

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wed, 5 Dec
Berinba Public School
5.30pm start

Last day of term

Wed, 19 Dec

First day for 2019

Tue, 29 Jan

Dropping Off

Please remember to use the Woolworths carpark to drop off and pick up

Hats

Children need a broad brimmed hat to play outside

Sunscreen

Please apply to your child before pre-school. We will also have sunscreen in the foyer if you do happen to forget.

From the Director's Desk

The latter end of Term 4 has come upon us quickly. The staff and children have been busy preparing items for the end of year Christmas Concert. The Christmas Concert is to be held Wednesday, 5 December at Berinba School Hall, starting at 5.30pm sharp, this will be followed by a BBQ

After recent family feedback in relation to information sharing about events at the Pre-School please note the following:

Information is shared via:

- Monthly Newsletters—emailed monthly coverage of what has been happening and upcoming events
- Facebook Page/Instagram Post - Posts of events happening at the preschool
- Notice Board in Foyer—changed weekly - advise weekly and upcoming events help required
- Questions in Frame on the Foyer bench - seeking family feedback to assist with ongoing improvement to program and practice
- 'Storypark' (will be introduced 2019) -there will be more information about how families can join us on 'Storypark' early next year

Please download these apps to assist the Pre-School to keep you informed and up to date with happenings.

Kathy has begun sending out confirmation of enrolments for next year, there are still some places available, if you know of someone who maybe thinking about pre-school for their child next year please give them our details.

This is the last newsletter for 2018 and the staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support in many ways throughout the year.

We wish everyone a happy, relaxing and safe holiday season.

Cheers
Wendy



Committee Corner:

General
Meeting Dates:

12 Dec
13 Feb 2019

AGM
13 Mar 2019

Everybody is
welcome

The Committee wishes all Montessori families the happiest and safest of Christmases!

The Pre-School Christmas Concert is Wednesday, 5 December at Berinba Public School hall starting at 5.30pm sharp. The concert will be followed by a sausage sizzle. If families could bring a sweet plate to share it would be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT Program

5.30pm sharp	Welcome and housekeeping - Wendy Digglemann, Director
5.35pm	Concert to begin - all children on stage
5.50pm	Children will remain on stage to wel- come Santa and receive gifts - all children will stay on the stage until all gifts have been presented. (Please be considerate of all children and remain seated)
6.00pm	BBQ will be served Sausages \$2 Drinks \$1

Everybody is welcome to attend our next committee meeting on:

Wednesday, 12 December 2018, 7:30pm at the Pre-School
Meetings wrap up no later than 9pm!



In the Children's House:

The 'Children's House' continues to be a buzz of activity with a full house.

The children have been interested this month in the sensorial, mathematics and language areas of the classroom and life cycles.

Children between the ages of three to six, continue to focus their senses and direct them toward their environment, at the same time developing a perception and understanding of the world based on a sensation which is defined by a sensory experience that comes to the brain through the senses.

Sensorial materials have distinct characteristics that support the development of the senses:

- The materials are constructed expressly in a size that young children can manipulate
- The materials are aesthetically pleasing and made of natural or delicate materials whenever possible
- Sensorial materials provide children with concrete examples of abstract concepts
- Sensorial materials are designed to fulfil a specific educational task

Life Cycles and ongoing projects:

Butterflies: The children have for the past two weeks been observing the life cycle of a butterfly, with Orchard and Monarch butterflies emerging from chrysalises in the classroom. The children have enjoyed observing and releasing the butterflies, the wonder of nature is awesome.

Leaves: The study of leaves that are collected in the garden, children using the botany cabinet to compare and name the shapes of the leaves.

Zoology Templates:

Horses: Many of the children have conducted their own ongoing projects, creating different breeds of horse's including imaginary ones like unicorns.

There are many other Zoology Templates in the classroom, apologies if you only get horses, birds and frogs these are very popular with the children.

Zoology Templates assist children to practice and develop control of hand movements when colouring in and to master the use of scissors and gluing. There is a pre-literacy element comparing the labels to the completed template.

"It is not enough for the teacher to love the child. She must first love and understand the universe She must prepare herself, and truly work at it."

Dr Maria Montessori

“Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create.”



Joshua is developing coordination, and gaining independence by learning how to do up a buckle.



Oscar is learning care of self and practicing to brush the false teeth.

Happenings during November:

Library visits have continued throughout November, a big thankyou to our special helper Helen, Fletcher’s grandmother, who regularly assists with the walking excursion to the Library and then to the park for morning tea. The children and staff have appreciated your company.

The Yass Valley Library van has continued to visit the Pre-School once a month. The children have enjoyed being able to choose books to borrow for their Library book shelf.

Grandparents Day was held on Monday, 5 November, this event was well attended. The children shared musical items and lunch with their special guests before showing them around their classroom. We hope our Grandparents had a great time too.

School Kindergarten Orientations, all local schools have been hosting Kindergarten Orientation sessions, the children who are going to school next year have reported how much they have enjoyed their school visits and that they are ready to go to school.

The Pre-School continues to support each child’s ‘Transition to School’ working with the schools, sharing information and receiving visits from Kindergarten teachers.

Art Show Fundraising Event, An ‘Art Show’ was hosted by the children at the Pre-School last Thursday, 22 November. The children assisted to make afternoon tea for their special guests who enjoyed viewing the variety of artworks which were set out around the ‘Children’s House’

If you were unable to attend the Art Show and would like your child's canvas, these are still available for purchase for \$20 at the pre-school. Please see Kathy .



"The child is truly a miraculous being."

Dr Maria
Montessori

Housekeeping:

End of Year Christmas Party:

Planning of Items:

- The children have been working on items for the Christmas Party for some weeks now, one of the planned items is a play.
- The characters in the play will be acted out by the children who will be going to school next year as a farewell performance.
- Parents of those children will be notified by email as to what their child will need to wear on the night (***The preschool is making the character masks so families will not have to worry about that***)
- All the children will be involved in the chorus for the play and other musical and dance items which are being prepared for the Christmas Party

We look forward to seeing you there!

Advance Notice!! Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday, 19 December is the last day of term!!

Sausage Sizzle: This year the children and educators will be going to Coronation Park for a Sausage Sizzle picnic lunch and games. We will be heading to the park at 12noon and returning to the Pre-School at approximately 2.00pm

If any families whose children attend on a Wednesday wish to join us for lunch you are most welcome too.

If it is raining on the day we will have the Sausage Sizzle at the Preschool.

Our Community

Watch out for our new banner on the fence—A very big thank you to Erica Richards from Erica Miller Design for organising this.

Have you checked out the prizes in our MEGA Christmas raffle? There are some great prizes up for grabs! If all families sold their tickets it would be a great contribution to our fundraising for the year. Tickets are due back before the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, 5 December.

*“Let the
children be
FREE.”*

Dr Maria
Montessori