. Ariella is practicing all of these skills and enjoying pouring liquid from one container to another.



CYCLE 3

Cycle 3 have started the term with STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths*). Each class has their own focus. Natalie and Suzie's class will explore density and light, and Christine and Suzie's class will be exploring states of matter. Students will continue to be involved in a range of guided experiments to introduce students to the science concepts. This will be followed by a STEM problem solving challenge designed to apply their knowledge.

CYCLE 4 & SENIOR STUDENTS

Last Friday was Term 2 Occupations Day with all groups heading out to very different destinations.

Developing Personal Skills

Students engaged their coaching skills by running a PE skills circuit with Cycle 1 students. They followed this up with an active session at Marion Gymnastics Centre where they focused on breaking movements down and on how to provide feedback to improve trampolining skills.

Building for our Environment

We took in some awesome examples of ecologically sustainable architecture, travelling in to the city to tour Christie Walk, a model ecological co-housing development.



Innovative aspects include energy- and water-saving measures, use of ethical finance and use of recycled non-toxic materials. We then came back up the hill to experience Earthship Ironbank. Earthships are architecturally designed houses built with natural and recycled materials and designed to be self sufficient with sustainable electricity, water, sewage and food production. Many students marvelled at how beautiful and cool this building was! Massive thanks to Martin Freney for hosting us once again.

Exploring Belief Systems

We headed down to Gurdwara Sahib to find out all about Sikhism. Our guides were welcoming and hospitable. We were shown how to tie a turban (on Kai!) and enjoyed samosas and chai for morning tea. We then headed to the Japanese gardens and Buddha House to hear about Tibetan Buddhism in an ornately decorated Gomba.



School Dates & Info

TERM 2 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

Thursday May 16

NAPLAN Testing

Tuesday May 21

Wairoa Open Day 9.30am Tour

Class Parent Rep Meeting 2.30pm

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Board Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday May 22

Snippets with Susan 9.10am

Indonesian partnership group meeting 4pm

Student Wellbeing group meeting 4pm

Thursday May 23

Parent Get Together – Wairoa Café 9.15am

Parent/Staff session – The STEM Approach

4.00pm-6.00pm – Yultiwirra common room

Tuesday May 28

Year 6 transition visit to Wairoa

AGM held at Yultiwirra – 6.00pm

Wednesday May 29

Sharing Assembly 11.30am – Preschool, Cycle 1 & 2

Cycle 1 Preschool & Primary & 2. All parents welcome!

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 2019

Tuesday June 4

Yultiwirra Open Day

Monday June 10

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday June 12

Cycle 1 & 2 Music Concert

Friday June 14

Parent Discussion Group with Libby 9.15am

Sunday June 16

Bunning's Sausage Sizzle – Fundraiser 9am-4pm

Monday June 17

Parent Education – Cycle 1 Transition 9.15am

Monday June 17– Friday June 21

Collaborative Interviews - Yultiwirra

Monday June 24

Parent Get Together – Yultiwirra 9.15am

Tues June 25, Wed June 26, Thurs June 27

Coffeehouse Cabaret – Wairoa

Thursday July 4

Sharing Assembly 9.30am

Cycle 3 & 4 sharing. All parents welcome!

Friday July 5

Term 2 Ends

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The essential thing is to arouse such an interest that it engages the child's whole personality".
Maria Montessori

2019 TERM DATES

TERM 2: Tuesday 30th April – Friday 5th July

TERM 3: Tuesday 23rd July - Friday 27th September

TERM 4: Tuesday 15th October – Wed 11th December

FIRE WOOD

Stock up for winter!! The school has firewood available for sale - \$20 for a car boot load or \$50 per 6 x 4 trailer load. Register your interest at the school office and then we can organise collection and payment.

EARN & LEARN

Whenever you shop at Woolworths, collect the stickers at the checkout, place them on sticker cards available in the school office (1 sticker for every \$10 spent). Drop into the collection box located in the office and help get valuable resources for our school. We have until 25th June to collect them; ask work colleagues, neighbours, grandparents and friends to collect them for us too!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Chantel & Alistair Farmer on the arrival of Harrison - a brother for Lucy.

CONGRATULATIONS

As a part of SA Refugee Week in June, our Cycle 3 students (Years 4-6) were invited to produce a poster for the Youth Poster Awards Exhibition that celebrates the themes surrounding the United Nations International Refugee Convention.



From 300 entries, 70 students from 49 schools have been selected to be included in the final Poster Exhibition and we're delighted to announce that Francis Rooney's poster has been selected for the exhibition which will be on display from Monday 3rd June – Friday 28th June in the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, Hawke Centre, University of SA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This photo was taken of Ashlee Golding and Premier Steven Marshall during the Anzac Eve Youth Vigil ceremony with Ashlee laying a wreath on behalf of the Filipino Youth.

