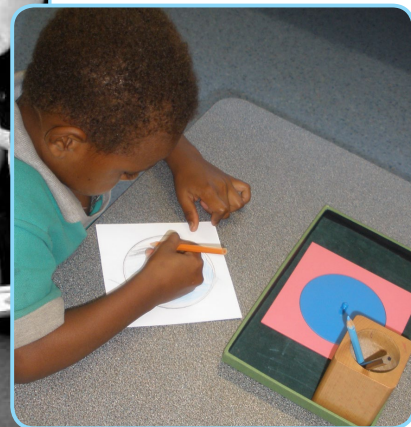


MONTESSORI IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORUM

Sharing History, Practice and Innovation

Friday and Saturday, 1 and 2 May 2015
Mitcham Primary School, 294 Mitcham Road Mitcham, Victoria



The Montessori in Public Schools Forum represents the first opportunity of its kind for educators working in (or interested in developing) public Montessori programmes, to come together to share insights and experiences. The forum will take place at Mitcham Primary School, Mitcham, Victoria.

We will briefly revisit the central principles which guide our work with children in Montessori programmes. There will be an opportunity to tour the Montessori programme at Mitcham Primary School, and to contribute to the refinement of MAF's plans for support and development of Montessori in public education.

Participants will explore areas of practice and administration as they relate to the development and delivery of public Montessori programmes. Facilitated sessions will include short question-raising presentations from participants, and expand to group discussions.

We ask that all participants come ready and willing to share their insights and experiences, successes and challenges.

MONTESSORI IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORUM SHARING HISTORY, PRACTICE AND INNOVATION SCHEDULE

DAY ONE: FRIDAY 1 MAY 2015

10:00am – 10:30am	Registration & Coffee
10:30am – 10:40am	Welcome and Agenda Setting
10:40am – 11:15am	Keynote Address: Principles of the Montessori Prepared Environment – Amy Kirkham, AMI 3-6 Director of Training Montessori practice in any setting is underpinned by principles, which inform how the environment is prepared. Using the core principles of the Montessori Quality Assurance Programme, we will explore how these principles translate into practice.
11:15am – 12:45pm	Case Study: Mitcham Primary School – Montessori Programme The Montessori Programme at Mitcham Primary School commenced in 2004. In 2015, the programme's 12th year of operation, there are three Cycle 2 classes and two Cycle 3 classes. The school's leadership and the Montessori staff team will provide participants with a tour of the Montessori programme. The tour will also include time for questions.
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm – 3:00pm	BREAKOUT SESSION: A Break out sessions will provide a detailed focus upon aspects of Montessori practice or programme administration. Option 1A – Multi-aged Groupings – Facilitators: Judith Ryall and Anne Cole (Mitcham Primary School, VIC) Option 2A – Montessori 0-3 and 3-6 Programmes – Facilitators: Katie Denzin (TSIREC) and Kay Boulden (MCF); and Carol Chainey (Karingal Primary School, VIC)
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm – 5:00pm	BREAKOUT SESSION: B Option 1B – The 3 Hour Work Cycle – Facilitator: Ivey Panicker (Karingal Primary School, VIC) Option 2B – Teacher recruitment and development – Facilitator: Peter Hutton (Templestowe College, VIC)
5:00pm	Close
5:15pm	Transport to Beau Monde International Hotel, Doncaster East
7:00pm	Pre-dinner drinks, Beau Monde International Hotel, Doncaster East
7:30pm	Reception Dinner, Beau Monde International Hotel, Doncaster East



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DAY TWO: SATURDAY 2 MAY 2015

8:30am

Transport to Mitcham Primary School from Beau Monde International Hotel, Doncaster East

9:00am – 10:30am

Montessori in Public Schools – A Three Way Partnership – Kay Boulden (Montessori Children's Foundation) and Victoria Marshall-Cerins (Montessori Public Schools Australia, MAF)

Tagai State College and the Torres Strait Islanders Regional Education Council (TSIREC) established a formal learning partnership in 2009 with the Montessori Children's Foundation in order to develop publicly funded Montessori programmes for the children of the Torres Strait. Similar partnerships between MCF and public education and early childhood services are being developed in remote Aboriginal communities seeking better educational experiences for their children.

The Montessori Australia Foundation (MAF) is the peak body supporting Montessori schools and centres in Australia. MAF aims to serve public schools aspiring to develop new Montessori programmes, as an effective pedagogical partner, focused upon supporting the training of local people and establishing robust systems of quality control.

10:30am – 11:00am

Morning Tea

11:00am – 12:30pm

BREAKOUT SESSION: C

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Option 1C – Enrolment pressure points

– Facilitators: Deidre Carroll and Jenny Cavallaro (Para Hills West Primary School, SA)

Option 2C – Introducing classroom assistants – Facilitator: Steve French (Templestowe College, VIC)

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 3:00pm

BREAKOUT SESSION: D

Option 1D – Implementing the Montessori National Curriculum

– Facilitators: Judith Ryall and Anne Cole (Mitcham Primary School, VIC)

Option 2D – Working with parents – Facilitator: Kay Boulden (Montessori Children's Foundation)

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Afternoon Tea

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Road Map to Support and Development of the Sector



MONTESSORI IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORUM SHARING HISTORY, PRACTICE AND INNOVATION VENUE & REGISTRATION

VENUE

Mitcham Primary School, Mitcham, Victoria is a local public primary school serving around 430 children, and was established in the 1800s. It is located 26km east of Melbourne's city centre.

In 2004, the school commenced a unique learning and teaching initiative offering parents a choice of Montessori education. In 2015, the programme has three Montessori Cycle 2 classes (Grades 1-3) and two Cycle 3 classes (Grades 4-6).

The Montessori classes are co-located with mainstream classes in a new classroom block, with internal flexible learning spaces and classroom access to an outdoor learning area.

ACCOMMODATION

Beau Monde International Hotel, 934 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East, VIC 3109

A special room rate of \$160 per person per night, has been secured for participants of the MAF Montessori Public Schools Forum at the Beau Monde International Hotel in Doncaster East. Transfers between this hotel and Mitcham Primary School will be provided to participants free of charge. Please contact the hotel directly on (03) 9841 9744 or online at reception@beaumonde.com.au, to make your booking and quote our reference: 'Montessori'.

REGISTER ONLINE at montessoriaustralia.org.au or fill in and return the form below

RATES	EARLY BIRD*	REGULAR
<input type="checkbox"/> Montessori in Public Schools Forum	\$160	\$200
Will you attend the Conference Reception? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No \$55 per head, includes pre-dinner canapés and 3 course meal.	Includes lunches, morning and afternoon tea	

BREAK OUT SESSION PREFERENCES:

Please indicate your preference of Option 1 or 2 for each break out session.

SESSION A:	Option 1A. Multi-aged Groupings	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Option 2A. Montessori 0-3 and 3-6 Programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>
SESSION B:	Option 1B. The 3 hour Work Cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Option 2B. Teacher Recruitment and Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
SESSION C:	Option 1C. Enrolment Pressure Points	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Option 2C. Introducing Classroom Assistants	<input type="checkbox"/>
SESSION D:	Option 1D. Implementing the Montessori National Curriculum	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Option 2D. Working with Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 24 APRIL 2015

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