

Maya's Montessori School

INFORMATION



1. Introduction

Maya's Montessori started in December 2002 with 2 children and 2 staff members and has grown into one of the leading schools in the Border Area. We have a baby unit, pre-school and foundation phase. We are proud of our school grounds and are well renowned for our year end function. (Don't miss it!) Although we have our own foundation phase, we feed to Gonubie Primary School. The Montessori method: A method of teaching using concrete didactic equipment. The child has the freedom to learn in a structured environment.



2. Open in the Holidays

We run special holiday programs!

We close for 4 weeks over the December period.

3. Fridays

Every Friday a child has a turn to be the cookie man/lady. He/she will bring cookies for the class and wear the apron and bakers hat and gets the opportunity to share cookies with all the friends. We all wear red bee shirts on Fridays, and you can order these at the office.

4. Birthday rings

Birthdays are very specials at our Montessori School. Children bring a cake which is placed in the middle of our ring and this represents the sun. The child holds the world and walks around the sun to represent his/her age. In this way we learn about the timeline of age.

5. Medication

The school needs written permission to medicate your child. Do not leave medication in the bag. Take it out, hand it to a directress and sign the medication book in the office please.

6. Accidents/ Emergencies

If your child has an accident at school, it will be recorded in the accident record book and you the parent will be notified in the communication book. In case of emergencies, you will be contacted immediately. If necessary, we will take your child to the doctor/ casualty and meet you there.

7. Parent/ teacher communication

We send out reports every 2nd and 4th term. We have parent teacher meetings every 1st and 3rd term. Please feel free to call at any time to discuss anything of concern.

8. Parent responsibilities

- It is the parents responsibility to ensure that fees are paid up.
- Please make sure your child has all he/she needs for the day.
- When you collect, make sure you have all his/her possessions.
- Parents must give written permission for someone other than themselves to collect your child.
- Please let us know if there is a change in your home environment.

9. Extra Mural activities

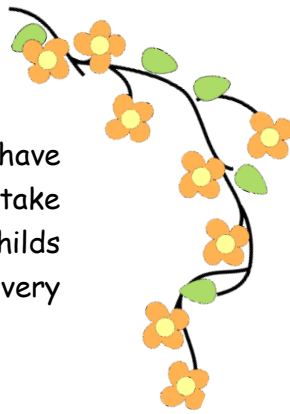
We do have extra activities at an additional cost per term. Eg Play ball, Soccer Stars, Swimming (term 1 and 4). These run independently from the school.

10. Discipline

We use the time out method to discipline children. They are removed from the situation and put in the "yellow chair" to think about what they have done. After a few minutes the directress that put the child in the "yellow chair" will discuss the issue, resolve it, and allow the child out.

11. Staff

Our staff are kind, caring and have first aid training. They always take time to listen and put your child's needs and interests first. (Every child is an individual.)



12. Needs for every term

Please send the following to school every term:

- 1 box of tissues
- 1 toilet roll
- 1 cleaning product for class

3-5 Year class

To young children there is something very special about doing things that adults find ordinary. Practical life exercises such as spooning, washing dishes or polishing shoes completely absorb them. At Montessori we recognise this process as the beginning of control and co-ordination of mind and body. Through sensory experiences our program helps children distinguish, categorise and relate new information to what they already know. They learn maths with concrete materials. They construct words with the moveable alphabet, then they can progress to nuances of the English Language, functions of words and grammar. The curriculum includes history, science, and geography too, all using concrete objects and moving to abstract, engaging the hand and mind.



How does the day go?

Children line up at 08:00 and go into their classes. Each teacher is allocated 10 children to work with that day. She will either teach them from the Montessori equipment ie: the Number Rods or the Sandpaper Sounds. Another teacher will do culture with them, the other teacher will do practical life and free drawing whilst the fourth teacher will do an art session. We have one teacher to 10 children, enabling each teacher to work with all the children. Once she has worked with them she will log it into the work file.

In that way we have constant daily records of the children's work and progress. They therefore work in a structured environment. After the work session they have their circle time, followed by snack and play time...

The 3-6 class consists of the main classroom, the library, the front patio and the back art area. This class has approximately 40 children and 4 teachers. The children line up at 8:00 and work until 10:15. We have a signing time, snack time, outside time and then line up for story at 12:10. Half Day finishes at 12:30. Please remember if your child is half day it does not include a lunch.



What must my child bring to school in their schoolbag?

Your child needs to bring:

- A5 hardcover book for notices
- A5 softcover book for classwork
- Snack (no sweets/chips), eg: a fruit, yoghurt, sandwich, a juice/water
- Spare set of clothing (in case of accidents).

Once a term you bring a box of tissues, toilet roll and a cleaning product for your class. All stationery is provided by the school.

NO TOYS ALLOWED

