Montessori Long Day Care Annual Retreat and Forum

1-2 May 2010, Gold Coast

The Montessori Australia Foundation is pleased to be holding the inaugural annual Montessori Long Day Care Forum. As Montessorians we recognise the importance of the first years of life and the key role of the Long Day Care sector in meeting the needs of young children and families. Long Day Care is the fastest growing sector of the Montessori movement and the forum provides an important opportunity for centre owners, managers and staff to come together to discuss and brainstorm issues facing Montessori Long Day Care in Australia.

Montessori Long Day Care Forum

Saturday & Sunday 1-2 May 2010

Gold Coast International Hotel

7 Staghorn Avenue
Surfers Paradise Qld 4217

Registration Fee: $440 (including GST)
Registrations close 26 April 2010

Registration includes workshop programme, papers and morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner as per the workshop schedule.

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Friday, 30 April 2010 (Optional)

18:00 - 21:00 **Social Gathering**
Forum participants arriving Friday may wish to gather at the hotel's bar at 6:00pm to meet up for dinner or drinks. Light meals are available from the bar or you may choose to dine at one of the hotel's restaurants.

Saturday, 1 May 2010

09:00 - 10:30 **Introduction and Issues Facing Montessori Long Day Care Centres**
Group discussion facilitated by Forum coordinators Christine Harrison, MAF President and Megan Tyne, MAF Executive Director.

10:30 - 11:00 **Morning Tea**

11:00 - 12:30 **Authentic Montessori in Long Day Care - Challenges and Rewards**
Is it possible to meet the regulatory, staffing and financial requirements of Long Day Care and maintain the integrity of the Montessori programme? Panel presentation will be given by Barb Langford, Vicki Ward and Melissa Wray followed by group discussion.

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 14:00 **Update on the National ECEC Agenda**
Barb Langford, President Childcare Associations Australia

14:00 - 15:00 **Creating a Nurturing Environment that Supports the Child's Daily Life**
Sara Brady
'Following the child' is a key tenant of the Montessori approach. In a Long Day Care setting we aim to follow and nurture the child's natural development in an enriching, home-like, peaceful and leisurely environment where the natural rhythms of the child's daily life are respected.

15:00 - 15:30 **Afternoon Tea**

15:30 - 17:00 **National Childcare Accreditation Council**
We are delighted to be joined by Denise Taylor, NCAC Chief Executive Officer and Susan Reade, NCAC General Manager Quality Assurance. Their presentation will include: Role of NCAC, Child Care Quality Assurance Process, Validation Visit, and a question and answer session.

19:30 - 21:30 **Long Day Care Forum Dinner**
Join colleagues for a special social event. Dinner and drinks are included at no extra charge as part of the conference registration fee.

Sunday, 2 May 2010

09:00 - 10:00 **Practical Montessori Activities for Children Under Three**
The basis of a Montessori prepared environment for children at any age is the opportunity for children to do 'purposeful work'. Taking this into account, this session will give practical ideas to easily implement

in any setting. Together we will cover the areas of care of the self and the environment, preparing and sharing food, and hand eye coordination activities. This workshop will include a slide show of children working with various activities, examples of the equipment and materials used, and offer suggestions for ease of application in your centre. Underlying all the activities are key principles that make a Montessori environment a joy to be in for the child and the adult alike.

10:30 - 11:00 **Morning Tea**

11:00 - 12:00 **Montessori Early Years Learning Framework and Documenting Montessori for Quality Assurance Audits**
Amy Kirkham, Barbara Langford, Vicki Ward

12:00 - 12:30 **Montessori Long Day Care Future Directions**
Group Discussion

Forum Venue - Gold Coast International Hotel

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Accommodation

Participants are asked to book their accommodation directly with the hotel. Rates and contact details are as follows. Please mention the booking code "Montessori" when making reservations.
Room only Mountain/River View $199 or Ocean View $234
Bed & Breakfast for Mountain/River View $219 or Ocean View $254
Parking: Undercover parking is available to attendees at $4.00 per car, subject to availability.
Reservations: 1800 074 020 or +61 7 5584 1200
reservations.goldcoast@gci.com.au

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