



M H I L T O N Montessori

NEWS LETTER

15th May 2016

Welcome Back

For the 2nd Term. Welcome to all the new Families that have joined our community. Our SAMA leadership course in Jhb was very inspirational & it was good to be around other positive, dedicated & passionate Montessorians. It just puts into perspective how, across continents, all Montessori schools experience similar challenges when dealing with new millennium children. Our international speaker: Jonathon Wolfe, was inspiring & encouraging to all Montessorians to really believe in what we doing as "our time is coming" especially in this world where children have to be able to think "out the box" & be creative in their thoughts. It is truly beginning to reveal world wide how Montessori children become independent thinking adults. So to all you parent's who have chosen Montessori as an education for your children, hang in there & trust that your child will reach & reveal their true potential as adults in a tough world.

While we were in Jhb we took the opportunity to view other Montessori schools & talk to other school owners. This in itself was very enlightening & rewarding. So to all us passionate Montessorians out there, believe in yourself and let your child be your guide, and remember, it is hard to be different, but your child will be thankful for your trust in them. Here's to Montessori. Sue Hutton

SCHOOL MEETING

NEXT WEDNESDAY

18th May 6:00pm

@ Noordwijk Farm

Sue & Gill will be talking on
'Why Montessori'

PLEASE bring a plate of eats.

OUR STAFF

Louine Boothway has joined our team to help our Noordwijk learners in developing their skills in the Afrikaans language. She also assists Liz with the 9-12 group. WELCOME Louine.

Our Staff Team

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| a. Sue Hutton | —Preschool & Toddlers (18mths-6yrs) |
| b. Jenny Zwiers | —Preschool & Toddlers |
| c. Bibi | —Preschool |
| d. Caitlin Foster | —Preschool |
| e. Grace | —Toddlers assistant |
| f. Gill Holder | —Junior Primary (6-9yrs) |
| g. Robyn Jackson | —Junior Primary |
| h. Liz Martens | —Senior Primary (9-12yrs) |
| i. Louine Boothway | —Senior Primary (9-12yrs) |
| j. Helen Lechmere Urtel | —High School (12-15yrs, Stage 7,8,9) |
| k. Margaret | —Noordwijk Farm Helper |

NB NB NB School Matters

- **School fee's are payable on the 1st of every month PLEASE**
- School Hours:
 - Staff are on duty from 7:30am and school officially begins @ 8:00am
 - Preschool & Toddlers ends at 12:00pm
 - Junior & Senior Primary ends at 1:00pm
 - High School ends at 1:30pm
 - A 30 minute grace period will be given for collection
- Hilton Montessori School is a member of the 'South African Montessori Association' (SAMA)
- Hilton Montessori Primary & High School is registered with the 'Pestolozzi Fund'

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday 21st May: Family Fun Day @ Cumberland Reserve followed by a Camp-out (Check emails for Details)

Godly Play info Evening: 8th June 6:00pm

Thursday – Sunday 16th – 19th June: School CLOSED

School Outings: Pre Primary—23rd June @ 'Carwin Farm' It will be a longer day due to milking will be home from 2:30pm;
Grade R's—24th June Music Morning @ Wykem; Primary & High—
Date TBA @ Umngeni Water Works with mini SASS Study;
High School—23rd & 27th May Alternative Building Method Sites.

Friday 24th June: Break-up Day

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What is Poi ????

Poi is a dance form that uses weighted balls on a chain. Poi can be sandbags and ribbons, or LED lights or fuel-soaked wicks. Poi originated in New Zealand, the Maori people use it as a performance art and often use multiple sets at the same time. There are rumours that the Maori men use poi for suppleness and strength, but it is primarily the women who dance with them. The people of Hawaii set flames to the poi, starting the world-wide trend of fire dancing. Poi is excellent for strengthening the core muscles as it uses your own body weight to counter balance the poi. An amazing tool to help children practice crossing the midline, poi helps to integrate both hemispheres of the brain and body, and boost general suppleness and agility.

In our classes at school we are just starting to get to grips with the basic building blocks of the moves. The children are finding it hard going, but already the perseverance is paying off and some are getting quite excited about what they can do. We have been working on the three most important moves - circles (surprisingly hard to control!), figures of eight - the basis of some very complex moves, and controlling direction. This is why I don't want children to practice at home for now, nor do I want them to Google new moves - there is plenty of time for that once we have the basics mastered. Discipline leads to confidence and confidence leads to beautiful dancing.

Basic rules: 1) Always try. Moves take time & persistence to learn. Basic moves lead to complicated ones, so basics need to be mastered
2) Moves are taught as a journey, not destination, but you must be aiming in the right direction!
3) DO NOT disrupt other students. If so, you will be asked to sit out. Repeat offenders will be asked to leave
4) Poi can hurt and do damage. Anyone not respecting the equipment or me, poses a danger and will be asked to leave
5) As long as your poi are moving and not tangled, what you are doing is right, but might not be right for now

HELP !!!!!

- If anyone has a Wendy house or similar shed that could be used for a playhouse, please let us know.
- We are also looking for kitchen play equipment i.e. pots; pans; children's stove etc. etc.
- Also if you or someone you know could help with Signage at both Magnolia & Noordwijk environments—we need to increase our roadside visibility.

COMMUNICATION

PLEASE make sure you check your emails and have Sue & Gill's details saved to your cell phone contacts along with Anne 083 765 1032 otherwise you may miss out on the WhatsApp Broadcasts.

The primary mode of communication is email so check your inbox for the latest updates from the school via a group email system. You can email to that group address if you wish to get information to Sue, Gill or Anne (Communications helper) it will not be broadcast to the whole list unless it is something of interest to the parents. Each class director has her own WhatsApp group for the class to send out reminders etc.

Sue & Gill's details...

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Medicine Gardens

Vir Afrikaans gaan ons 'n medisinale tuin maak. Die ontwerp was geïnspireer deur die indermense Noord-Amerikaanse medisinale wiel. Op die 29ste April het ons in die area waar ons die tuin wou maak, gekamp. In sneeu-koud, nat weer het ons die eerste vier bedding van die tuin uitgemerk en gegrawe. Die resultaat van ons harde ardeid 'n noord, suid, oos en wes tuin. Wat ons met kompos en strooi bedeking gaan voorberei voor ons plant. Hiermeer versoek ons donasies van kompos, gras en medisinale plante en saad. Ons beplan om een keer 'n maand 'n tuinwerk dag te hê, en almal is welkom.

Groete Joseph en Ethan, graad 7

FREE-ME Tickets available from any of the Directresses

High School Market Day...

Market Day at Hilton Montessori was very successful with lots of stalls selling unique homemade crafts. The children made and sold their own products.

Many grandparents, parents, family and friends attended on the day.

There was a lot of food to buy and eat as well as a Tea Garden with cakes and coffee. There were games to play like the Mini Olympics & bow and Arrow with prizes to win.

On our Grade 8 table we were selling crunchies, milk tart and snackwiches. The Grade 7's sold freshly squeezed carrot and apple juice and chocolate brownies. They also had a catapult game where you shot at tins and could win an aeroplane toy prize.

Everybody enjoyed the day and many stalls were sold out of their crafts. It was a lovely scene and it all worked out very well.

*Look forward to seeing you at the
meeting on Wednesday
Regards Sue & Gill*