



WATERDOWN MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

The March Break is behind us, and we are beginning to believe that spring *might* be here to stay. The final term of school is a very busy one, packed with all kinds of activity.

The "WMS Kilometre Club" has started up again. **Matteen** was the first student to run 5 kilometres. By the time our Tuesday morning assembly arrived, however, **Anissa** and **Meagan** had also completed their first 50 playground laps. By the second Tuesday **Hannah** had earned her first toe token, along with **Cole**, the first casa student to do so. Congratulations! Others will soon follow.

Registration for September is progressing well. We are delighted that almost everyone who is eligible to do so has already re-registered, or has assured us of their intention to do so. Remember that all post-dated tuition cheques are due at the time of registration. It has come to our attention that some of you have missed the new requirement of submitting a post-dated fundraising cheque; we will be sending home reminders. If you have any questions, please ask at the office.

You may have noticed our new sign, on the corner of Dundas and Howard Avenue. Mrs. Ann designed it, her husband John made the frame, Hickory Dickory Decks dug the post holes, and John installed it, with some help from my husband and myself. Even the students contributed: Max, Nolan and Audrey all helped me prepare and paint the wood for the frame after school on the Friday before the March Break!



Our ninth annual **Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival** took place this past Saturday, April 3! We couldn't have asked for a better day. In the end we had lots of help. In addition to our many parent volunteers, Mrs. Julie's daughters, their friend, my daughters, my husband, and Mrs. Barbara's son also spent the morning running events. Thank you, everyone; we couldn't do it without you.

At the March Coffee Club morning, someone suggested holding a "Mom to Mom" sale in May. Everyone present liked the idea. We have tentatively booked May 15 for the date. Details will be worked out at this month's coffee club, so we hope to see a great turnout! Kristy is this month's host for our **April 14th** meeting.

Remember to check out all our **Summer Camps**; June will be here before you know it!

Here's to new life, renewed enthusiasm, and the energy of spring. Let's enjoy!

Sue Reid-Kulpa
Principal

April Birthdays

Isla will be 7 on April 10.

Hannah will be 7 on April 20.

Jessica will be 6 on April 28.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!



Dates to Remember!

- April 8 - 15: Scholastic Book Fair
- April 14: Coffee Club morning
- April 15: Creative Works Art begins
- March 25: Satnam Wyn (adult) yoga begins

Don't Miss Out!



There are openings left in *all* our summer camps. If you are interested, let us know! Camps need a minimum of 5 campers to run.

Remember that summer camps are also open to friends from outside the school.

Information and Registration forms are available in the office.

New Students

One new student joined our school after the March Break. **Maddie** is in Ms. Wyn and Mrs. Julie's class, and already feels very much at home. Welcome, Maddie!

New Arrival

Lucas James was born on March 5th weighing 3 pounds 15 ounces. Nicholas is now a big brother! Lucas is home, and everyone is doing well. Congratulations to Kelly and Walter, and welcome, Lucas!

SCHOOL BOUNDARIES AND SAFETY REMINDER

We are privileged to be able to have our school in such a beautiful location. Please note that the land immediately adjacent to the school (playground area), is ours to enjoy. Classes are welcome to visit other designated areas of the grounds when supervised by a *staff member*.

The Sisters are gracious landlords, and the maintenance crew has been consistently friendly and agreeable, often going out of their way to help out. We certainly want to maintain our positive relationship with Notre Dame. Please remember, then, that the grounds surrounding the school *do not belong to us*, and that we are allowed to use them only at the discretion of Notre Dame. The cemetery is out of bounds, as is the gazebo near our playground. We ask that you supervise your children carefully, and be respectful at all times.

With the warmer weather, (*surely* it will be here soon!) it is tempting to enjoy a visit with friends after school. *Please do NOT allow your children to climb trees or to run unsupervised down the path towards the large shed.* There is open water by the treatment plant, (across from the shed), and unused, rusting farm machinery behind the shed. On the nearby picnic table there are often various objects including old boards with nails. The Sisters want your children to be safe, and so do we! *We do not want any complaints.*

If you do wish to stay after school, and let your children play for a bit, *you are welcome to take them to the playground area.* Thank you for your consideration and compliance.