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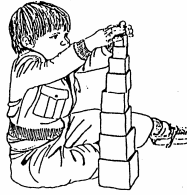
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Newsletter to Tutors and Students December 2009

Chat from the Educational Coordinator

Welcome to our summer newsletter

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer it is time to start thinking about completing those assignments before you start your Christmas holidays.

I have had a wonderful introduction to the Aperfield Montessori Trust with the support of the Trust and in particular Mary Stephen. Thank you to Di Fenwick who stepped into the Educational Coordinators role in the interim. I have had a warm welcome from the tutors and students that I talked to over the phone and we have had some wonderful discussions about what it means to work in Montessori preschools in today's world.

Please remember to get your assignments into your tutor as you complete them so they can mark them and then have a break this summer.

To all students please remember to include relevant quotes in your assignments from Maria Montessori's books and other relevant readings. This includes referencing your work according to the study guide, which you should have received at the start of your course that is based on the APA referencing method. If you have misplaced your copy of the **Study Guide** or haven't received a copy, please contact Petra, our Administrator or me and we will send you one. Referencing is a very important academic skill that shows you have read a wide range of material and understand how it links your ideas to Montessori's theory and practices.

I would like to wish you luck in completing your studies and a happy and safe holiday this summer. I look forward to implementing some new and exciting changes in 2010.

Vida Schurr

New Graduands 2009

A Written Exam was held on **Saturday 31st October 2009** with 10 students enrolled to take the written exam. We are pleased to inform you that as a result we now have 10 graduands. Congratulations to the following:

- Ketura Canagasabey
- Emma Dillon
- Kris Fisher
- Rosemary Gill
- Diane Hunt
- Gerald Jacobson
- Amanda Reardon
- Louise Tidd
- Julie Waller
- Vicky Munro

A big congratulation goes to all the graduands, many of them parents, and/or teachers in Early Childhood Centres.

It is not always an easy task to juggle study with work, families and so on. We hope the Montessori Diploma will open new doors to you.

Practical Workshops 2009 & 2010

The next full practical workshop of 11 days is scheduled for September / October school holidays 2010 in Wellington.



In 2009 the Trust held a **Book 1 Practical Workshop** (Practical Life & Sensorial Activities) in the South Island (Timaru / Dunedin) in Term 3. This involved 3 days of demonstrations / practice held over 2 weekends with the last day reserved for the practical test.

Directed Distance Learning Courses in 2010

We hope to offer Book 2 as a directed distance learning course in Semester 1 of 2010 based in Christchurch. This will depend on sufficient students enrolling, so please mail in your **enrolment form ASAP** so that planning can begin for your course. Book 2 is scheduled to start in early February (start date to be confirmed). Students will be contacted to confirm their enrolment commitment in the New Year.

Course Fees 2010

There is one slight change in the fees for 2010. Both Book 3 & Book 4 will cost \$434.00 each plus \$50 for each textbook and \$10 postage & handling = Total of **\$494**. This is a very slight increase in the course fee which is in line with the fees course cost maxima of 5%. The full schedule of fees is available on request from Petra, our Administrator and is published with the prospectus.

Maori and Pacifica Scholarship 2010

Due to a shortage of these students in Montessori Early Childhood Centres, the Trust continues to offer Maori & Pacifica Scholarships to encourage fuller participation within the Montessori centres. Should you know of any student who would like to apply for 2010, please contact Petra Marks: mapetite@extra.co.nz for the prospectus and enrolment form. Please add a covering letter outlining why you wish to study Montessori education and your goals for the future in order to apply for the scholarship. Proof of nationality will also be required.

Enrolment for 2010

As students, you are encouraged to begin the course or re-enrol in the next course (or take out an extension) in the first half of the year –preferably nearest to 1 January 2010 in order to give you as much time as possible in the year to complete. This is because the requirement from the Ministry of Education is that you cannot have an enrolment in any one course span over 3 years. The maximum time is 2 years. The **2010 Re-enrolment Form** is available now if you have completed a course and wish to start on the next one. The textbook can be issued now if you send payment with your re-enrolment form but your start date will not be until 1.1.2010. Apply to Petra Marks: mapetite@extra.co.nz or Ph: (03) 383 9235.

Christmas Closure & Dates for Enrolments

The Trust closes down for the Christmas period at the end of business on 18th December and resumes on 11 January 2010 (includes administration staff and tutors). Enrolments close on Wednesday 16 December 2009. Enrolments which are received after that date will not be processed until after 11 January 2009. If you want to enrol before Christmas, then it is suggested that you mail your enrolment in a timely manner, allowing for the added volume of mail at this time of year. The summer can be a productive time to study and we welcome your inquiries.

Happy Christmas & All the Very Best Wishes for 2010!

Vida Schurr (Educational Coordinator) & Mary Stephen (Executive Officer)

