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**Wee Wisdom  
Education Group**

# **Montessori Pre-school Inquiry Pack**

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## Kia ora parents and whānau

Thank you for your inquiry regarding our preschool. Wee Wisdom Education Group is privately owned by Anna and Colin Chan whose mission is to make Montessori education accessible for all children.

The Wee Wisdom philosophy of education is to nurture the development of each child in our care in partnership with their family, whānau and community. We believe that nurturing any child through the use of the Montessori Method enables them to become competent and confident learners, preparing them not only for school but for life itself.

The Wee Wisdom preschool environment and routine has been developed by a team of devoted Montessori teachers. The children's daily routine will include one-on-one and group lessons with a teacher, time to socialise and develop friendships, time to practice skills and knowledge and gathering times to share songs, arts and crafts, fun and laughter.



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Wee Wisdom Montessori

# Our Philosophy

At Wee Wisdom Montessori we aim to nurture the development of every child, in partnership with their family, whānau and community. We believe that nurturing children through the use of the Montessori approach, supported by Te Whaariki, enables them to become competent and confident learners, preparing them for life.

Through our philosophy we undertake to:

Provide a safe, secure, loving and fun child-oriented environment.

Nurture the whole child; cognitively, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Empower children to progress at their own pace according to their individual capabilities and interests.

Foster the children's innate love for learning by providing them with opportunities to explore and engage in spontaneous, purposeful activities through guided participation and observation of others.

Provide a quality Montessori environment.

Ensure members of the community are accepted, respected and valued.

Encourage and awahi open, honest and ongoing dialogue concerning all aspects of children's development and wellbeing in a positive and respectful manner, ensuring confidentiality.

Foster and celebrate a knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of both partners of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, along with other cultures and nationalities.



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# About Us

Wee Wisdom Montessori is owned by Anna and her husband Colin Chan. Anna was born in Christchurch, New Zealand and as a young adult travelled the world extensively working in the field of alternative therapies. Anna was first exposed to the Montessori Method when she collected her second cousin from a Montessori preschool in Christchurch. Inspired by the Method, Anna trained as a Montessori teacher and worked in two Montessori schools in Auckland.



In 1998 Anna met Colin and with a combined vision of making Montessori education increasingly available to a variety of families, they opened their first school on the North Shore of Auckland in 2002. Since the opening of their first school Anna and Colin have gone on to open three more Montessori schools in the Auckland area. Together they plan to continue advocating for the child's right for a quality early education by making Montessori education more accessible.

In 2009, Wee Wisdom Montessori Preschool Drury was awarded the title of 'KiwiPrint Best Small Business' in Papakura and Franklin through the Stevenson Business Excellence Programme. To achieve this award Wee Wisdom Montessori had to submit a document which detailed its business. This included an overall view of leadership, strategic planning, administration, communication with parents and staff, and how systems and processes work to ensure quality. The Stevenson Business Excellence Programme no longer runs since the amalgamation of all Auckland suburbs into the super city. Wee Wisdom Montessori was honoured to take part in the last awards for Papakura and Franklin as it enabled us to reflect on our business. Through this reflection, areas of our business were highlighted so that we could see what works effectively and produces the quality we consistently try to achieve, as well as areas that need more focus. Wee Wisdom Montessori continually strives to improve through ongoing self review and welcomes feedback.



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# OUR STAFF



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**Managing Director/Owner**  
 Bachelor of Education Steiner ECE  
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 Bachelor of Metaphysics  
 Fully Registered 322944  
 First Aid/Child Protection Certificates



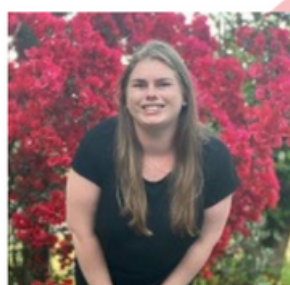
**Colin Chan**  
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**Centre Manager**  
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**Head Teacher (Tuakana)**  
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**Naw De Bwe**  
**Teacher (Tuakana)**  
 MMI Diploma in Montessori  
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**Pooja Nayyar**  
**Teacher (Nido/Teina)**  
**Diploma in Early Childhood level 5**  
 Post Graduate Certificate in Business  
 Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application  
 First Aid Certificate



**Vikitolia Koloi**  
 Support Teacher  
 Certificate Level3 in Early Childhood Education



## Why choose a Montessori Education for your child

The Montessori Method of teaching was created by Maria Montessori, Italy's first woman doctor and a woman with amazing common sense and first-rate observation skills. Through her detailed observations of children, Maria Montessori devised an educational philosophy that teaches children many qualities which are valued in society such as;



Maria Montessori

**\* Independence**

**\* Confidence**

**\* Creative thinking**

**\* Self-discipline**

**\* Manners**

**\* Social Skills**

## Why choose Wee Wisdom Montessori for your child

Wee Wisdom Montessori strives to provide a quality Montessori environment that works in unison with Te Whāariki, New Zealand's own Early Childhood Education Curriculum.

By providing this quality Wee Wisdom maintains:

- A clean, well-resourced child friendly environment
  - Montessori trained teachers
- Relationships with parents which empower them to be part of their child's learning
- A nurturing and caring environment where children can make friends, have fun and love to learn.

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## Fees

Wee Wisdom Montessori offers 20 ECE Hours for over threes, WINZ subsidies and scholarships for low income families. If you wish to apply for a scholarship please contact the administrator who will be able to help with your application.



## Enrolling your child

If you wish to enroll your child please contact the school administrator who will be happy to answer any questions and explain our enrolment process.

For enrolment inquiry, please contact  
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# Life skills gained through a Montessori Education

## **Integrity**

The ability to think and act from a basis of respect, responsibility and reverence for life.

## **Imagination**

The ability to creatively express yourself, solve problems and resolve conflicts.

## **Interpersonal Skills**

The ability to creatively express yourself, solve problems and resolve conflicts.

## **Individuality**

The opportunity and means to discover and develop one's own unique abilities, gifts and talents; to fulfill one's potential

## **Independence**

The ability to function as a self-confident, self-reliant and self-motivated person.

## **Intellectual**

The ability to read both for pleasure and information; to write well; to understand mathematics; to be a critical thinker

## **Involvement**

The ability to seek out and to participate in community service; family, locally, nationally and globally

## **Integration**

A balance of health, equilibrium in body, mind and spirit





# Comparisons

## Montessori

Mixed age grouping

Individual instruction

Child determined allotted time to grasp concepts

Sensorial learning

Concepts materialised

Learn for understanding

Concentration fostered

Stable approach and philosophy

Process orientated understanding

Learn how to learn

## Traditional

Similar age grouping

Group instruction

Adult determined allotted time to grasp concepts

Paper and pencil learning

Concepts verbalised

Learn to achieve the 'right' answer

Concentration interrupted

Changing approaches and philosophies

Product orientated testing

Learn how to be tested