



“Learning to love to learn”

Montessori Messenger

June 2010

Dear Parents

It is now DAYS till kick-off and excitement at school is reaching fever-pitch - we are not sure if it is for the World Cup or for the long holidays☺ (and yes - the teachers are equally excited!...about the World Cup of course)

Please remember that you are invited to attend the opening of our “For the Love of the Game” exhibition on Tuesday (8th June) evening 17h30 for 18h00. All parents and children/artists are invited to attend the opening at the Donkin Reserve. The primary children should wear their school uniforms if they are attending please. Wednesday (9th June) is a normal school day for us with all the usual ending times (including aftercare) even though it is the end of term. As usual the primary children may wear civvies on this day though.

THANK YOU to the primary parents who attended our work party last Saturday - not only did we get a lot of work done in two hours but the spirit of community was evident and many people have commented on how much they enjoyed the morning. In the new term, there will be one more opportunity for pre-school (and any primary) parents to do their community service on 21st August. Thereafter, as per our agreement, parents will be billed for the hours not worked. We will publish a list after the holidays of everyone who has completed their community service so you know where you stand. But for now, our appreciation goes to all those who have fulfilled their commitment in so many ways! And thank you to the staff who have also been making their contribution in addition to their work responsibilities.

There has been a good response to the Montessori 101 Parent Education course to start next term and it will definitely run from 21st July. The sign up list is still on the notice board so you are welcome to join. Details are on page two of this newsletter. As our recycling is collected on a Tuesday, please make the 8th June your last drop-off before the holidays so that we have clean bins during the holidays.

Congratulations to the Impey Family on their daughter born last term and the Bassadien family on the birth of their new daughter - born last week! We look forward to welcoming your little girls to our school in about 3 years☺ Thank you to those parents who submitted ideas for Holiday Activities - they are included towards the back/end of the newsletter. Otherwise this newsletter is short and sweet! I came across the CHILDRENS NATURAL RIGHTS and thought it was perfect for this time when it is tempting to over-schedule the children's days. We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on the 13th July.

And HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all our dads for the 20th June - we hope you are spoilt!

Warm Regards

Sam

PS We are sending out the newsletter letter early (i.e. before end of term) so that you can book the holiday activities before they actually begin!

MONTESSORI 101...for Parents

At the request of many parents, we will run a basic Montessori 101 for Parents course over 6 weeks next term again. The course will allow parents to gain a deeper understanding of Montessori Education. We will cover basic Montessori philosophy, look at each of the classroom environments (3-6, 6-9 and 9-12) in more depth and through interaction with the materials, share ideas on issues such as discipline, look at basic development of children at all the ages and stages and more...The course will be run on Wednesday evenings from 21st July to 25th August from 7pm to 9pm at school. There is no cost involved but booking is essential and a commitment to the entire course is required. The course has the required 10 minimum signed up so will start in July. You are welcome to join by signing up on the list on the noticeboard.

From the feedback received, the Mom's Night Out was a great success and lots of fun had by all. Thank you so much to Lindy who organised everything. Those present did a collection on the night and have added R900 to our fundraising efforts...THANK YOU ☺



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Next Term's themes and focus of our learning will be on great artists, famous composers (especially of classical music), inventors, scientists, explorers, philosophers and role models in our world. If you have any ideas for guest speakers at school related to this theme, please let us know. If you have any resources that might be useful, we would appreciate the help. Otherwise, visit galleries and museums or attend a symphony in the holidays to prepare your children for their new work. Homework projects for the primary children and class theme work for everyone will revolve around these topics.

ORGANIC VEGGIES - there is an option for organic vegetables available in PE again. Merryl Leverington sends out a weekly order list by email and you can then collect from her on a Friday in Charlo. For further information contact details are as follows:

Merryl Leverington
041 3674500
0839813690

www.organics24.co.za

Order from Merryl: organics24@gmail.com

Teaching Civility Begins At Home by James P. Krehbiel

Have you ever had someone cut in front of you in line? How about letting the door slam on you when you are entering a restaurant? What about children screaming in a store because they want something they can't have? Or parents leaving their grocery trolley in a parking lane rather than returning it to the trolley return? These are obvious examples of incivility.

As parents, we focus a significant deal of attention with our children on school work and social activities. We spend far less time teaching, coaching, and encouraging our children to be sensitive, caring and concerned about the needs of others.

We need to teach our children to be supportive of others, regardless of one's socio-economic status, behavioural idiosyncrasies or learning deficits. Many children feel the need to elevate themselves by taunting other kids who do not meet their social standards as friends. Hurtful bullying, teasing and gossiping may become a pattern for children who lack the skills of civility.

The most important skills we can teach our children are how to respect, value, and support other children, especially those who are different from their lifestyle, cultural or religious background, social characteristics, or learning style. Our children need to learn from us to be inclusive in their social relationships, not exclusive.

Recently I realized why the notion of civility was so important to me. One day when I was a teenager, my father invited me to attend work with him. I knew that he was a metallurgical engineer, but I had very little concept about the nature of his job. During my visit to my father's manufacturing plant, one memory still lingers about the trip. My father was a champion for the underdog. Although he was an executive manager, he walked through the plant and was known by all of the die-casting workers. It didn't matter who they were or what their role was, each worker would greet my father warmly and my dad would respond by acknowledging every person by name. My father's civility left a lifelong impression which I tried to role model and teach to my own children.

Years later, I remember how pleased I was with one of my patients, when a school psychologist conveyed to me a story about this young man's involvement with a special needs student. During my patient's high schools career, he was a very popular student. The psychologist, who had completed a psycho-educational assessment on the special needs student, recalls how my client walked this student to different classes and befriended him. The special needs student played soccer with my client and they spent a great deal of time building a friendship. My patient's parents and I were proud that he had learned the lesson of civility in his relationships.

When children get off course in their road to civility, parents need to redirect them to be more kind, considerate and caring of all children. Specific civility concepts that parents can teach are:

- Teaching about multicultural tolerance and acceptance.
- Teaching children to care about others because it brings them meaning rather than expecting anything in return.
- Involving children in public service at a children's hospital.
- Teaching children to respect senior citizens by volunteering at independent living facilities.
- Teaching common courtesies, such as introducing oneself, shaking hands with others, and thanking people for doing kind gestures for them.
- Teaching children to share and play cooperatively with others.
- Teaching children to respect and assist those who are disabled or have learning limitations.
- Parents can demonstrate through word and action what civility means.

A friend of the mine has a daughter who has just completed medical school. Getting into medical school was a highly competitive process. Although she had outstanding grades and very high entrance exam scores, the deciding factor in being accepted to medical school was not related to academics. She had served in the Peace Corp., and as any college recruiter will advise students, her global service in caring for people less fortunate was the deciding factor in her college admission.

Our world lacks a sense of civility. It is the responsibility of all of us in charge of children to make sure that the world of our children's future is more civil than the world we leave behind.

James P. Krehbiel, is a licensed professional counselor and nationally certified cognitive-behavioral therapist.

Read more: <http://www.familyresource.com/parenting/character-development/teaching-children-civility-begins-at-home#ixzz0hE7cJSr4>

CHILDREN'S NATURAL RIGHTS

A Manifesto to allow children to live in harmony with nature.

By Gianfranco Zavalloni, illustrated by Vittorio Belli



1
THE RIGHT TO BE IDLE
to live moments in time not planned by adults



2

THE RIGHT TO GET DIRTY
to play with the sand, earth, grass,
leaves, water and pebbles, stones and little branches



3
THE RIGHT TO BE EXPOSED TO VARIETY OF SMELLS
to perceive the taste of odours,
and to recognize natural perfumes offered by nature



4

THE RIGHT TO DIALOGUE
to listen and be listened to,
to make contribution and initiate conversation



5
THE RIGHT TO BE HANDS-ON
to drive nails into wood, to saw and to file wood,
to use sandpaper, to glue, to mould clay, to tie or knot
ropes and light a fire



6

THE RIGHT TO GOOD START IN LIFE
to eat healthy food from birth,
to drink clean water and to breathe clean air



7
THE RIGHT TO THE ROAD
to play freely in the square,
and to walk through the streets



8

THE RIGHT OF THE WILD
to build a shelter to play in the woods, to play hide and
seek within the reeds and have trees to climb



9
THE RIGHT TO THE SOUND OF SILENCE
to listen to the wind blowing,
the twitter of the birds,
and the gurgles of the water



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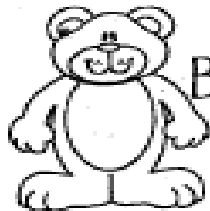
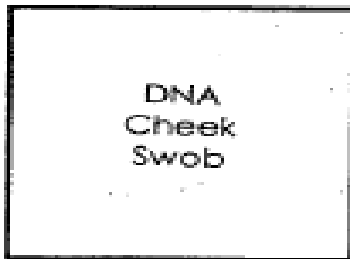
THE RIGHT TO THE SHADES OF LIGHT
to see the rise of the sun and the sunset,
to admire the nights, the moon and the stars

We have been approached by lots of companies offered special DNA kits and similar things (at a fee) to help you keep your children safe. Lindy-Ann Steyn forwarded the following email from the "Buddy Bear" organisation which has a DIY kit and advise for parents. We trust you will use the information as you see fit.

In Germany at the Soccer World Cup - some 2 000 kids were missing.(Thanks to Noleen from Sydenham SCF for this)

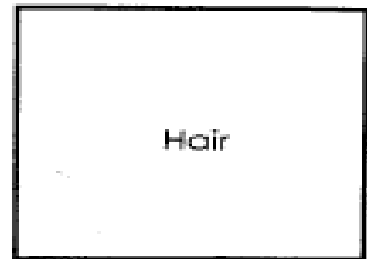
There's some information Police may need from you – but you probably wouldn't have it. How to identify your child! After all our little ones don't have IDs, so there are no fingerprints on record for children. I have attached a Buddy Bear form, which includes all the information needed to identify a lost child, and also includes a DNA sample. This you can obtain by taking an ear bud and swabbing the inside of the child's cheek and putting the bud into a bank coin bag and sealing it. This DNA sample can last for years. Do the same with a sample of hair. The fingerprints you can take by using an ink pad. Keep the record in a safe place.

"Buddy Bear" is an organisation helping all parents to ensure they know everything about their children in the event that he/she may get lost or be missing at any time, apart from the 2010 Soccer World Cup.



Buddy Bear

Do not go anywhere without your Buddy!



Surname: _____

Full name: _____

Sex: _____ Blood type: _____

Eye colour: _____ Hair Colour: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Skin colour: _____

Population group: _____

Scars/birthmarks or other identifying features such as glasses, pierced ears etc: _____

Serious Allergies: _____

Chronic illnesses: _____

Parents Contact details:

Mother: Work _____ Cell _____ Home _____

Father: Work _____ Cell _____ Home _____

Other: Work _____ Cell _____ Home _____

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|--|---------|---------|---------|---|
| <p>Important telephone numbers</p> <p>Child line : _____</p> <p>Police: _____</p> <p>Fire brigade: _____</p> <p>Flying squad: _____</p> | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">Photograph</p> |
| <p>_____</p> | | | | |
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Just for Laughs (From by Nicole Potgieter)

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more... Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six.'

STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. 'I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window...'

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. 'Please don't give me this juice again,' she said, 'It makes my teeth cough..'

DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'

CLINTON (age 5) was in his bedroom looking worried when his Mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, 'I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in it?'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'

This particular Sunday sermon... 'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust ...' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four-year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14th – Irshaad Hoosain

19th – Emma Elkonin

21st – Aadilah Ebrahim

24th – Maseeh and Ammaar Davids

30th – Tristan Impey

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Tanita Cannon

3rd – Genevieve Hemmings

7th – Jade Badier

12th – Pranav Nathoo

13th – AYESHA

20th – Muhammad-Ameen

20th – Holly Vermeulen

Kidz Campus

What Is It: A fun camp involving skills of athletics, soccer, gymnastics, touch rugby, baseball, hockey, survivor games and more for boys and girls from 9yrs – 12yrs old during this very long holiday

Where: Biokinetics Centre on South Campus of NMMU

Who's in charge: The Biokinetics and Human Movement Staff will be supervising the children (*Ratio 1 staff:5 children*)

How Long: 8am-12pm Monday-Friday (28th June-2nd July)

How Much: R100 A Day (book by paying R100 deposit deductible from your first day)



Join the Fun

Education Talks on:

Injury Prevention
Warm Up before sport
Nutrition & Healthy Eating
Healthy Activities for the Heart,
Lungs, Muscles, etc.

RSVP by 11 June to :
Biokinetics Center-(041) 504-2603
Email-Karen.Ferreira@nmmu.co.za



This holiday programme will be run by Bronwen, and Sarah a Bayworld ex-intern. SUBMITTED BY TANYA HEMMINGS

They have put together the final touches on another great program. We are sure you will love all

the activities they have planned. You will find the details of the program accompanying this letter. Choose the days that look really exciting to you and let me know when you will be coming! Those who are going away, have a fantastic time. Hope we see you soon – remember how much the African black-footed penguins and Cape Fur Seals love to see you so that they have an audience to show off in front of!

Warmest winter wishes

Tracey Andrew and the Holiday Program Crew



PS Please ask your folks to call Alicia at Bayworld for more information

Bayworld 041 584 0650 or pr@bayworld.co.za or

Bronwen 0764543825

Beach Bootcamp was really popular at the last programme so we will be continuing to keep

you all fit in this fun way. **Cost R100 for full day – includes drink, fruit and biscuit in morning and afternoon R70 for half day – up until 1pm**

Care is offered from 7:30am and children must be collected by 5:15pm

The official program begins at 9am and finished at 3:45pm

THE FULL BAYWORLD HOLIDAY PROGRAMME APPEARS AT THE END OF OUR NEWSLETTER

From Tanya Hemmings:

Pastryworks cookery classes which are running during the holidays. Looks quite interesting as they have themed the classes around different countries! The classes are running from 10am – 12pm or 2pm-4pm daily on the following dates:

Minimum age is 6yrs and max is 15yrs

14th June – 18th June

21st June – 25th June

28th June – 2nd July

5th July – 8th July

Cost is R90 per class. Follow link below for contact details and address:

<http://www.thepastryworks.com/Contact.html> or email info@thepastryworks.co.za


What to expect

This workshop provides a safe and supportive environment in which to deal with the reasons why we hold on to excess weight .

Work will be done in a group setting with each facilitator guiding participants to explore their inner wisdom and obstacles to change.

There will be opportunities to share if you so wish.

Come and enjoy the day with us.




Venue: Temple Israel
Upper Dickens Street
Off Target Kloof
8.15 for 8.30 till 4.30pm

Cost: R640 incl. Lunch, refreshments & workshop materials.

Booking Essential

Website: www.wellnessworkshops.webs.com




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Weight Loss Workshop

16 June 2010

Do you want to reach your ideal body shape easily, safely, effortlessly & automatically?

This workshops focus is on the mental and emotional side of weight loss



Facilitators:

- Caren Bestbier
- Margaret Whitaker
- Jean Campbell
- Dr Margo de Kooker

Do you know someone who - holds on to excess weight?

- has tried 'it all' to loose, but it just doesn't stay off
- eats when tired, emotional, stressed, bored, studying....

A huge percentage of why we hold on to excess weight is a protection mechanism of our bodies - to protect us from negative emotions in and around us. The answer is here - at last. Many people has achieved their slim, fit and healthy bodies due to similar processes as used in this workshop. **Free gifts/vouchers/discount vouchers for all.**

Booking, registration & payment essential on or before 11 June.

Programme Details



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (Junior Group)

| Mon 14 th | Tues 15 th | Wed 16 th | Thurs 17 th | Fri 18 th | Mon 21 st | Tues 22 nd | Wed 23 rd | Thurs 24 th | Fri 25 th | Mon 28 th | Tues 29 th | Wed 30 th | Thurs 1 st | Fri 2 nd |
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| Movers & Shakers / Warm ups | Rock pools | Ready, Steady GO! | Bounce, kick, dribble! | Beach Boot Camp | Gym skills / Foo | Drama / Cramium | Museum "I spy" | Pirates and treasure! | Beach Boot Camp / Sand castles | Gym skills / Drama | Shark Rock Pier | Fishy facts! | Beach Boot Camp | Over and under |
| AWE – some animals | A brand new creature | Exciting elephant | Terrific Science / Slinky snakes | Making music from junk | The BIG 7 of Africa | Quazy quilling | Potty with plants | Xhosa craft & culture | Seals and more | Science alive / Chunky and chewy | 3D create | Story and frieze | Shadow puppets | Ice-cream hunt / Talent show |
| Fabulous flags | Get down and boogie / Make a munch | Make a fruit and veggie dude! | Drama / Origami | Tortoises and terrapins | Box your nibbles | Penguin Party Parade | Hip hop / Beautiful birds | Beads galore | Make your mark – Picasso! | Tortoises and terrapins | Games galore | Hip hop / Do re mi | Nature walk | Beach break |

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (Senior Group)

| Mon 14 th | Tues 15 th | Wed 16 th | Thurs 17 th | Fri 18 th | Mon 21 st | Tues 22 nd | Wed 23 rd | Thurs 24 th | Fri 25 th | Mon 28 th | Tues 29 th | Wed 30 th | Thurs 1 st | Fri 2 nd |
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| Warm ups / Movers & shakers | Germany | Creative clay | Beach Volley Ball | Beach / Boot Camp | A whale of a time... | Cranium / Theatrics | Follow the white rabbit... | Beach Volley Ball | Sand sculpting / Beach Boot Camp | Theatre time / Gym time | Shark Rock Pier | Explore the shore | Beach Boot Camp | Dino's and fossils |
| England & Serbia | Photography fun! | Tortoises and terrapins | Slinky snakes / Terrific Science | 3D creations and more | Science alive / Make a munch | Paper and plastics | You've been framed | Under the sea... | The BIG 7 of Africa | Bake and box a biscuit | Scrap-booking and beading | Paper making | Mono-chrome magic! | Ice-cream hunt / Talent show |
| Beach capers | Cook & create / Funky time | Obstacle mania | Origami/ Theatre sports | Super seals | Balls: big and small | Fun in the sun! | Sharks / Hip hop | Soccer mania! | Use your imagination! | Crazy Balloon Tricks | Bowling fun | Music maestros / Hip hop | Animal antics! | Beach break |