

# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How wonderful it has been this week to return to face to face teaching and learning. Schools don't make sense without students and so it was wonderful to welcome our students back. They filled our classrooms and school with their chatter, excitement of returning and their enthusiasm to be back in their place of learning. Walking around the classrooms there is a buzz, staff and children alike are relieved and overjoyed to be back where they all belong! With our return we still need to ensure that we are not complacent and that we still observe protocols that will keep our students, staff and community safe.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers for following our request for students to be dropped at the gate. At present, we ask that parents and carers limit their time within the school grounds and we ask that parents don't enter the classrooms. Wherever possible, we ask that primary school parents kiss and drop/pick up at the gate.

Preschool parents/carers need to drop their child off and pick them up from the Preschool so they can sign them in and out – this is a legal requirement. We ask that Preschool parents don't enter the Preschool until after 9.00am to ensure staff have time to prepare the classrooms. Preschool starts at 9.15am

If you need to communicate or speak with your child's teacher or the office, please email them directly or email to arrange a phone meeting. We are using this time to continually remind our students of the importance of good hygiene and hand washing. Remember that if your child shows any signs of being unwell, please do not send them to school.

We really appreciate the support that parents and school families have shown us during this challenging time. As less COVID-19 cases are identified in SA and restrictions begin to be lifted we need to begin a reflection period where we ask ourselves; What should our lives look like moving forward? What have we learnt from this experience? What have we implemented during this time which we can continue into the future to enhance our work, learning or life? *"Out of a crisis comes opportunity"*.

*Cathy France –Principal*

## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL!



Let's celebrate returning to 'face to face' teaching and learning! It's a delight to see our students back in the classroom! Here's what some of them had to say on their first day back!

I was looking forward to seeing my friends-  
Monty, aged 6

I missed my teachers Lauren and Ruth-  
Amelia, aged 6

I love school - Mia, aged 5

I was looking forward to learning new things-  
Audrey, aged 6

I missed seeing my friends and I was most looking forward to playing down bush - Olivia, aged 7

I was looking forward to seeing my best friend  
Noa - Lillah, aged 10

I missed being able to use the Montessori equipment, I could see it on the Zoom calls but it's so much better being able to use it in the classroom. I also really missed my friends -  
Oliver, aged 9

I missed my mates - Pepe, aged 11

I missed seeing actual people and I missed the library - Lucy, aged 10



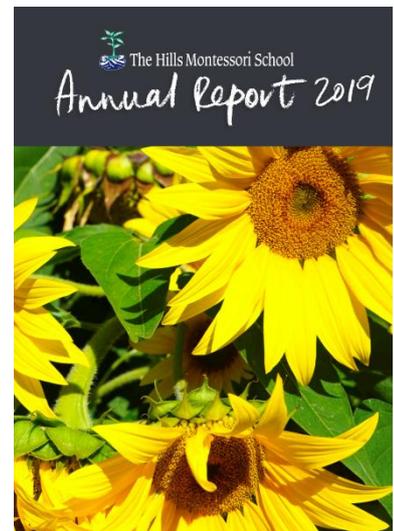
## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Next week we will distribute the 2019 Annual Report to our school community to read and share, outlining the school's activities for the 2019 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 2019 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 don'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 making 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 Info

## TERM 2 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

### Tuesday May 21

~~Wairoa Open Day CANCELLED~~

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Board Meeting 7.00pm

### Tuesday May 26

Snippets with Susan 9.10am "Strategies to Support Spelling" – Zoom meeting – details provided via Skoolbag

AGM Zoom meeting – details provided via Skoolbag 6.00pm

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are the sowers - our children are those who reap. We labour so that future generations will be better and nobler than we are."  
*Maria Montessori*

## 2020 TERM DATES

TERM 2: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

TERM 3: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

TERM 4: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December

## SNIPPETS WITH SUSAN

Come and join Susan on Zoom for this 20 minute 'bite sized snippet' of information and informal discussion for parents. "Snippet sessions" will be held on Zoom until further notice from 9.10am – 9.30am fortnightly.

### Snippet Session : Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Strategies to Support Spelling

If the topic on offer takes your interest, please RSVP via Skoolbag and join the Zoom meeting. Zoom details will be sent out via Skoolbag

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

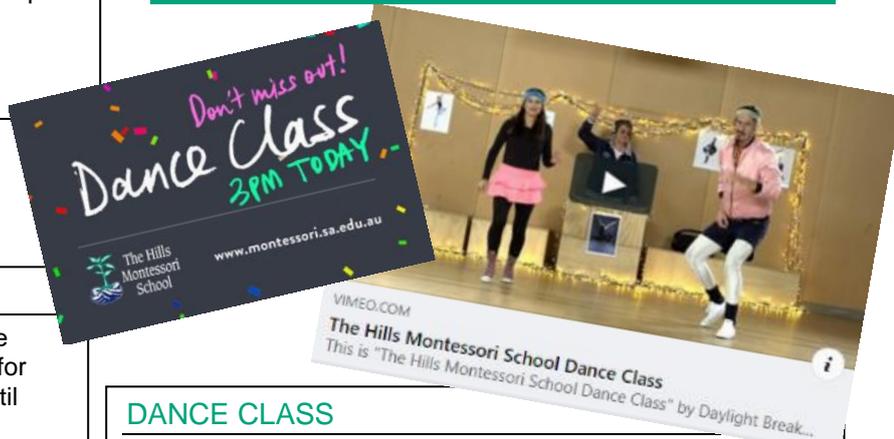
Please enter Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm in your diary as the date of the school's AGM. At this stage the AGM will be held as a Zoom meeting online. Closer to the time families will be sent the online link.

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FORUM

## HEAD TO HEAD FORUM

Last week the new national representative body; Montessori Schools and Centres (of which Cathy is the Board chair) hosted the national Head to Head Forum. This Forum was instigated by our school in back in 2018. This year, due to COVID-19, the Forum was held online via Zoom and convened by Cathy. The Forum is a gathering of Montessori Principals and Deputy Principals sharing ideas, developing practice, tackling challenges and providing collegial support. Over forty Montessori school leaders from around Australia, New Zealand, Philippines and Indonesia logged in and out of the variety of sessions on offer over the two days. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.



## DANCE CLASS

We hoped you enjoyed the "Dance Class" video that was posted last week to celebrate the end of Remote Learning! Thanks to **Anthea Hagar** for orchestrating this fun activity and thanks to all of the staff for their sense of fun and willingness to join in! Head to the school's Facebook page if you haven't yet seen it! We hope it put a smile on students and parents' faces! Special thanks to **Tim Standing** for his assistance with vision and editing.

