

Term 1
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MONTESSORI MATTERS

STUDENT EDITION!



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INTERVIEWS WITH THE YEAR 7S

AT THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, DOZENS OF NEW YEAR 7S HAVE JOINED OUR SCHOOL, SOME FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND SOME FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ALTOGETHER. OUR INTREPID REPORTERS HAVE INTERVIEWED SOME OF THESE NEW STUDENTS, DISCOVERING THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

What are some of the differences between the Middle school and Primary school?

Kaitlyn

THE SCHOOL'S PRETTY SMALL, AND IT'S A LOT LESS OVERWHELMING, BECAUSE THERE'S KIDS EVERYWHERE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND THIS ONE HAS ONLY THREE ROOMS IT FEELS PRETTY SIMILAR EXCEPT FOR THAT.

Cinya

YEAH, AND THERE ARE DIFFERENT LESSONS AND DIFFERENT TASKS

Do you prefer the learning style of Middle school or Primary school?

Kaitlyn

MIDDLE SCHOOL. PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE'S JUST LESS PEOPLE HERE, LIKE WHAT I SAID EARLIER. THERE'S LESS KIDS RUNNING AROUND AND IT'S EASIER TO GET AROUND.

Cinya

THIS SCHOOL. I DON'T KNOW WHY.

How are you finding the teachers here at the Middle School?

Kaitlyn

GOOD. THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD AND ARE ALL NICE AND SUPPORTIVE.

Cinya

THEY'RE KIND. THEY'RE REALLY KIND





STREET ART

On Monday, Week 3 of Term 1, an Adelaide based Street Artist named Hari came in to help the students do a very important task, which was painting the doors to each classroom.



Hari is a street artist/muralist who is based in South Australia, though does work all over the country.

Specialising in illustrations, monochrome paintings/installations, he also dabbles in colourful artwork.

He uses organic and hard-edged shapes, and puts together a brilliantly chaotic flow of work to create his signature style of art.

Hari sketched the outlines for the shapes, while the students took turns painting inside the lines with the colours they had chosen a few weeks ago.

Hari also taught each student how to paint in his signature style, and every student had a go as well. And finally, after a whole morning of two groups painting the doors, they were put back on their hinges, and can now be admired by all.



BY ADEN MATTHEWS

CARPET BOWLS AT KALYRA

Over the last few weeks, a group of students have continued to form bonds with the residents at the local elderly care centre, Kalyra. Students have visited this centre and enjoyed various activities with the residents in previous years as well. To start the year off, our students have enjoyed games of carpet bowls with the residents, and building a friendly dynamic with them.



“Kalyra is a great way for the students to connect with the residents, and to see how they view today’s world.”

-Elroy Smith

By Tyler Stewart



ALERT

NEW TEACHER SPOTTED

NAME: DANIEL

AGE: 28



WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT SMMS?

I LIKE HOW SMALL AND CLOSE THE COMMUNITY IS, IT IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN THE OLD SCHOOL I WAS WORKING AT WHICH HAD 1000 KIDS.

WHY DID YOU COME TO SMMS?

I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED A CHANGE OF PACE AND I WANTED TO LEARN ABOUT THE MONTESSORI WAY OF LEARNING AS BEING ABLE TO TEACH IN MANY STYLES MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A BETTER TEACHER.

WHY DO YOU TEACH MATHS?

I WAS ALWAYS GOOD AT MATH IN SCHOOL AND I FEEL IT IS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT TO LEARN AND TEACH. I ALSO LIKE THE FACT THAT IT NEVER CHANGES IN THE WAY THAT YOU WILL JUST HAVE THINGS ADDED NOT MODIFIED WHICH MAKES IT KIND OF PURE.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM/ WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I WAS BORN IN THE EASTERN SUBURBS OF ADELAIDE AND I GOT MY MASTERS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE TOO.

WHAT COUNTRIES HAVE YOU BEEN TO OUTSIDE OF AUSTRALIA?

IVE BEEN TO MANY COUNTRIES BUT MY TOP FIVE ARE PROBABLY: HAWAII (USA), JAPAN, CROATIA, SWITZERLAND AND MALAYSIA.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AND LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING?

THE BEST THING ABOUT TEACHING FOR ME IS GETTING CLOSE TO STUDENTS AND HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS AND HELPING TEACH THEM THE MATH/SCIENCE THAT THEY NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS.

MY LEAST FAVOURITE IS PROBABLY THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT MARKING AND CREATING ASSIGNMENTS.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD AND PAST-TIME?

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE PASTIMES ARE: READING, SCUBA DIVING, ROCKCLIMBING AND PLAYING VIDEO GAMES LIKE LEAGUE OF LEGENDS AND VALORANT.

MY FAVOURITE FOOD IS PASTA BECAUSE OF ALL THE VARIETY THERE IS AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PASTAS AND SAUCES YOU CAN ADD.

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

IN THE SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT WE CALCULATE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINTS AND DISCOVERED IF EVERYONE LIVED LIKE US, HOW MANY EARTHS WE WOULD USE IN A YEAR. WE ALSO PLEDGED TO CHANGE OUR HABITS TO MAKE OUR DAILY LIVES MORE SUSTAINABLE AND CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

ELROY : “IT WAS AN ENLIGHTENING WAY TO LEARN ABOUT OUR PERSONAL IMPACT ON THIS PLANET.”



WE CARRIED OUT A BIN AUDIT TO SEE IF WE WERE PUTTING THE CORRECT ITEMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BINS. TURNS OUT WE CAN DO BETTER!