



JAN-FEB NEWSLETTER

EXCELLENT KIDS
- MONTESSORI -

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'The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six'

-Maria Montessori-



Jan & Feb Edition Newsletter

At Excellent Kids Montessori we are excited to teach, learn and grow, with you and your families.

Children Starting Prep

In January we said our final farewells and best wishes to our big children who are all ready for prep. Everyone here at EKM would like to extend a big thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's learning journey. We hope that they have a smooth transition and what they've learnt here will set them up for future success in their educational journeys.

Australia Day

The theme of January this month we explored the wonders of our country, as founding day loomed closer. We explored many subjects like, fauna and flora like eucalyptus (that's a big word to many of the children), gum tree and platypus', or kangaroos and wombats.

Many children enjoyed playing with indigenous instruments, creating didgeridoo, dot painting and

It was great to see everyone dress-up for Australia Day. We had Australian tee-shirts, cuddly Australian friends, cork-hats, wiggle tee-shirts and even Australian flag tattoos! It was a very fun day with lots of new learning experiences for the children

Carpark and new Medical Centre

Thank you to you all for being so understanding throughout the whole construction period. The carpark is finally done, and the medical Centre is up and running.

To keep the carpark safe for patients and parents alike, please pay attention to these issues below:

1. Car park bays marked 'STAFF' are strictly off limits. This includes staff car-parks directly outside the reception entrance and to the right of the Childcare. The disabled and loading zone bays are to be left free unless you hold a current disability parking permit.
2. The safety of both children and patients are our top priority and we ask for every driver to stay under 10km/h and be alert to your surroundings.
3. Where possible please park rear end in. If you do need to reverse, please ensure

you take exceptional care and do so slowly.

Again, thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any issues, concerns or queries regarding this you can contact me directly through email at director@ekmotnessori.com.au and we'll get back to you promptly.

Room Changes

During our yearly review of the rooms, we allow staff to comment on room changes for the following year, this way we give opportunities for staff to work with others they may of not worked alongside so they are able to complement each other in areas of their strengths. Be assured that the new, (regular) educators assigned in these rooms are familiar to the children as they've had experience in the rooms themselves to make the change easier for them.

The changes are as follows:

BRIN HOUSE

Miss Dorcas Bosha (senior educator)

Miss Shirley Susanto (assistant educator)

KELLER HOUSE

Miss Maria Sefina Tefono (senior educator)

Miss Baljinder Kaur (assistant educator)

ERIKSON HOUSE

Miss Joelynn Chou (senior educator)

Miss Theresa Alefaio (assistant educator)

FRANK HOUSE

Miss Diana Herrera (senior educator)

Miss Lorna Wood (assistant educator)

PAGE HOUSE

Miss Stanislava Lasica (senior educator)

Miss Rosa Faamaoni (assistant educator)

The rest of the rooms remain unchanged.

BRIN HOUSE



KELLER HOUSE



ERIKSON HOUSE



FRANK HOUSE



PAGE HOUSE



Brin and Keller's new Kindy contact hours

As part of our review of the rooms, another change we would like to introduce: our onsite ECTs, Ms Dorcas and Ms Fina's new contact hours for the kindy program. The changes are as follows:

Ms Dorcas's new contact hours are between Monday to Thursday from 8:00am to 4:30pm and Ms Fina's is from Tuesday to Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Their non-contact days is used exclusively for programming, to plan; prepare and review their curriculum. Although they are on site, they will not be in the room with the children, instead the assistant educators will be in charge with a familiar relief staff member and continue with their daily routines.

Workshop

Workshops have kicked off this year, we've introduced a more inclusive system: educators who are accompanying the children at the workshop will take photos and upload it to Keptme. Please notify administration asap if your child isn't on our roll

To let you know a bit more information about our workshops, we provide cost-free workshops for Mandarin, Spanish and Christian workshops only. These workshops are only available to children 15 months and above. We also do music and soccer however, they are organized by independent organizations outside our Centre, so availability, enrolment, age restrictions and payments are dependent on their services. To contact them, their details are below:

Hey Dee Ho Music

P: 1300 139 631

W: www.heydeehomusic.com.au

Ginger Sport

P: 07 3890 3338

E: info@gingersport.com.au

W: www.gingersport.com.au

Please be aware that due to ratio, the maximum capacity of each cost-free workshop is 15 children. Note that some enrolments will not be accepted due to this reason (this does not apply to soccer and music workshops). Children will be placed on waiting list if capacity reaches maximum enrolments. The forms to enroll is in the front office, so please sign up promptly as spaces are limited

Account Issues

In future, if you have any account issues please email your queries and concerns to the Assistant Director's email at

assistdirector@ekmontessori.com.au

This will allow our management team keep a record of what issues you may be having as well as notifying the Administration immediately.

Also, please take note that account issues usually take 2 weeks from the day that administration was notified, but feel free to drop in or shoot an email for an update.

That's all our notices for this month. Next month we will send out a full newsletter with articles and insight from all the rooms

If you have any feedback, queries or concerns don't hesitate to contact the Director on 07 3341 5888

Provide Feedback

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or speak with the nominated supervisor in charge

Ph: 07 3341 5888

Email: director@ekmontessori.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Harmony Day

21st of March 2019

To celebrate the diversity of our multicultural land, we will join this national occasion and promote harmony by wearing orange!

So please dress your child in orange



Ocean Life Education

6th of March 2019

Bringing the Sea To You

Ocean life 'brings the sea to you' with fun environmental education programs designed to inspire children of all ages to appreciate and take responsibility for the marine ecosystem

Marine educators arrive with fascinating live marine animals, artefacts, games and information, blending 'hands on' interaction with science and humour

We will be sending Incursion forms for all children in the Centre. If your child is not booked on this day, a parent must come along with their child. Please ensure you arrive on time: take note that we only have enough staff for our ratio, so we are unable to take on additional children before or after the program; however, adding an additional day for your child would be ideal if you are unable to join us but would like your child to attend the program

The Centre will be covering half of the cost of the program, we ask parents to contribute a small fee of \$4.00 to cover the rest of the fee

Session Times: 9.30-10:00 for children in Bezos/Page/Frank/

10:00-10:30 for children in Onassis/Erikson

10.30-11.00 for children in Brin/Keller

*subject to change due to numbers

Henny Penny Incubation Program

1st April 2019 – 12th April 2019

For two weeks the 'Henny Penny Incubation Program' will come in and set up a safe and exciting incubator for the children to witness eggs hatch and watch them grow.

If you want more information you can check out their website below:

<http://hennypennyhatching.com.au/>



Centre Information

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Quality Improvement Plan

Excellent Kids Montessori has a Quality improvement plan that we use for self-improvement. The Quality Improvement Plan evolves around the 7 Quality areas:

QA1 Educational Program and Practice

QA2 Children's health and safety

QA3 Physical environment

QA4 Staffing Arrangements

QA5 Relationships with children

QA6 Collaborative partnerships with families

QA7 Leadership and service management.

We welcome your expertise, input and suggestions. To access more information visit: www.aceqa.gov.au Parent Participation We invite parents to participate in the classroom by sharing presentations about their culture, career, back ground or by simply reading a book.

If you would like to come in and share, please book in a time and day with the Nominated Supervisor at your Centre.

Children's Arrival Time

For children to gain the most out of the Montessori Program, we encourage parents to drop their children off by 8.30am for individual work time. It is essential that children consistently attend during the Montessori Work Cycle if they are to achieve their full potential in the classroom.

Pick Up

Please remember that only an authorized adult can collect your child from our Centre. It is important that if any person other than a parent (or a person nominated on the enrolment form) is required to pick up your child, that you provide written permission to the Nominated Supervisor via email. Identification is also required when an unknown adult is picking up your child for the first time.

Sign in and Sign out

It is essential that each child is signed in and out daily. Please be reminded to shut the entry gate properly after you enter and when you leave. If your child will not be attending on a day that they are scheduled, please phone the Centre before 10am and advise the Nominated Supervisor or a staff member of your child's absence.

Please be reminded we do not allow make up or swapping of days. Fees will still need to be paid for absences, public holidays, or any family holidays (reduced rate applies to holidays).

Communication Book/Programming Book

Please remember to look at and write in your child's Communication Book with more information about how we can improve our programming to suit your child's needs and interests.

We Want to Hear from You!

Have you got something to contribute to Excellent Kids Montessori? Please send through an email to:

director@ekmontessori.com.au