

FROM INEKE'S DESK

Greetings everyone!

Welcome to this, our 'new look' newsletter. We would appreciate feedback from you with any suggestions, ideas or if you would like to contribute any items.



Our 'MWEI e-Report' will now be emailed to all of you rather than being printed on paper and sent by post. The newsletter will also be available on our website.

Check out the new website at www.mwei.org.au We have designed the website to be very user friendly with current articles, workshop information and more.

The year of 2009 is whizzing by very quickly for most of us and there are many things happening at MWEI this year. Among the changes, we have had an enormous expansion of our student library, all of our students are welcome to join (free of charge) please contact Jo at mwei@bigpond.com who will set you up.

We have revised our course information brochure and copies are being sent around Australia. If you would like some extra brochures to pass onto family, friends or co-workers - please contact Jo at mwei@bigpond.com

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We are pleased to present our newest Graduates



		Karen Simpson	QLD
		Bri Grant	VIC
Marie Odendaal	VIC	Syeda Omar	NSW
Naomi Stuckey	WA	Christine Thompson	NSW
Nita Bhatiasevi	Thailand	Kerryn Flatt	VIC
Latimah Sloan	QLD	Talia Hagon	WA
Lily Lo	Thailand	Jodie Stehr	QLD
Sumaiya Siddiqui	VIC	Sheryl Ridout	WA
Nadia Mahomed	QLD		

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?

The greatest sign of success for a teacher...is to be able to say "The children are now working as if I did not exist"

Maria Montessori

MAC Conference—April 2009

In April, the Montessori Australia Council held its annual conference in Brisbane. MWEI was a proud sponsor of this event. There were local, national and international speakers which made it an enriching experience. We were fortunate to be able to catch up with many of you there!

MWEI
(Australia)

Montessori education is time-tested and still growing in demand.

MONTESSORI MESSENGER

Be Inspired!

*To all
Graduated Certificate
Course
Students:*

We are offering the opportunity to upgrade your Certificate to an Advanced Certificate, with no additional assignments. For a fee of \$100 The Board of management has approved a renaming of the Certificate to Advanced certificate (in name only)

MWEI will issue a new Advanced Certificate for you to keep. This offer is valid until 30 June 2009.

*Please note that the new certificate naming will not entitle students to articulation to the Diploma.

If you would like to take this opportunity, please contact Jo Harvey mwei@bigpond.com

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'Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity, which is derived from a sense of independence.'

Would you like to become an MWEI Student Representative?

We require 3 students to represent the courses on offer:

- Graduate Diploma
- Diploma
- Advanced Certificate course

What do I need to do?

Are you are willing to attend meetings in person (or via Skype) a few times per year? You will represent the student body and bring any issues, feedback or ideas to the meetings. We estimate a commitment of 2-3 hours per meeting.

MWEI Admin will support you fully in this volunteer position and believe you will gain valuable insight into Montessori community.

Please contact Lesley Payne if you would like to find out more

lp_mwei@bigpond.net.au

Famous Montessori Students

George Clooney—Actor

Jeff Bezos—Founder of Amazon.com

Anne Frank—Dutch Diarist

Jimmy Wales—Founder of Wikipedia

Will Wright—Designer of 'The Sims' computer game

Larry Page - Co founder of Google

Princes William and Harry

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—US First Lady

Gabriel Garcia Marquez - Nobel Prize Winner for Literature

Katherine Graham - Past editor of the Washington Post

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the students who successfully sat for their written papers in October :

WA

Melita Purcell (Grad Dip)
Talia Hagon (Cert)
Jo Harvey (Dip)
Sarah Fishleigh (Grad Dip)
Karen Monfries (Grad Dip)
Naomi Stuckey (Dip)

NSW

Michelle Roth (Dip)
Christine Thompson (Dip)

QLD

Renuka Senanayake (Dip)

Thy Anh Thy Nguyen (Dip)

Renee Ormsby (Dip)

Megan Brinkley (Dip)

VIC

Marie Odendaal (Dip)
Syeda Omar (Dip)
Anne Cole (Dip)
Latimah Sloan (Dip)

Overseas

Lily Lo (Dip) Malaysia
Nita Bhatiasevi (Dip) Thailand



WORKSHOPS—SEMESTER 1 2009

WA	Practical Life & Sensorial	16, 17, 30, 31 May 1 June 2009
QLD	Beginning Language	16 & 17 May 2009
	Beginning Maths	6 & 7 June 2009
VIC	Foundation Theory	29 June 2009
	Beginning Maths	1 & 2 July 2009
	0-3 First Classroom Community B	6 July – 8 July 2009
SA	Sensorial Education	23 May & 20 June, 27 June 2009
	Teacher's Assistant (days 2, 3, 4)	5, 6, 7 July 2009
	0-3yrs 1st Classroom Community	10–13 July 09

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION NEWS

MWEI has been working with the Montessori Australia Foundation to put together a national Montessori Curriculum which can be presented to the government in light of the government's pending National Curriculum.

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We continue to have representatives of MWEI working on the Quality Assurance committee. The Quality Assurance Programme has been initiated to ensure that all Montessori environments provide children with a genuine Montessori experience. The Assurance Programme will provide

the opportunity for all schools, both new and old, to participate and revisit their goals particularly with regard to the integrity of the Montessori programme that is offered to the community. The emphasis has been on the word 'assurance' rather than 'accreditation'. We will keep you informed on positive changes that will be happening in the near future!

Dr Lesley Payne