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The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.
Marcel Proust
(1871-1922)
French Novelist

Corroboree
26 Sept 11.45am – 12.30pm - LCDC
Please note that parents are welcome to attend to watch their own children.

Laundry
The Ausbruch family is responsible for laundry on 27 September 2013 and the Azzopardi family on 18 October 2013. Please collect from La Casa D’Oro on Friday at pick-up time.

School Car Park
The school car park is to be used by staff and parents with permits. Please do not use it for drop offs for older children. If you have a baby and require a permit please enquire at the office.

The ACROD parking is for ACROD card holders only.
From the Principal

The end of term has come and just in time. I look around and see that everyone needs time to recuperate from being ill or fighting not to contract illness. The weather has challenged our belief that spring is here but we can never scorn at the rain.

Some last minute reminders:

School Crossing
I have been informed by the Town of Mosman Park that due to bad weather the crosswalk and pathway will be completed during the first week of the holidays. Please remember to continue to park in the beach car park that has 2 points of entry, this will make it easier for everyone to enter and exit. The pathway leads you to the entry to the school, please enter here and walk to your child’s classroom. I am looking forward to our community using the piazza as a community space. All other entries will be closed.

Car Park
The school car park is barely large enough for our staff and the few parents that have permit parking are upset because these bays are being used by parents that do not have permits and do not need them. Please show your community spirit by thinking about the needs of others.

Quiz night
This is a fantastic evening full of laughs and prizes...and of course intellectual debate. If you haven't got a table and would still love to come I’m sure that there will be a spot for you. Thanks to Kirsty and Sami for all their enthusiasm and higher order organizational skills and for Matt (Sami’s brother) who continues to MC our events with enthusiasm and humour.

Mangia Mangia!!!
We have raised half of the sponsorship for the printing of the cookbook and so please consider joining our lucky sponsors. We are publishing 1,000 copies so your businesses will be marketed in the local community and far beyond. Please contact Angelica on 0418 914 584 to discuss this great opportunity.

NAPLAN
There were some errors in the NAPLAN student reports and we have been instructed by government not to send you the reports until they have been corrected and reissued. You can expect to receive them in mid-October.

Have a lovely break; I hope the weather is kind so that you can spend some “outside time” getting fit and healthy for our last term.

Grandparents’ morning
Grandparents are welcome to visit their grandchildren in class between 9.00am and 10.30am on Wednesday 23rd October. More information will be provided next term.

From the Teachers and General

La Casa Contenta
Term 3 witnessed many fun events alongside the usual buzz of activities in the room. There were many absences though, due to planned family holidays and illnesses. Overall, it was a busy and rewarding term. The virtues we focused on were responsibility and self-discipline. One of the parents commented that her daughter actually told her that coming late to school was not practising self-discipline. It was good to know that they transfer what they have learned in class, and relate them to other areas of their lives.

Our Corroboree item was Cowabunga and the children had fun preparing and presenting the item. The celebration of Maria Montessori’s birthday and the book swap were other exciting happenings enjoyed by the children—and there is still the sleepover and sausage sizzle to come.

This term we had the pleasure of having three parents come in to share their wealth of experience with the children. First was Alison Sondhi – Shaylan’s mum who came to do some painting and craft with the children. The end product was a fantastic creation, which formed the backdrop for Corroboree. The children also made the masks they used for Corroboree.

Then we had Carmen – Zeno’s mum, Zeno’s grandma and Sara, their friend visiting from Italy. They came to share the skill of making good gnocchi with the children. The children had fun, having a go at preparing the gnocchi, but the most fun part for
them was eating it after it was done.

Finally, John - Arlo’s Dad came to give a talk to the class about his profession as a geologist. He brought in some rocks and precious stones to show to the children, who asked a lot of questions.

We say a big thank you to these parents, for the invaluable experiences they have passed on to the children. Thank you to all the parents who did laundry and donated carrots and flowers.

Have a restful two weeks break and see you in Term 4.
Lydia & Geraldine

La Casa del Giardino
Term 3 has been full of excitement and new faces in Giardino as we welcomed Indigo, Ophelia, Jonas and George into the class. It has been lovely to watch them settle in and blossom while the older children gently introduced them to the routines within the classroom.
A definite highlight of this term was our celebration for Maria Montessori’s birthday. The children squealed with laughter and delight as the comedian entertained us with his antics, and of course we all enjoyed an ice cream treat for morning tea!

We also enjoyed having the dads and grand-dads in the classroom to celebrate Father’s Day.

Sadly it’s time to say goodbye to Will, Xavier and Ben who will be moving up to Middle Primary next term. The three of you will be missed, but we know your transitions will be wonderfully exciting.

It’s also time for me (Cathy) to say goodbye to the class - a huge thank you to the whole school community for making me feel so warmly welcomed since my arrival in March. It has been a true pleasure to work in Giardino and I will miss you all terribly. I know the children are really looking forward to having Lucy back in the classroom and I wish you all much happiness in the future.

Have a fantastic holiday.
Cathy and Suzanne

La Casa del Nord
This term has felt like a hive of busy, creative energy. We welcomed Beau, Olive, Edie, and Tasman into our classroom, all have settled well into the group.
The children enjoyed preparing and painting the back drop for their Corroboree, and on this day the whole school celebrated Maria Montessori birthday.

This term the children participated in a First Aid Focus.

St John’s Ambulance runs a ‘First Aid Focus’ Program for schools. The children role-played how to use a telephone in an emergency, to dial 000, the role of a paramedic and how important it
is for them to know their address and phone number. Lila Jackson and Charlie Dean will be moving into Middle Primary at the end of this term. We wish them all the very best.

Our music programme with Robyn continues to be a great source of enjoyment and learning for the children who have had fun singing, playing musical instruments, dancing and doing drama.

Many parents attended our Fathers Night this term and the children enjoyed showing the different Montessori activities and their portfolios.

We would like to thank all the parents who helped in the class during the term - Ellie for helping prepare our backdrop for Corroboree and Catherine and Madonna for doing the classroom laundry.

Amanda is very happy working in the classroom and to be part of such a wonderful school.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Christine and Amanda

La Casa dei Fiori

This term in La Casa dei Fiori we have had an almost constant buzz in the classroom about reading. It has been an intense and fascinating time where a small spark has developed into a massive surge of activity for the whole class. At any given time now if you look around the room there are children with books on their lap sounding out the words and reading to each other. There is a real thirst for new books to read and using books such as the Atlas and library books to find desired information. For example, some toy dinosaurs we have in the classroom for a rainy-day led to a library research session about the names and characteristics of all of the dinosaurs. What an exciting time in the class!!

We have been able the use this surge in reading in other areas of the classroom also, such as baking bread. Due to this reading buzz, the children are now able to bake bread completely independently by reading the recipe to each other as they go. We started out with some lessons and gradually we have been able to step back to the point where we are not needed at all, such a wonderful achievement for the children! The bread is then cut and served the following day for a communal morning tea. How nice it is to be able to prepare food for others to share.

This term we have also welcomed Karen Wright, who is doing a practical placement in our class. Karen is studying at Curtin University and has spent the last two weeks of this term in the classroom and will be back with us for weeks 2 - 4 next term also. Karen will be conducting lessons and working with the children one on one and in small groups.

We also had a visit from ‘Radical Reptiles’. The reptile expert brought in many animals for the children to observe and touch such as bobtails, bearded dragons, frogs and pythons. She spoke about the growth of these creatures, what they eat and threats to their survival amongst other interesting information.

Have a lovely holiday break and see you all next term.

Ellen and Lauren

La Casa della Luce

This term was action packed and a lot of fun for the children! We had a reptile incursion, Maria Montessori’s birthday, the book swap and Father’s Night. We are enjoying the ocean views in our classroom and the children were very excited to resume their cooking each week with our new oven.

For Corroboree this term, the older children learnt about famous people from different time periods throughout history. They made their own costumes, dressed up and researched a person of their choice. They also enjoyed dancing to ‘Walk like an Egyptian’.

Maria Montessori’s birthday is always a highlight and this year was no different. Sanjiva, an Italian performer came to the school and made everybody laugh with his antics. The children enjoyed a variety of Italian music and dance, learnt the history of
Maria Montessori’s life and enjoyed a taste of Italian food. We welcomed Mia, Imogen, Sammy and Charlotte to the class and the children are also very eager to help the new boys transitioning next term.

The children enjoyed making presents and cards which required describing qualities they admired in their fathers. Father’s evening followed, and the children were happy to show their work.

We had a whole school celebration for Maria Montessori’s birthday- we reflected on her life and sang ‘Happy Birthday’. The children had ice-cream and were entertained, then returned to class and shared a sumptuous Italian lunch.

The reptile incursion involved hands on experience for the children as they touched lizards and snakes- the snakes slithered all over the children which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We would like to thank Danielle DesForges for doing the class laundry, and all the Mums for cooking with the children. A special thanks to Kirsty and Donna for their help with setting up an area for cooking in the class.

Have a safe and happy holiday!
April & Renata 😊

La Casa del Cuore
Once again we have had a fun filled term with incursions, excursions and celebrations. The children returned after the break well rested and have worked diligently all term.

For book week, we took a train to visit the Cottesloe Library and Briony Stewart (author) gave the children an inspiring talk. She spoke about her childhood; how she developed a book based on her personal experience and demonstrated how to illustrate a book. She showed the children how any animal could be changed into another creature.

The first aid incursion was held earlier this term; it is wonderful to know that one of the children used this knowledge to call an ambulance in an emergency.

La Casa della Gioia
It has been a pleasure this term to teach the children in La Casa della Gioia, while Anthea has been away on long service leave having a well-deserved rest.

We have had a number of highlights, such as our book week excursion to the Grove library, and the reptile incursion organised by April, where we got to see and touch a number of reptiles and even some amphibians too.

There was also fathers’ night which was a great success, and it’s always heart-warming to see so many Dads in the class being
shown work samples proudly by their children.  
As always children have been working hard; we have tackled long division and long multiplication and are working towards abstraction here. Children have had a chance to practice their public speaking skills, giving talks on their various cultural areas of research, which have included The Solar System, Ancient Greeks and Romans and The Timeline of Life.  
I would like to thank Lea, and both the children and parents of the class for making me feel so welcome and for making the transition so seamless. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to hearing all about Anthea's adventures when she returns next term.  
Bronwyn and Lea  

La Casa del Mare and La Casa della Pace
This term the students have been working hard, especially in the cultural areas. Our oldest children have been looking at body systems; including the muscular, digestive and circulatory, and have done some in-depth research. Their written work, including diagrams, will be presented along with an oral presentation at the end of this term. These children have also investigated the formation of mountains and other land forms in relation to the effects of the movement of tectonic plates and volcanic activity.  
Our next group have been studying the stem. The children have looked into the names and purposes of the different types and how the stem works. They have used the scientific knowledge that they have acquired and have proved theories through experimentation. The next unit of work is on the parts, functions and types of flowers. The students are very interested in the dissection of various flowers. This group has also been exploring weather, the winds and the effects of the sun on the earth at different times of the year.  
Another group of students have explored animals on the timeline with a focus on how evolution has taken place and the effects of various environmental changes. They have also investigated historical aspects of the formation of earth. The children who have recently transitioned have explored the scientific workings of the leaf. In geography this group has investigated the formation of the earth, this included research into the states of matter and further states of matter. On Fridays all of the students walked or ran to Leighton Beach to participate in a four week footy program provided by Clint and Ash from Claremont Football Club. This served to improve their ball skills, communication and teamwork. The students all enjoyed this immensely.  
Enjoy your holidays and we hope to see you all in great health in term 4.  
Kath, Sam, Carolyn, Vera and Esther  

La Casa della Terra
The Adolescent Programme has had a wonderful term three. The rain has been fantastic for our vegetable garden and it is thriving. This term we were privileged to have Paul from Akwaaba come in and teach us African drumming and dance and I am sure everyone who walked past the Adolescent Programme on a Wednesday would agree that we were having great fun making music.  

Physical Expression this term saw us venturing into Northbridge each week for indoor rock-climbing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.  
We began our Humanities unit on World War 1 with an excursion to the Army Museum of Western Australia, where students were able to go down into the ‘model’ trench and speak to veterans about Australia’s role in the First World War. We would like to thank Bruce Willis for taking the time to come in and read to us a letter written by his grandfather describing his time in Gallipoli and for also bringing in his great coat and other artefacts, it really helped the students to gain a greater understanding and it both inspired and engaged them in their study. We also were lucky enough to have an incursion with Wes Olsen, an historian and WW1 expert who came in to speak to us and brought in different equipment from WW1 for us to try on.
on the social structure of a hive, classification of living things, cell structure, anaphylaxis and evolution.

In Math students continued to work with both practical and abstract concepts and English classes focused on language conventions and journalistic writing. Students also conducted an in-depth study of the Australian novel *Looking for Alibrandi*.

We would like to thank and acknowledge everyone who has volunteered their time and skills in the Adolescent Programme this term; in particular, Kim and Ross Nancarrow for their culinary and horticultural advice and skills, and Stu Macleod for his continued work with the students designing and building guitars.

Finally we would like to wish our year nine students, Rhonda and Mick a safe and amazing trip to Italy!

In Occupations students studied Bee Keeping in final preparation for our new beehives. The bee site was completed after many months of hard physical labour; students assembled the hives, we had an incursion from UWA PHD student, Alastair Boyd, who brought in some bees to observe and is researching how bees use magnetism to navigate. Students covered all practical aspects of bee keeping from equipment, honey extraction, bottling and selling and hive maintenance. This physical side of bee keeping was also backed up with lessons

Jessica, Brendan and LCDT

**Across the Desk**

Visionary Junior Cycling Club
Visionary Junior Cycling Club in conjunction with the Western Australian Institute of Sport are conducting “Talent Identification Test” during the school holidays in Fremantle for Yr 6 and 7’s. Registration is through [www.visionary.org.au](http://www.visionary.org.au) or contact Mic on 0403 930 499.

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