# Montessori Assistants Orientation

## 25 & 26 July and 15 & 16 Aug 2009 Canberra

In a Montessori environment, all adults are valued; contributing equally, as part of a collaborative team, with one goal...the revelation of the normalised child. This child will shine, revealing his or her true character and personality, if the adults truly understand their passive and active role and their quest to 'follow the child'.

a. **Who is the child in your care?** (Four Planes, Human Tendencies, Absorbent Mind, Sensitive Periods, Concentration)

b. **How should we respond to this child, and best meet his needs?** (supporting independence, non intervention, the road to self discipline, work cycles)

c. **Who are we?** (the attitude of the prepared adult)

d. **What personal and professional attributes and skills should we aim for?** (establishing trust, role of observation, responding to children's behaviour)

e. **Practical applications/techniques** (establishing the prepared environment, Grace and Courtesy)

f. **Material making guidelines**

*This workshop is specifically designed to support the work of Assistants within the Montessori 3-6 environment. It is however open to anyone interested in Montessori Education.*

25 & 26 July, 9:00am to 4:00pm and
15 & 16 August, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Canberra Montessori School
35 Mulley Street, Holder ACT 2611

Registration Fee: $480
Includes morning and afternoon tea and workshop papers.
Participants are asked to bring their own lunch each day.

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## REGISTRATION: Online at montessori.org.au or fill in and return the form below

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