

"The child is an enigma... He has the highest potentialities, but we do not know what he will be."

Maria Montessori



MESSAGE FROM MARY

Sadly we have had to start Term 3 with tight health orders but we are pleased to be able to stay open and support our families. During these uncertain times please remember the staff are available to assist you and your families where possible. We are aware the tyranny of distance is challenging, however we encourage you to stay connected with the community and your extended family. Times like these give us an opportunity to pause and reflect on what is most important and embrace the simplicity of life, which at times is forgotten with our busy routines. We hope you remain safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing you the other side, once some form of normality returns.

IN THE CLASSROOM

NEW FRIENDS We are so excited to welcome a new friend into the classroom...



Cecilia has settled straight into the classroom, as if she has always been a part of it. She particularly likes to work at the practical life and sensorial area and has struck up a friendship with Bailey and Emma. We welcome her parents Heidi and Derrick and older sister Claudia to the Karuna Family.

FOOD PREPARATION

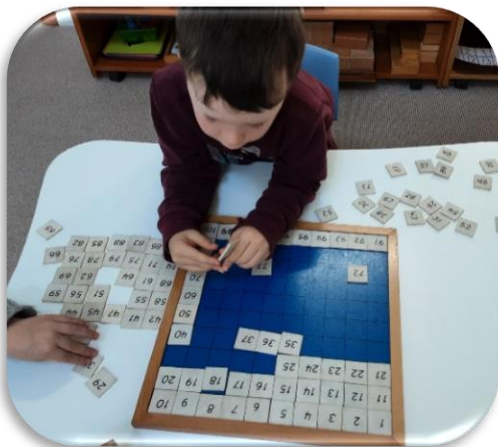
Preparing food is a big part of the Montessori classroom, and one you can easily replicate at home. It helps develop a child's fine motor skills and independence preparing food for themselves. Oranges are plentiful this time of year so get the juicer out, bananas are soft enough for children to slice using a blunt knife, and playing with water whilst washing up is always a fun activity developing confidence. The practical life table at Karuna is always popular, and the children have been busy washing, cutting, shredding and chopping.

Attached is a lovely list of activities you can do at home with your child.



MATHS

The study of mathematics is a reflection of the human tendencies for investigation and orientation, for order and classification, for reasoning and making judgements, and for calculating and measuring. In the classroom concepts are first presented to the children in concrete materials – something the children can hold in their hands. In the classroom children use a number of materials like the number rods, a series of blue and red colored wooden rods that are arranged in a stair-like pattern. Children learn how to count using a variety of materials. The spindle box is an early material with which children place the correct amount of wooden spindles in compartments labeled 1-9. Sandpaper numbers (just like their letter counterparts!) teach children how to correctly form each number to develop readiness for writing them on paper.



HOUSEKEEPING

WORKING BEE Unfortunately due to the current COVID lockdown we will need to reschedule the Working Bee on the 31st July. All incursions have been cancelled for August.

COVID POLICY & PROCEDURE A reminder about our COVID policy if your child is attending preschool:

- Please wear a mask at all times whilst dropping off and picking up.
- When you have dropped off or picked up your child, please reduce contact with others by leaving the premises as promptly as possible.
- Please stay behind the line outside the gate and keep a distance of 1.5m from others.
- If for any reasons you MUST enter the premises, you must sign in using the QR code at the front gate;
- Lastly a reminder if your children is unwell or has any cold symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat or cough please keep them at home. If you feel it is necessary to administer medication of any sort to your child then they should NOT be at school.