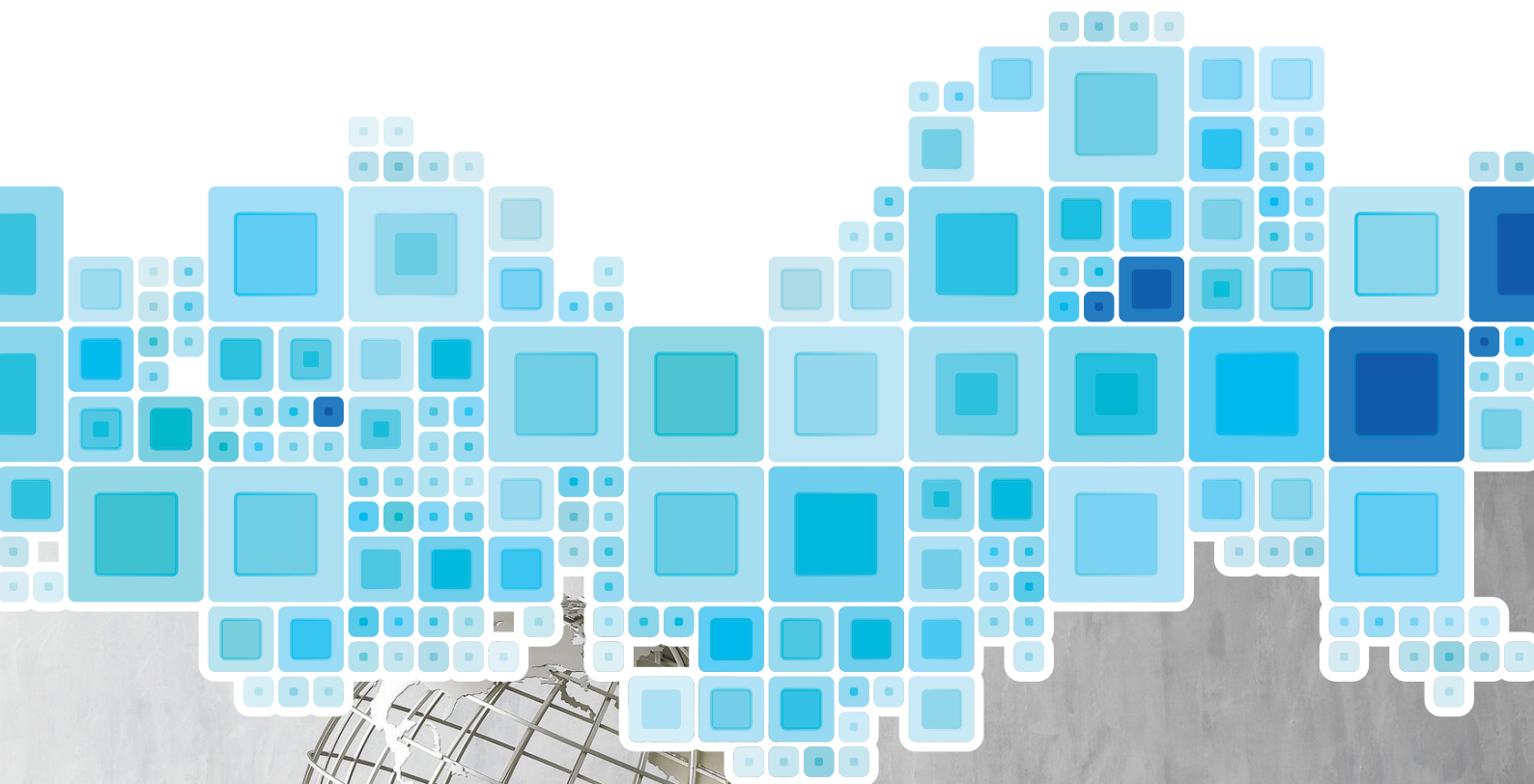




MONTESSORI WHOLE SCHOOL REFRESHER

Friday & Saturday, 9 & 10 June 2017
Novotel Brighton Beach



Montessori for Everyone



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OPENING CONFERENCE SESSION

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The Whole School Refresher will open with a plenary conference session for all participants. Focussing on Montessori for Everyone, each presenter will give a short keynote address, together providing an overview of the topic from birth to adulthood. A brief Montessori Australia update will also be provided.

0-3 WORKSHOP – SARAH MOUDRY

Building Community

Dr. Montessori understood the importance of building a sense of community even with the youngest children. We will explore the many ways we prepare young children to embrace diversity, work through conflict, and live in harmony with one another. Building community in our schools starts in our environments with children, expands to their parents, and then beyond. It is how our work extends to reach more families. The importance of a sense of responsibility to one's community can not be overlooked as we inspire new generations of community leaders.

We will discuss:

- The role of community
- How children build community
- How we as teachers and guides help children build community
- Positive conflict resolution for children before three
- How we include parents in the school community

3-6 WORKSHOP – SARAH WERNER ANDREWS

Exploration and Self-Construction

It is well known that children learn best through experimental interaction with their environment – in other words, through exploration. Yet for teachers, exploration is often uncomfortable, messy, and asks us to question what we see and understand. During this workshop, we will unpack the power of “exploration”, as we re-imagine how we inspire curiosity, cultivate excitement and joy in learning, and embrace the self-reflection and humility central to our work as “Guides”.

Sessions include:

- The Adult's Role in Supporting Exploration
- Sensorial Exploration
- Joyful Exploration
- Exploring Social Experience
- Exploring Communication
- The Playful Side of Mathematics

6-12 WORKSHOP – JAMIE RUE

Freedom and Responsibility without Chaos and Penalty

How can we help all children to develop tools to support their emerging freedom and responsibility? How do we avoid turning freedom and responsibility into a system of reward and punishment? Sometimes freedom and responsibility can seem an impossible ideal in a Montessori 6-12 environment. In this workshop, we will affirm our trust in children's capacity for freedom and responsibility. After re-examining what Dr. Montessori meant by these foundational concepts, participants will develop clear and practical strategies for nurturing freedom and responsibility in all children in all areas of the classroom.

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ADOLESCENT WORKSHOP – JAMES MOUDRY & JAN GAFFNEY

Friday - Serving Teens

Have you prepared yourself to be interpersonally effective in your work with teenagers? The role of service to adolescent development is complex and not easy to master. Adolescent psychology demands a steady adult guide and a thoughtful model for the students to build their individual personalities. In this workshop we'll look at case studies to reveal best practices based on Montessori's pedagogy. Attendees will take away concrete, positive examples of how to be effective in working with teenagers. Participants will have the opportunity to share cases from their own experiences.

Saturday - Montessori for Every Adolescent

Dr Montessori stated when discussing the prepared environment for the adolescent, that children with special needs "...may be admitted to the school with the certainty that they will benefit and show real improvement." From Childhood to Adolescence

The fundamental principle of observation of the individual makes the Montessori method of education one that is uniquely suited to all children.

But how do we make an adolescent program really work for all young people?

Through a combination of presentations, experiential activities, brainstorming and sharing we will cover the following topics:

- Creating Authentic Inclusive Community
- Everyone Matters
- Designing Individual Learning Plans
- Collaborating with Parents and Professionals
- Challenging Learning Styles and Behaviours

ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP – NICK STOCCO & JAMES MOUDRY

School Leadership Boot Camp: A Case Study Approach

It's hard to be a school leader! We need friends and colleagues to help us get through the tough patches. We also need some tried and true resources that we can lean on in our times of need. How many different hats do you wear? Are you an expert at all of them? Any of them? How can you be an inspirational leader, an expert budgeter, a good listener to four-year olds, a patient problem-solver for 44-year olds, a crisis manager, a lunch server, and an on-call janitor all in a single day? Let's spend some time together talking about the good, the bad, and the ridiculous roles and expectations of being a modern school leader. We'll tackle real-world cases (bring yours!) and hear from veteran school leaders about how to do your best with what you have. This workshop is perfect for novice and veteran administrators from schools of all sizes.

ASSISTANT WORKSHOP (FRIDAY ONLY) – KAY URQUHART

A Workshop for Montessori Assistants

This will be a practical workshop where participants will actively engage in developing techniques, strategies and skills for initiating and managing small group presentations that support the work of the Guide and enrich the learning experience for the child. We will discuss the important role the Assistant plays in role modelling and supporting the greater principles of personal responsibility and good citizenship in the shared community that is the Children's House.

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Friday, 9 June 2017

8:30am - 9:00am	Registration
9:00am - 11:00am	Opening and Combined Conference Session
11:00am - 11:30am	Break
11:30am - 12:45pm	Workshop Session
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 3:15	Workshop Session
3:15pm - 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm - 5:00pm	Workshop Session

5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Refresher Reception Party
Celebrating 10 Years of MAF**



Saturday, 10 June 2017

9:00am - 10:30am	Workshop Session
10:30am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:30pm	Workshop Session
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 3:15pm	Workshop Session
3:15pm - 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm - 5:00pm	Workshop Session



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MONTESSORI WHOLE SCHOOL REFRESHER SPECIAL EVENT

REFRESHER RECEPTION PARTY- CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

This year's Refresher Reception Party will be a special celebration to mark 10 years of the Montessori Australia Foundation. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for our **10 year anniversary party**. We'll be catering for supper and drinks so be sure to check the box on the registration form to let us know you'll be there.

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10
Years

ACCOMMODATION



VENUE Novotel Brighton Beach offers resort style surroundings and overlooks the white sandy beaches of Botany Bay, yet is only 20 minutes from central Sydney and just 5 minutes from Sydney Airport. Novotel Brighton Beach offers a wide variety of facilities including landscaped outdoor swimming pool, indoor pool, steam room, large modern gymnasium, restaurant and bar, Day Spa and Health Centre.

Address: Cnr The Grand Parade and Princess Street, Brighton-le-Sands NSW

Phone: (02) 9556 5111

Website: novotelbrightonbeach.com.au

Email: H1656@accor.com

Parking: Three levels of secure undercover parking is located off Princess Street, special guest rates apply of \$15.00 per car per day (12 hours) or \$25.00 per car per night.

ACCOMMODATION A discounted rate of \$219 for a standard king room on the Friday and Saturday evenings has been negotiated for conference delegates. Please call 02 9556 5111 and **quote MON090617 when booking with the hotel** to secure this rate. Available until Thursday, 18 May 2017.

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SPEAKERS



JAMES MOUDRY is an advocate for responsive education for children of all ages. He concentrates on professional development and personal transformation for adults working with children. His focus is on supporting professionals serving teenagers in school environments. James has worked in adolescent programs as an administrator, faculty member, and athletic coach. He presents on adolescent program design and community-centered education nationally and internationally including at NAMTAs colloquia and Montessori Orientation to Adolescent Studies. His current position is High School Director at The Post Oak School in Houston, Texas. He also serves on the Board of the Montessori Administrators Association and as a member of the AMI Global Research Group.



SARAH MOUDRY Sarah received her AMI Assistants to Infancy Training at The Montessori Institute in Denver, Colorado and her AMI Primary Training at the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota. She holds a M.Ed. in Montessori Education and a B.A. in Environment, Textiles, and Design and is an Interior Design Society Professional. Sarah is the author of many books and educational videos and keeps a blog about parenting and Montessori education and interior design at www.familyfriendlyhome.com. She is also the founder of Studio June, an active parent and child learning environment offering weekly classes and workshops for families (www.thestudiojune.com (<http://www.thestudiojune.com>)). As a Parent Education and Early Childhood Consultant, Sarah helps parents take a developmental approach to parenting and see their homes as learning environments. She draws on her experience as a designer, educator, and mother of three to inspire parents to see their child's potential and find their own comfort in parenting.



JAMIE RUE is the Director of Elementary Training at Washington Montessori Institute at Loyola University Maryland. She began her Montessori career as an elementary assistant. During her ten years teaching in Montessori elementary classrooms, she served as a guide for children aged 6-9, 9-12, and 6-12. She holds AMI Primary and Elementary diplomas, and earned a B.A. in English and Religion from Augustana College (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and an M.Ed. from Loyola University Maryland. Jamie currently serves as treasurer on the AMI/USA Board of Directors and is a past vice-chair/treasurer of the AMI Elementary Alumni Association. Jamie presents at workshops and conferences around the world, but is happiest when at home with her husband and two teenage daughters.



NICK STOCO At one point or another, and often at the same time, Nick Stocco has been a Montessori child, student, aide, assistant, guide, administrator, trustee, parent, peddler, mentor, and advocate. Currently, he is the Program Director for Alder Montessori, a tuition-free, early learning environment for children living in poverty, in Portland, Oregon. He has also served as Communications Director for Montessori Northwest since 2014. Nick has 10 years experience as a Primary Guide and seven as a Head of School. He is an active member of the Montessori Administrators Association, having served on its Board of Trustees and as Membership Coordinator. In his free time, Nick enjoys running in the woods, eating mashed potatoes, and rockhounding with his 10 year old son.

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KAY URQUHART received her AMI 3-6 Diploma in 2000 from the Australian Montessori Teacher Education Foundation (AMTEF). She holds a degree in teaching from the University of NSW. Kay is a Directress at Montessori East Bondi, and is currently undertaking Part 2 of the Training of Trainers program with the Australia Centre for Montessori Studies under the guidance of AMI Director of Training Pamela Nunn.



JAN GAFFNEY discovered Montessori while searching for something for her oldest child. Many years later, she is still grateful to the friend who suggested she visit the local Montessori preschool. She is a passionate advocate of the Montessori philosophy and of the power it has to change lives. Her quest for learning has seen her undertake Montessori training that allows her to work with children aged from 3 to 18, which comes in handy as she is principal of Wa Ora Montessori School, which currently has about 380 children from birth to 18. The High School started in 2009 with eight 12 year olds. Eight years later it has grown to 99 students between the ages of 12 and 18 and has sent three years of graduates into the big wide world. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with family, sleeping in, and having new adventures.



SARAH WERNER ANDREWS is an AMI Trainer, consultant, examiner, and presenter at local, national, and international conferences. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance, an M.Ed. from Loyola University, AMI Primary and Elementary diplomas and is an Oregon Registry Master Trainer. Sarah began her work in Montessori education in 1987, with many years teaching experience at both the primary and elementary levels, as well as experience in administration. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Montessori Association and Montessori Northwest, and is a recipient of the Susie Huston Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching. She and her husband, Dave, have lived in Portland since 1991, and have two teenage sons, Julian and Evan, who are great reminders to listen, keep learning, and not take life too seriously. Sarah enjoys botany, music, croissants, a great book, historical documentaries, and the amazing story of the Bretz Floods.



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REGISTER online at www.montessori.org.au or fill in and return the form below

RATES (including Refresher Reception Party)	SUBSCRIBERS*	NON-SUBSCRIBERS
2 day Whole School Refresher	<input type="checkbox"/> \$570	<input type="checkbox"/> \$760
1 day Whole School Refresher - Assistant Workshop only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
Special distance discount available to Western Australian delegates	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% discount	

SELECT YOUR WORKSHOP:

Tick one only: ☐ 0-3 ☐ 3-6 ☐ 6-12 ☐ Adolescent ☐ Administrator ☐ Assistant (Friday only)

REFRESHER RECEPTION PARTY - PARTY CELEBRATING 10 YEARS:

The price includes the Refresher Reception Party. Please **confirm** if you will be attending for catering numbers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

* Discounted rates for Montessori Australia Individual Subscribers or Staff and Parents of School/Centre Subscribers.

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