



A Story to Tell

MONTessorI CONFERENCE | 30 – 31 August 2025

Royal on the Park • Brisbane, QLD

DAY 1: Saturday 30 August

8:30 AM	Registration		
9:00 AM	Welcome		
9:15 AM	The Tempest Within: Imagination, Story and the Making Of Young Minds <i>Keynote: Matt Hyde</i>		
10:30 AM	Morning Tea		
11:00 AM	A Tale to Share... <div> <div>'The Worlds Inside and Out' <i>Leanne Tarran</i></div> <div>'Developing Core Values to Foster Distributed Leadership in a Montessori Context' <i>JR Alberto</i></div> <div>'Stories are the Threads That Bind Us' <i>Leharne Fountain</i></div> </div>		
12:00 PM	A Journey to Describe... <div> <div>'The Influence of Stories on Lower and Upper Primary Students' <i>Nila Tanzil</i></div> <div>'Fostering Creative Expression through STEAM projects in Montessori Education' <i>Eva Nislev & Susan Anthony</i></div> <div>'Igniting Student Agency for Peace' <i>Hope Leyson</i></div> </div>		
1:00 PM	Lunch A Lesson to Impart...(Optional) The Role of the Adult in Society: Promise and Unity		
2:00 PM	A Message to Convey... <div> <div>'Storytelling Through Dance' <i>Kei Ikeda</i></div> <div>'Practical Insights: Nurturing Attention in Montessori Students with ADHD' <i>Alex Dillon</i></div> <div>'How I Established Montessori Sport in my Canberra Classroom' <i>Tom Ransom</i></div> </div>		
3:00 PM	Once Upon A Time... Story Seeds: Planting Characters, Sprouting Stories <i>Interactive Workshop with Fiona Mackenzie</i>		
3:50 PM	Day 1 Wrap Up		
4:00 PM	Networking Drinks		
6:30 PM	Dinner (Optional Add-On)		

DAY 2: Sunday 31 August

8:55 AM	Housekeeping		
9:00 AM	A Story to Tell... ...about storytelling for connection, identity, and truth-telling. <i>Keynote: Jordyn Green</i>		
9:30 AM	...about the first Australian Montessorians. <i>Keynote: Susan Feez</i>		
10:15 AM	Fireside Chat with Jorian Cunliffe <i>CEO of the Montessori Children's Foundation</i>		
10:30 AM	Morning Tea		
11:00 AM	An Experience to Relay... <div> <div>'Montessori Without Borders: Early Childhood Lessons from Around the World' <i>Ana Flavia Pasquotte Vieira</i></div> <div>'Stories Don't Tell Themselves: The Pathway to Reflection and Expression Through the Power of Spoken Word' <i>Laureen Barnard</i></div> <div>'Literacy Transformations at Beechworth Montessori School' <i>Karen Bowey</i></div> </div>		
12:00 PM	An Insight to Reveal... <div> <div>'Matrescence for Educators: Understanding the Transformation of Motherhood' <i>Siobhan O'Gorman</i></div> <div>Every Child has a Story to Tell – Crafting Narrative Writing for Powerful Stories in 6-12 Montessori Classrooms. <i>Fiona Mackenzie</i></div> <div>'Weaving Wellbeing into Montessori Education' <i>Maria Vaoleti-Ponga</i></div> </div>		
1:00 PM	Lunch A Book to Bind...(Optional) Interactive Book Making Session		
1:45 PM	A Tale Told by Many... Whole School Stories: The Process and Example <i>Cathy France</i>		
2:00 PM	A Legacy to Echo... Closing Keynote with Jeremy Donovan		
3:00 PM	Raffle Draw & Day 2 Wrap Up		
3:30 PM	Conference Close		



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