



# MONTESSORI WHOLE SCHOOL REFRESHER

Friday & Saturday, 8-9 June 2018  
Novotel Brighton Beach, Sydney NSW



*Montessori Work and Play*



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## OPENING CONFERENCE SESSION

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### **Montessori Work and Play**

The Montessori Whole School Refresher provides Montessori educators and administrators with professional development and network opportunities. Held in Sydney and attended by around 200 delegates, the Refresher opens with a plenary session, hosted by Pamela Nunn, followed by separate workshops for each educator level. The workshops this year are:

## 0-3 WORKSHOP – SHARLYN SMITH

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### **Montessori Toys and How To Play With Babies**

At the level of the assistants to infancy we always say that the stimulation for movement/exploration comes from the external environment while the desire to move and to explore comes from within; internal motivation. We'll spend time over the two day workshop looking at the preparation of both the tangible and intangible environments. We will focus on the role of beauty in inspiring the interest of the very young child; internal motivation stimulated by the natural beauty found in the everyday world. We'll discuss the idea of beauty and the influence that beauty, in all its natural and universal human forms, has on the construction of the personality. We'll look at how to prepare beautiful physical and psychological environments that best support the natural flourishing of the whole human personality; including kindness, empathy, and stability in both physical and psychological capacities of both the body and mind.

## 3-6 WORKSHOP – UMA RAMANI

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### **Mathematics in the Casa? It's Child's Play!**

With simplicity and clarity, the Montessori math materials bring the foundations of math to the young child. Memory Game, Change Game, Snake Game, Stamp Game, Dot Game – the spirit of play is inherent in the math activities in the Casa. Over and over in her writings, Dr Montessori describes the children's joy in the exercises with the math materials. In this spirit of joyful discovery, we will explore Montessori math materials and activities in the context of current understanding of how children develop their number sense and how the human mind processes mathematical concepts. We will leave with a deeper appreciation for the careful structure that makes mathematics in the Casa 'child's play'.

## 6-12 WORKSHOP – CAROL HICKS

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### **Air and Water: Explorations of Our Vital Earth**

Dr Montessori considered air and water to be two vital elements in our world. Not only is air essential to life, but it also moves across the earth, transforming the terrain, dispersing plants, stirring up the seas, and carrying water across the land. We know that water is also essential for life and it too rearranges the topography, cutting into the land and depositing the earth far from its origins. To understand the work of air and the work of water, we also need to look at the three states of matter and examine some essential characteristics of elements in general. We will explore once again the stories, demonstrations, and work charts that lead the children to understanding these two vital elements and their work. We will investigate the cosmic connections that water and air have with other aspects of life on earth, and we will look at further work children in both the six to nine and the nine to twelve classes may pursue.

## ADOLESCENT WORKSHOP – MIKE WASKI

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### **Montessori Math for Adolescents**

When many people think of math class, they think of a boring, dry, disconnected subject full of arbitrary rules and procedures. But math class doesn't have to be that way! Math should be engaging, dynamic, applicable, and a lot of fun. This can happen in a Montessori environment, when students have both freedom and engaging work. In this workshop, we'll talk about different aspects of an adolescent Montessori math program including the right use of Montessori materials for this plane of development, using math history to engage students, the math seminar and its approach to problem solving, integrating math across the disciplines, and creating a structure and work that empowers the adolescent. We will also be sharing activities and projects that can be readily implemented in any classroom.

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## Friday, 8 June 2018

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**



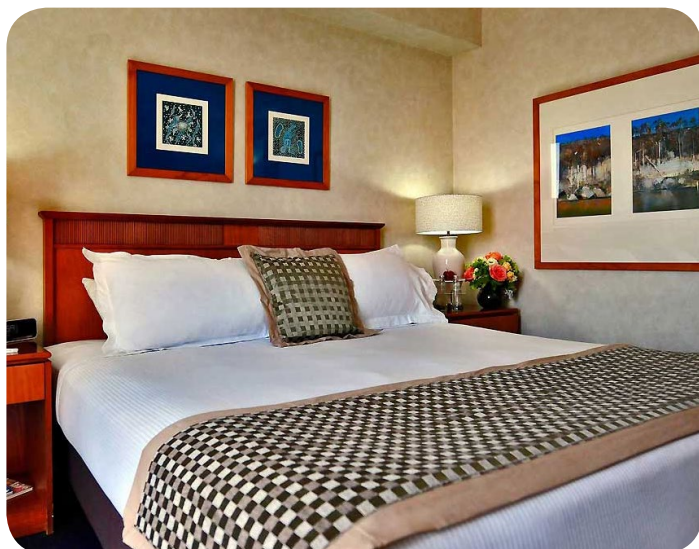
## Saturday, 9 June 2018

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 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.

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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 \$229 per night for a Standard Room, and \$259 per night for a Bayview Suite on the Friday and Saturday evenings has been negotiated for conference delegates.

Full Buffet breakfast available for a special rate of \$25.00 per person per day.

Please call 02 9556 5111 and **quote MAF080618 when booking with the hotel** to secure this rate (rates and room types are subject to availability at the time of booking). Delegates will have to provide a credit card upon booking. Available until Friday, 18 May 2018.



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## SPEAKERS



**CHRISTINE HARRISON** has been involved in Montessori education since 1985 and was Principal of the Canberra Montessori School, one of the largest Montessori schools in Australia, for over ten years. She is the founding Chair of the Montessori Australia Foundation and was Chair of the Association of Independent Schools in the ACT and on the Board of the Independent Schools Council of Australia. Christine has been involved in policy development, compliance, student care, curriculum development and educational leadership in schools and has a background in mediation, conflict resolution, adult education and a particular interest in governance in community organisations. She is President of the Montessori Australia Foundation and senior consultant for its divisions Montessori Early Childhood Australia (MECA) and Montessori Centre Management Australia (MCMA).



**CAROL HICKS** holds both primary and elementary AMI diplomas and earned a B.A. in history with a minor in elementary education from Marquette University. Carol is an AMI elementary trainer, consultant and examiner and is the past chair of the AMI/EAA. Carol has 14 years of teaching experience at the elementary level in both public and private Montessori schools and served eight years as a program coordinator in the Milwaukee Public Schools. She is currently the director of training at the Washington Montessori Institute at Loyola University in Columbia, Maryland.



**PAM NUNN** has worked in the field of education for young children for 30 years and is an AMI 3-6 Teacher Trainer for the Australian Centre for Montessori Studies (ACMS). She holds a Diploma in Early Childhood Education (South Australia) and gained her AMI (3-6) Diploma at the Sydney Montessori Teachers College in 1990. Since moving on from Montessori classrooms, Pam has been involved with professional development of Montessori teachers through workshops and national conferences in Australia and run course in Australia, Vietnam, Thailand, and New Zealand. She has been the AMI Examiner for courses in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, China, Japan, Finland and UK. She is a Board member of both the Montessori Children's Foundation and Montessori Australia Foundation. Pam is on the council and a mentor for the Montessori Quality Assurance Programme. In 2010 she was appointed as a member of the AMI Training Group.



**UMA RAMANI** was born and raised in India and now lives and works in the USA. She holds AMI diplomas at both 3-6 and 6-12 levels. She is currently Director of Training (3-6) at the Montessori Institute of North Texas in Dallas. After several years in the classroom, Uma joined the Annie Fisher Montessori Magnet School in Hartford, Connecticut, helping to lay the foundations for a fully implemented Montessori programme in a public school setting. She has served as consultant to the Elm City Montessori School, a charter school started by a coalition of parents to serve the children of New Haven, Connecticut. She enjoys communicating Montessori principles to diverse groups of adults in various settings and she looks forward to further expanding her work under the EsF umbrella.



**SHARLYN SMITH** is an international trainer, presenter and AMI examiner, lives in Juneau Alaska. She holds AMI diplomas at both the 0-3 and 3-6 levels and has more than 25 years of classroom experience as well as having been a Head of School. She earned B.A. degrees in Japanese Language and Literature and International Affairs from the University of Colorado and holds a M.Ed. in Montessori Education from Loyola University. Sharlyn enjoys spending time outside; hiking with her dog, Piper, scuba diving and snowboarding. She spends her free time traveling with her partner, John Erben and daughter Rachel.



**MIKE WASAKI** is a math teacher at Montessori High School at University Circle in Cleveland, Ohio. He holds the AMI elementary diploma from Bergamo, Italy, a BS from Kent State University (OH), and an MA in educational administration from California State University, San Bernardino. Michael has been teaching for fifteen years, eleven of which have been at the adolescent level. In addition, Mike is a member of the visiting faculty on the AMI Montessori Orientation to Adolescent Studies course as well as a frequent NAMTA presenter. If you have been fortunate enough to see him speak, you know that his passion for math is infectious and his knowledge of how to teach it inspiring. Mike is also the author of *Montessori Algebra for the Adolescent*, truly the holy grail of advanced math for the adolescent.

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# MONTESSORI WHOLE SCHOOL REFRESHER REGISTRATION



**REGISTER** online at [www.montessori.org.au](http://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"/> \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> \$800
Special distance discount available to <b>Western Australian delegates</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% discount	

## SELECT YOUR WORKSHOP:

Tick one only: ☐ 0-3 ☐ 3-6 ☐ 6-12 ☐ Adolescent

## REFRESHER RECEPTION

The price includes the Refresher Reception. 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.

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 28 MAY 2018**  
LATE BOOKING FEE OF \$20 APPLIES THEREAFTER, PLACES PERMITTING

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