

**APERFIELD MONTESSORI TRUST**  
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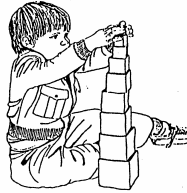
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## Newsletter to Tutors and Students March 2010

### Chat from the Educational Coordinator

Welcome everyone to the first newsletter for 2010. We hope you all had a restful Christmas holiday and are ready to immerse yourself into your studies.

With the start of a new year there are sometimes changes to your living arrangements and we at the Trust need to have your most up to date contact details on file. Please make sure that your address, phone numbers and email are current by contacting either Petra Marks or Mary Stephen.

We welcome new students to the course and wish them well in their studies. To our continuing students keep focused and take time to reflect on your practices and how they relate to Montessori's teachings.

An important aspect when studying by distance or through our directed distance course is getting support from your centre and colleagues. Set up support networks with others in your centre that are also training or have a mentor on your team that can read over your assignments or discuss points of interest in your studies. If you would like to get in contact with other students doing the same book as you please email me your details and I will collate a list and distribute this to you. If you want to be part of this network please contact me by 28 March 2010. Centre's please give time and resources to support your teachers in training so as a team you will be enriched by sharing experiences.

Good luck and in the words of John Quincy Adams "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more - you are a leader."

Vida Schurr

### Trust News

Suzanne Drury – Turnbull is the new appointed Chairperson for the Aperfield Montessori Trust. Suzanne has been a tutor with the Trust for just under 2 years and has been on the board since November 2006. She is the manager at Rainbow Preschool and Nursery in Kaiapoi, Christchurch.

### Practical Workshops 2010

The next full practical workshop of 11 days is scheduled for September / October school holidays in Wellington. It will cover Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Maths, Environmental Studies, Art & Craft, Music and Literature.

#### Eligibility

Students who have completed Book 1 can:

- attend and get credit for the Full Workshop
- take the Practical Exam for Book 1

Students who have completed Book 2, 3 or 4 can:

- attend and get credit for the Full Workshop
- sit the Practical Exam for Books 1, 2, 3 & 4

### Course Evaluations 2009

Thank you to the students who have completed their evaluation forms for 2009. It is not too late to return yours if you haven't done so yet. We appreciate hearing your comments and do take your suggestions into consideration when planning for the course. Please make a concerted effort to complete your form(s) and return in the supplied stamped addressed envelope to the Executive Officer.

## Directed Distance Learning Courses in 2010

A Directed Distance Course has already started in Christchurch for Book 2 and the students are lucky to have two experienced Montessorians tutoring this book. Beverley Rose is taking the Maths section and Elaine Low will be teaching the Language section.

We will be offering a **Directed Distance Learning Course for Book 1** here in Christchurch in July 2010. If anyone is interested please contact Mary Stephen for enrolment.

## Revision of the Ministerial Module: Requirements and Expectations

The Ministerial Module course has undergone a revision due to the Ministry of Education changing the requirements in the sector during the last year or so. The DOPs (Desirable Operations and Practices) and the REGs (Regulations) have been replaced with "*Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education and Care Centres 2008 and Early Childhood Education Curriculum Framework*". We now have 6 booklets which comprise the Module course. The Trust is grateful to both Norah Fryer and Bobbie Kempthorne for their invaluable assistance in updating our textbooks. We have managed to produce the new Module booklets without any rise in course fees.

## Revision Book 1 in 2010

In 2010 we will be revising Book 1 – Theory Practical Life and Sensorial textbook, Marking Schedule and Tutor Answer Guide. If anyone has any recommendations they would like seen included please contact Vida Schurr. All recommendations will be considered please have these to Vida by 31 March 2010.

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## 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 small 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.

## Founder's Scholarship 2010

The Aperfield Montessori Trust has set up a Founder's completion scholarship which will enable students to finish their studies for the Aperfield Montessori Diploma in Early Childhood Education Level 5. The aim of the scholarship is to provide opportunities for Early Childhood educators who are up to Book 4, the Module or Workshop who would otherwise find it difficult financially to complete their training within the Montessori teaching method. The Trust is committed to equal opportunity practices and the scholarships will play a large part in allowing this to occur. Applicants must apply in writing with their re-enrolment form to: the Executive Officer. For full details on how to make the application, please contact [mary.stephen@extra.co.nz](mailto:mary.stephen@extra.co.nz)

## Aperfield Library

The Aperfield Montessori Trust has a collection of books, journals and videos which we make available on loan to all our Tutors or Students on request from the Administrator. A full list is available from Petra Marks, our Administrator: [mapetite@extra.co.nz](mailto:mapetite@extra.co.nz) or Ph: (03) 383-9235. The Terms of Borrowing are at very reasonable rates. Items can be borrowed for 4 weeks, free of charge. Students are to pay for the return postage only. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Library, we would be pleased to consider them.

## Tutor Self Evaluation / Professional Development Survey & End of Term Claim

This is a reminder to tutors who have yet to mail in their 2009 Professional Development Survey to do so at their earliest opportunity. Easter is not far away and the end of term. Please remember to submit your tutor claims at the end of Term 1. Many thanks for your assistance as the MOE return is due by the week end of April – early May. Have a Happy Easter!

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