

June 2013—Newsletter

Kia ora everyone.

Nau mai, haere mai welcome to Burnham Country Montessori June newsletter. Its hard to believe that half the year has gone, but June and Winter are upon us now.

This year our centre wide review is on sustainability and Te Reo Māori and bi cultural practice/ tikanga within the preschool. The first stage of both reviews is to gather information and feedback from our families and wider learning community. I attached a copy of a survey that invited families to fill in and return with the last newsletter. If you need another copy please come and see either myself or Kylie. We would love to hear your views about how you see we are doing and would value your feedback.

We are still working towards a

health heart award for the centre which is achieved by working collaboratively as a centre and with parents/whānau and children. During kai time with encourage children to make "healthy choices" first before eating their biscuits etc. To help support the children to learn to identify what is a health choice we need your help in ensuring that your child's lunch box contains a variety of healthy choices. We also ask parents to refrain from placing confectionary items such as chocolate bars or lollies in the lunchboxes. If you have any queries on this, please address them to your child's head teacher or come and see myself or Kylie.

Regards Jasmine

Power outage

Last month, we were notified that the preschool would have a whole day power outage on 29 May 2013 by Meridian Power. We sent out letters and notices about this and had a great response from all parents. On the day of the power cut, we were all prepared and waited...... and waited..... And waited. We still had power at 1030 so we contacted Meridian who informed us that the power cut was not necessary at this stage and was not going ahead. I was slightly miffed:). I would just like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents/whānau for the support that was shown.

House Keeping

- Children are welcome to bring slippers to wear inside during these colder months.
- Lunch boxes are to be nut free—so no nuts, peanut butter, nutella etc.

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Important Dates:

Centre Closed: 4 June 2013 Queens Birthday

10 June 2013: Montessori night 5.30-6.00pm 6.00-8.00 pm (parent teacher interviews)

See your child/rens head teacher to book an interview time

Preschool Outing— 13 August 2013 Air force Museum

Scholastics Book Club orders have now closed for June 2013

Welcomes:

We say a warm welcome to the following children and families to Burnham Country Montessori:

Natalie-Green Room

McKenzie-Blue Room

Mila-Blue Room

Fletcher—Blue Room

Katelyn—Room 3

(back classroom)

Xavier-Blue Room

We would also like to say Welcome to Rochele Antrobus who has joined the teaching team in the Green Room, alongside Angela and Lisa.

Montessori Night Parent/teacher interviews 10 June 2013 5.30—8.00pm

On 10 June will be having a Montessori information night and first every parent/teacher interviews. The first half an hour of the night will concentrate on the Montessori philosophy and what is taught and why in each class. At the same time each class will have 10 minute periods for parents to book to talk to their child/ren teachers about their child/ren. If you would like to book a parent/teacher interview, please talk to your child's head teacher who will have the booking sheet. We also ask that younger or older siblings are not brought.

A flyer will be put up around the preschool soon, so please watch out for this.

Will also provide some light refreshments for parents/whānau on the night. It would be great to see you all there.

Preschool Outing 13 August 2013

Exciting news! We are in the process of planning a centre outing to the Air force Museum on 13 August 2013. Once more details are know we will be sending out permission slips and more information for each child.

"The hand is the instrument of the mind"

Maria Montessori



Maria Montessori 1870-1952

