



## Dear Parents

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Thank you for your interest in our Centre. The Centre is open from 8.00am - 4.30pm enabling families to access the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) from Centrelink. All families must register with Centrelink to receive any rebates from the government. Montessori Children's Centre McLaren Vale Provider/Reference Number is **407 327 546S**. Parents should contact Centrelink regarding the Childcare Benefit entitlement.

### **LICENSING CONDITIONS**

The Centre is licensed to accept children from the age of 2 for half day sessions only and children aged 3 and over for long or full day positions. Children who are toilet trained (or very close) can attend morning sessions.

### **PROGRAM**

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### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

Our Centre runs a mixed age range program with children ranging in age from 2 - 5 years old across the Centre. This authentic Montessori program allows the opportunity to offer an uninterrupted 3 hour work cycle from 9.00am - 12.00noon, combining indoor and outdoor activities. The mixed age range provides scaffolding for the younger children and an opportunity for older children to become mentors and leaders. This allows for the natural development of children's skills as they are free to move through the Montessori Curriculum at their own pace.

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- 2 years old - 2 half days
- 3-5 years old - 2 full days

To secure your place on our Waiting List please complete the Enrolment Application with a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 and return it to the Centre.

Thank you,

**AINSLEY ROSCROW & BERNIE JARVIS**  
*Directors*

**Montessori Children's Centre McLaren Vale**

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## OUR GOALS

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- ❖ To provide a safe, happy and stimulating pre-school experience for your child.
- ❖ To nurture the child's spontaneous and natural desire to learn.
- ❖ Foster independence and develop concentration.
- ❖ Promote positive self esteem.
- ❖ Provide challenging individual programs which build on child's strengths while respecting individuality.
- ❖ Build as sense of belonging and community.
- ❖ Encourage creativity.

## BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

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Montessori identified 3 developmental levels of self-control in young children.

1. 0-12 months the child is unable to control his will Parent must be responsible for his safety.
2. 1-5 years child is able to exercise self-control but not all the time. Needs flexibility, understanding and positive guidance.
3. 5+ child can and usually chooses to control his behaviour.

We believe that the most effective way to achieve socially appropriate behaviour is by consistent modelling of it. Positive behaviour is acknowledged with warmth and genuine appreciation, not praise or reward. Children are given many opportunities to practice socially appropriate behaviour with Montessori's grace and courtesy exercise.

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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This is done on an individual and respectful basis. Children are asked to identify inappropriate behaviour and reminded that we will not allow anyone to hurt them and we cannot allow them to hurt anyone either. Eye contact with the student is made and retained and strategies for regaining self-control discussed depending on age level of the child.

## ABOUT THE STAFF

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### LICENSEE/DIRECTOR

#### ***Ainsley Roscrow***

Ainsley holds a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor of Arts, an Advanced Diploma and Diploma of Montessori Studies and Diploma of Management. She has extensive experience with all levels of early childhood education and particular passion for nature play and Indigenous early childhood education.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

#### ***Bernie Jarvis***

Bernie holds a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, and Diploma in Management. Additionally, she has an Advanced Diploma and Diploma of Montessori Studies. She has extensive experience with all levels of early childhood education and particular passion for science and outdoor play.

### EDUCATORS

#### ***Indi Roscrow-Kreis***

#### ***Clio Brooke-Norris***

#### ***Kaitie Harris***

#### ***Aimee Shelton***

#### ***Shari Thiel***

#### ***Catherine Lucas***

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

#### ***Sharon Middleton***

## MONTESSORI METHOD OF EDUCATION

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Maria Montessori was born in Chiaravalle, Italy 31st August, 1870. She was the first woman in Italy to attend medical school and later completed Education, Philosophy and Anthropology degrees.

In 1900 she was appointed Director of League Orthophrenic School which was a practice demonstration school for care and education of deficient children. In 1907 she established the first Casa dei Bambini (*House of Children*). From 1913 - 1914 international training courses opened with Montessori as director. Montessori spent the years from 1913 until her death touring and lecturing extensively the Montessori method of education. Her work now primarily involved teacher training all over the world. In 1936 she established her home in Holland. In 1939 Montessori visited India to present speech to the World Fellowship of Faith. She remained in India until the end of the war and in 1949, 1950 and 1951 was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr Montessori died in Holland in 1952.

# MONTESSORI PHILOSOPHY 0 - 6 YEARS

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## *The Absorbent Mind*

- Montessori believed that an infant possesses the capacity to absorb his environment simply by being in it. She used the way he learns to speak as an example of this.
- She believed that the first three years are those of unconscious absorption. We don't know that the child has been absorbing things from the environment until he brings them to a conscious level or says his first word.
- All of a baby's impressions are registered by his senses. The child touches everything, examines it minutely and puts it in his mouth.

## *Conscious Level*

From about the age of three the child brings what he has already absorbed and continues to absorb to a conscious level. He now begins to classify his impressions. eg. Colour red into shades of red.

This sub stage, which lasts until about the age of six, is characterized by the acquisition of language and the mastery of physical movements.

The toddler becomes a sprinter capable of challenging any Olympic athlete. The babbling child conducts meaningful conversations and indulges in reality based pretend play!

## *Sensitive Periods for Learning*

Montessori believed that there are sensitive periods for learning things in which the child will learn effortlessly. Once they have passed the learning can still be done but it is with effort only. These are now known as windows of opportunity and her observations are backed up by recent brain research findings.

From zero to six years the child is sensitive to order, acquiring language, walking, social aspects of life, small objects and learning through the senses.

Montessori concluded from her observations that:-

- The child wants to learn.
- The child has an innate tendency to explore.
- He wants to choose it and do it for himself.
- He learns through his senses.
- The hand is the instrument of the brain.
- He wants to do what we do and use the same things we use.
- He is fascinated by small objects.
- He likes things to be orderly and beautiful.
- He wants a chance to practice things.
- He wants to do it right.
- Practice makes permanent.
- He is interested in his social group.

The Montessori Pre-School and Transition classrooms are prepared to allow the child to follow these special sensitivities.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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Children are welcomed individually before choosing activities alone, with friends or with guidance from the teachers. They snack when they are hungry and assist in the cleaning up of their indoor and outdoor environments. A formal Greeting Circle followed by calendar routines is held at the beginning of the morning work period. A Closing Circle with music and movement activities followed by a formal farewell ends their day.

During their work period children choose from the 5 main Montessori classroom areas. They often begin in the practical life and sensorial areas where they refine their independent living skills using activities to sort and classify as well as refining their fine motor skills with the activities of spooning, tongs and tweezers. Educators will introduce the language, mathematical and cultural materials to them as they show interest in these areas. Montessori always adopts a concrete approach, i.e. sandpaper letters, before moving into more abstract areas like word building and reading.

The Montessori curriculum is rich, varied and stimulating and at the Centre staff may choose a different focus study each term to enable children to explore areas in depth.



## Session Details and Fees 2021

### HALF DAY SESSIONS

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 12.00noon*

Fixed fee \$52.00 per morning

Plus Amenities Fee (per term) - \$15.00

### FULL DAY SESSIONS

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm*

Fixed fee per full day session (3 years and over) - \$100.00

Plus Amenities Fee (per term) - \$25.00

### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00 - 8.30am*

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm*

Included in session charges

Please ensure staff are aware when your child will be arriving early or staying late for staffing purposes.

### COMPULSORY UNIFORM FEE

\$25.00 - includes a Montessori monogrammed sunsafe, wide brim hat and a polo shirt.

Subsequent uniform can be purchased from the Office:-

*Hats* - \$15.00

*Polo Shirts(long and short sleeve)* - \$20.00

*Fleece Vests* - \$25.00

*Hoodies* - \$25.00

*Fees are due and payable in 7 days.*

*Bond of \$100.00 and 1 Week Full Fees applies at Enrolment.*

<b>Office use only</b>	
Date reg.	_____
App Fee paid	Y / N
Cash / EFT / INT	

## ENROLMENT APPLICATION

Please complete this form and return to the Centre as soon as possible to ensure your child is placed on our Waiting List. A **\$50.00** non refundable Application Fee made out to the Centre must accompany this form.

Child's Name *(last)* \_\_\_\_\_ *(first)* \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names *Parent 1* \_\_\_\_\_ *Parent 2* \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Dates of Birth *Parent 1* \_\_\_\_\_ *Parent 2* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone *(Home)* \_\_\_\_\_ *(Work)* \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick preferred choice/s*

**Transition**

8.30am - 12.00noon    Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

**Pre-School**

8.30am - 3.30pm    Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

**Before Session Program**    8.00 - 8.30am \_\_\_\_\_

**After Session Program**    3.30 - 4.30pm \_\_\_\_\_

When my child is eligible to attend Kindergarten, I intend to use:-

Montessori as a Kindy.     both Montessori and the local Kindy.     the local Kindy only.

When would you like your child to begin? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had or do you currently have other children at our Centre? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special considerations or special needs for your child of which we should be aware? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about our Centre? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for your application. We will now enter your child's name on our Waiting List and contact you again closer to your preferred starting date. Please note that while we endeavour to accommodate all children positions are not guaranteed as placements depend on spaces available. Your \$50.00 application fee is non-refundable and covers administration costs except in instances where the program is not available. Payment can either be made into the Montessori Bank Account (BSB: 065 169 Account: 1011 6421) or by cash or credit card.*