



Our Mission

To provide a Montessori environment in which the needs of the whole child are met in a nurturing, safe and caring school, by encouraging independence, mutual respect and self-discipline so that students are prepared to take their place in the global community.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 29 August
Open Day

Thursday 30 August
Community Spirit Spring Fair

Monday 3 - 5 September
Lower & Upper Primary Camp

Monday 3 - September
AP Exhibitions Commence

Thursday 6-9 September
**Meeting in the Middle
AP Forum**

Tuesday 11 September
Music Concert

Friday 14 September
**Whole School Meeting
Year 12 Graduations**



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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Vanessa Aikins

The sun shone on our Pedal Prix team on Sunday at the Busselton foreshore. I am delighted that all students improved their lap times from last year and we also had Jayden who transitioned from the Upper Primary this term join us to add his muscle power to our team. Thank you Tony and our team captain Lewis, for your commitment to this fun event and I look forward to being part of the training squad for next year.

Well we certainly have a busy remainder of the term ahead of us. We have our Senior School Formal at Aqua in Hillarys this Friday night and we would like to thank the students from Treetops Montessori School for arranging this event for the four WA Montessori Schools who have Senior School students. Our end of term school meeting on 14 September will be a very special event where we will see the graduation of our year twelve students.

Our Community Spirit parent body is busily preparing for the Spring Fair that will take place on 30 August from 3pm until 6pm. This will be a fun event for all ages, it is designed to be interactive and we would love to see everyone there. If you have not yet put forward your name to hold a stall to promote your family's business or services, you can still link in to this

event either by the [RMS Community Spirit](#) Facebook page or page or through reception@rms.wa.edu.au.

Maria Montessori's birthday is 31 August 1870, how old does this make her? We will be celebrating this event by having the children make Italian pizzas for lunch. We will be discussing with the children the significance of Dr Montessori's contributions to children across the world and also to humanity. Our Lower and Upper Primary children are getting very excited as their Week 8 Woodman Point camp gets closer. This is the first time we have held a joint camp and we would like families' feedback on whether they would prefer to have this event separate or combined in the future. I would like to thank all of the parents who put their names forward to support the camp and Asti will shortly be advising which parents will be needed for this event.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, RMS is hosting the Meeting in the Middle forum from the 6 – 9 September. Registrations are now closed for this event and I am delighted that we have teachers and support staff from Rockingham Montessori, Beehive Montessori, Perth Individual School, The Montessori School, Treetops Montessori School who are all hosting a component of this WA event and we will be joined by Melbourne Montessori, Elonera Montessori (NSW), Brisbane Montessori, The Hills Montessori (SA), Southern Montessori (SA), Wa Ora Montessori (NZ) and Jakarta Montessori. This will be a fantastic opportunity for professional development and networking for our Adolescent Program and Upper Primary staff. I would particularly like to thank Deb Bird our wonderful receptionist in the Adolescent Program for all her work in preparation for this international event that our school has initiated and brought to fruition.

This year we have had several of our assistants and parents undertake training through the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) 3 – 6 years Education Assistants course. RMS has hosted this training and our staff have been joined by participants from all over the nation and also international Montessori schools. The course has run over a two week block, with the first week taking place in the July holidays and the final week taking place in these September holidays. Throughout this term, participants have undertaken nine hours of observations in Children's House classes within a range of Western Australian Montessori Schools, completed three assignments mainly focused around child development, studied various pieces of Montessori equipment and undertaken practical tasks through their current roles in our classrooms. Next term the focus will be on the making of Montessori materials.

RMS is committed to having excellent staff who are fully trained to support the learning of each one of our children, ensuring they have an outstanding educational experience each and every day. We are also committed to providing a thriving and exciting school community and we urge you to get involved in the Community Spirit activities to provide a wonderful model for your child/ren in being an active member of their community.



ROCKINGHAM
Montessori SCHOOL

Administration News

Dental Bus

It has been fantastic to see such interest in the new Dental Bus program we have recently made available. Oz Dental have given us an extension and we are able to still accept forms for families to take advantage of this valuable service until **August 31st**. We require 50 children who are interested in this service to go ahead. At this point we are 9 children short of this target. Please contact reception@rms.wa.edu.au to notify us of your interest (if you have not done so already) to enable this to go ahead.

Please see [page](#) 10 for further information.

Dogs onsite

At different times various animals are brought to school as part of class activities. Unfortunately we are unable to manage animals that are brought to site by families without prior notice. If you must bring your dog to school please leave it outside of school grounds, preferably on the grassed area to the Paterson Road side of the school.



Playgroup

It is a little over midway through the term and the children are settling in nicely. Nose wiping and coughing lessons have been enthusiastically received over the past few weeks. One very little one wiped her nose again and again, going through the process meticulously, even though her nose was clean after the first wipe. Bringing her back to the mirror and looking at her nose together helps her to recognise that her work is done. At this age offering limited amounts of tissues brings the wiping job to a natural end. You will often see that we run out of paper, canvas panels, crackers, tissues and even water at times. Of course we do not really run out of these items, but we limit the amount available for the session so that children can experience what it is like to run out of things. Any work that has run out is taken off the shelf immediately. How disappointing would it be to see the strawberry slicing job on the shelf minus the strawberry!

Please note that we are closed, Tuesday 21 August for Eid al-Adha Celebrations held at the Ar Rukun Mosque. We will be open on Thursday 23 August in lieu of the missed session. Make up sessions are always available, so if any family from any day wishes to come along on Thursday to make up a session, please do. No need to book, just come along at the usual time. We still have some limited places available in our group. We encourage you to invite a friend along for a free trial.

Thank you Nicole for coming along each Wednesday to help set up and pack away on your observation days. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you Emma for taking our plants home for some TLC.



Orla Dinneen
Infant Toddler Program Leader

Indonesian

Selamat Datang,

Nama saya Gurmayll. This term in Indonesian, the children have been enjoying food & family as a theme in classes. The students have been making booklets to introduce and talk about their family members and also food they enjoy together as families. It was interesting to discover dad's favourite food & mum's favourite colours. The students had fun learning the different vocabulary around names of family relations (e.g. ibu- mum, ayah- dad, nenek- grandma, saudara perempuan- sister, etc.), and likes and dislikes of family members (e.g. colours, food). In addition, it was a unanimous 'bagus!' to the delicious Roti Pratha that we had in class. This soft, pastry-like bread showed the students what south east Asian countries surrounding Indonesia enjoy as a local breakfast dish, in order to build their cultural and cosmopolitan awareness. This was a great opportunity for them to compare and contrast delicacies enjoyed here in Australia and in Asia.

We look forward to more cultural and linguistic adventures in Indonesian for the rest of the term.

Jumpa Lagi,
Ibu Gurmayll

PS Here is a link to a video on why it is important to learn a second language.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coMIOuOPjFU>



Adolescent Program

Week six is upon us already and the Adolescent Program is abuzz. The Middle School students have settled into their second semester with their lively energy and excitement to learn. Presentations are underway for their end of term exhibitions starting next week and they will be booking in their times shortly. In addition, this term has seen the handover of our new managers in the environment. Students from both the Middle and Senior areas have all volunteered to manage their elected roles, which will help develop their leadership skills.

Thursday mornings in Occupations has enabled the students to have a wonderful time engaging in their Science Curriculum. Kitchen has been busily cooking away a variety of different foods, including last week's lunch orders for the Primary School. Gardening students have worked on a variety of presentations and studies into plants and soils, as the on going rain has kept us indoors. Did you know that plants can talk? The Year 10 Science group have been busy investigating chemistry, recently completing a chemical conversion and crystallisation process in the lab. Finally, Factory has been building a variety of objects and additionally preparing the Pedal Prix vehicle to take to the track last Sunday, the 19th of August.



Adolescent Program Cont...

It is important to acknowledge and congratulate the students who participated in our team for the Pedal Prix Race 2018 and to the staff and families who supported them. Located in Busselton, the race extended over six-hours and followed the foreshore of Geographe Bay along an 850-metre circuit. The race demonstrated the students understanding of the technical skills needed, the demands of the race and most importantly, providing a fun day out for all those involved.



The environment has also been kept eventful with on-going and new activities. Along side the support from Drama specialist, Scarlett, Jacob and his team are continuing to produce and rehearse for their adaption of the Lion King Production. During weeks two and three, local professional photographer Kinglsey Klau introduced a group of students to the *Act Belong Commit Photography Competition* and showcased some of his wonderful work and photographic techniques. The students had a delightful time, and even got to spend time with his four-legged companion, Nikon.

Nikon photos courtesy of Kinglsey Klau



Our Seniors settled easily back into their daily routines, as those who ventured off to Odyssey regained their rigour and focus on academic courses and their school day schedules. In the lead up to the end of semester they are busily working and submitting assessments along side continual work on business certificates and internships. Excitingly for the Seniors, their Formal Dinner will be hosted at AQWA with other Montessori Schools from the Perth region this coming Friday.

A very fast and busy term for students and staff, however, it is fantastic to see the efforts and work that has been completed by all.

Kirsty Bell
AP Program Coordinator

Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to all students who participated in Jump Rope for Heart.

Heart Foundation
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School Certificate
of Appreciation



Presented to: Rockingham Montessori School

Date: 8th August 2018

In recognition of your generous support of Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart.
Your school raised \$ over 4000
which will help in the fight against heart disease, Australia's single biggest killer.



Nicole Grant
National Manager
Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart

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School Community News

Music Concert



11 SEPT 2018 - 3:10PM

UNDERCOVER AREA

Rockingham Montessori School Music Concert

Come along and see what the students of Edu-Music have to showcase in their very own music concert.

If you're interested in your child learning a musical instrument, get in contact today - admin@edumusic.education

Edu-Music

** Inspire * Nurture * Grow **

Community News

Dental Bus

FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS AT SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Australian government has an initiative for schools to have access to mobile Dental clinic services. Rockingham Montessori School is trialling a new service provided by OZ SMILE DENTAL SERVICES where they will check children's teeth on site at school between 15-26 October 2018.

OZ SMILE DENTAL SERVICES company will be offering **FREE DENTAL CHECK-UPS** to children at our school via their mobile dental clinic. This service is provided under the **CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEME** of the Australian Government.

The dental screening is free of cost for eligible students aged 2-17 and provides the child with basic dental services that include:

- **Dental examination**
- **Dental X-rays**
- **Preventive Oral Care, such as oral hygiene assistance, cleaning of teeth and the application of fluoride to the teeth.**

Reports of a child's dental check-up will be sent to parents.

Early detection of decay and other dental disease is vital in preventing bigger, more painful and expensive problems in the future. Left untreated, dental disease is progressive and will result in greater discomfort and is likely to lead to permanent problems, such as tooth loss or lasting pain.

Attached to this letter is a form which needs to be filled out and returned to the school office **ASAP**. As this service comes under the Medicare **CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEME**, parents will need to provide their Medicare number on the form. Please make sure you fill in both sides of the form. Please note only children eligible for the CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME can avail the offer.

We would really like for our students to benefit from this service, we request parents to take the time to fill in the [form](#).

Kind Regards,

Vanessa Aikins
Principal

Community News

VACSwim



With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

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Find a location near you at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Community News



(Formerly Bungaree LAC)

Looking for something for the kids this summer?

Little Athletics could be for them.

RUN, JUMP, THROW

**We do lots of different events that cater
to all levels**

Ages 5 to 16 years

REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 1st September

10am to 2pm

Hourglass Reserve

Murchison Road Coo롱gup

Contact Cara 0417939377 or

Kirstie 0411273820

Community News



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service



FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

You are invited to attend the Triple P Seminar Series. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:

1. *Children's behaviour - the tough part of parenting*
2. *Raising Confident Children*
3. *Raising Emotionally Resilient Children*

The next **FREE** 3 week Series is held:

When: Starting 3 September 2018
Location: Darius Wells Library Kwinana
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.



Please visit www.trybooking.com/VYUC
to book your place.

To find other available programs visit our website
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups.

Community News

Career Readiness for Young Parents

CAREER READINESS FOR YOUNG PARENTS

ARE YOU A YOUNG PARENT 25 YEARS AND UNDER AND HAVE BEEN ON PARENTING PAYMENT SINCE YOU WERE A TEENAGER?

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER YOU WILL ENJOY?
THEN THIS SUPPORTIVE PROGRAM IS FOR YOU!**

Bridging the Gap has designed a customised program especially to help young parents living in Rockingham and Mandurah.

THROUGH ONE TO ONE AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WE WILL HELP YOU WITH:

- 1. Self-development** – such as how to improve your self esteem, confidence, motivation and coping skills.
- 2. Health and wellbeing** – healthy lifestyle, overcoming addictions, independent living, overcoming mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and stress.
- 3. Career development** – including further education and training, computer skills, becoming work ready, finding a career path, effective job search strategies and assistance with finding work experience or a job when you are ready.

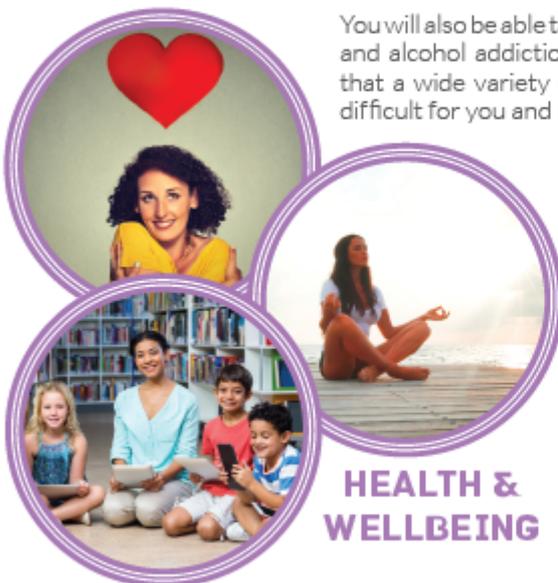


SELF DEVELOPMENT

This is **your** program and **your** needs will determine the content for the weekly group activity sessions.

You will also be able to get help with other issues such as mental health, drug and alcohol addiction, domestic violence etc. We know and understand that a wide variety of circumstances and situations may have made life difficult for you and raising children is a very hard job in itself.

We are here to help and support you to achieve success and well-being. Our trained Facilitator will mentor you, refer you to agencies that can assist you and be with you every step of the way.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

CAREER DEVELOPMENT



BRIDGING *the* GAP

Community News

Career Readiness for Young Parents cont...

CHILDCARE WILL BE PAID FOR SO THAT YOU CAN ATTEND THE WEEKLY GROUP ACTIVITY SESSIONS. WE WILL ALSO HELP OUT WITH TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE VENUE.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

1. We will provide weekly group activities during school hours, where you will learn from each other and the Facilitator in a friendly and safe environment. Child care will be provided at no cost to you.
2. Our Facilitator will provide weekly one to one mentorship/support meetings to help you with your individual needs.
3. We will help you design a plan so that you have a roadmap for achieving your goals relating to self development, health and wellbeing and your career.
4. When you are ready, we will help you find work experience, a job or a course that will help you achieve your career goals.



SO COME ALONG, SOCIALISE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR DAY TO DAY WELL-BEING AND PREPARE YOU FOR A CAREER WHEN YOU ARE READY TO WORK.



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The Career Readiness for Young Parent Program is a Bridging the Gap initiative, and a project funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

BRIDGING the GAP

Community News

Body Esteem Parent Work shop



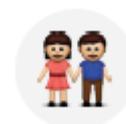
A body esteem workshop for parents and carers hosted by the City of Rockingham and presented by the Butterfly Foundation



Importance of healthy body image and how to be a positive role model.



Responding to tricky conversations.



What to do if you are concerned.



Thursday 6 September 2018
6pm - 7.30pm



Tea and coffee provided



Gary Holland
Community Centre
19 Kent St, Rockingham



FREE workshop

Bookings are essential.

To book please contact Nadine Stone at the City of Rockingham
on 9528 0333 or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au



www.rockingham.wa.gov.au

