

# CLIPPINGS

TREETOPS MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

As I am sure you are now well aware, Carol resigned towards the end of last term after a 15 year association with Treetops, ten of which were as Principal. Carol was instrumental in developing Treetops from a Montessori primary school to an IB World Montessori school which now offers educational programmes from the Children's House right up to years 11 and 12, only the second Montessori school in WA to do so. Such an achievement does not come without a lot of dedication, commitment and hard work. Treetops will always remain indebted to Carol for her efforts.

To celebrate Carol's contribution to Treetops we are holding a get-together of students, parents and staff, past and present, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 2 pm. Parents wishing to contribute towards a leaving gift for Carol can do so at the office.

Finally, it is with a little nervousness, but much enthusiasm, that I can inform you that my application for the post of Principal has been successful. I look forward to taking up the challenge and I am confident that, with continued support from parents and staff, I will build on the work that Carol has completed and that Treetops will continue to thrive well into the future.

Best wishes

*Norman Megahey*  
*Principal*

*"Promptitude is not only a duty, but is also a part of good manners; it is favourable to fortune, reputation, influence, and usefulness; a little attention and energy will form the habit, so as to make it easy and delightful."*

**Charles Simmons**

## WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

Tuesday	13 May	National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy
Wednesday	14 May	National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy
Wednesday	14 May	Jarrah & Tuart Excursion - Bowling
Thursday	15 May	National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy
Thursday	22 May	Jarrah Excursion - Brumby's Bakery
Friday	23 May	Gums Incursion - Science Alive
Wednesday	28 May	Staff Meeting (early close at 2.00 pm)
Friday	30 May	Karri & Marri Excursion - WASO
Friday	30 May	Carol Brands' Farewell Afternoon Tea at 2.00 pm
Monday	2 June	Public Holiday



## About Karri

Welcome back for Term 2. This term we will be extending our 'Precious Earth' studies into 'Biodiversity, Endangered Species and Ecological Sustainability'. Some of the students will be surveying some 'home truths' and may try to implement some waste saving ideas.

Some excursions planned for this term for both classes are with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra when we will be attending 'The Silence' which is a story of a boy who wakes one morning to find everyone has vanished from his world. We will also participate in World Environment Day on Thursday, 5th June at the Perth Hills National Parks Centre in Mundaring. We will take part in 8 activities throughout the day. For Physical Education this term we have organized a specialist to teach some Fencing lessons at the school.

Taelum has finished her Chemo treatment and her last check up in Sydney and will now be back to school on a regular basis. Her recent operation means she must be careful not to bump her hip for a full year as this could cause some worrying complications for her full recovery. We would really appreciate any help reminding students about the importance of all of us looking after Taelum in this regard. Thanks so much!!!

*Susan*

## About Marri

In the first week of term students created a drawing and timeline showing their hopes and dreams. This project gave students the opportunity to think about their interests. The older students will use their interests as a theme this term. These students are planning and conducting research projects about topics such as piano, hip hop music, skateboarding, visual arts, RSPCA, aeroplanes, comedy movies and many more.

The younger students will be choosing from a selection of learning tasks about their identity. These students will have the opportunity to discover more about who they are as people and to develop an understanding of the concept of 'interests'.

The whole class has also started learning about being a 'Feelings Detective'. This will give students the skills to sort out problems, make group decisions, join in activities and be sensitive to their own and other peoples' feelings.

*Michael*

## JARRAH JOURNALS

This fortnight in Jarrah we have been concentrating mainly on the ever closer Exhibition. The main topic is Ancient Civilisations. We have to choose our own focus from the main topic, and plan, research and choose the tasks we are going to do, then present our work on the Exhibition night. We have 5 areas that we have to cover—hands, voice, written, time and numbers. Everyone is working well and productively. We hope you all come and take a look at all of our hard work!

*Kobi Speight (with help from Elisabeth Mews)*

## Coral & Scarlet Gums

Welcome back to Term 2. This term promises to be a very busy term. A special welcome to Amos Mackintosh who has joined us in the Children's House. Our theme for this term is the "Human Body". This has always been a very interesting and informative topic for the children and often raises a lot of awareness as they learn about the different parts of their body and its functions. We are currently in the process of organising some incursions as a follow up to this theme. More information to come later. We will also be concentrating on our Water Wise Program this term and we are pretty sure you will (if you haven't already) hear all about how you can help save water in your homes.

Our rosters are up for second term. Please put your name down if you are able to help. Have a happy, productive term everyone.

*Geraldine, Christina, Sue and Kaylene*

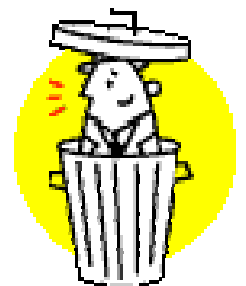


## TUART

Tuart has done many interesting things so far this term. Last week we took a trip to the Eco Centre at Murdoch University where they are inventing and testing environmentally friendly ways to generate power, recycle and live. First we looked at compost sewerage, then next we came to a worm farm. Then there were the gardens, where we saw the recycling of water, as well as a duck pond and a lemonade tree. After that we looked at an environmentally friendly house (more like a tent with a tin roof and a loo out the back, but anyway...). We got ice cream on the way back as well!!!

It wasn't all good though. The visit to the Eco Centre inspired Terri to do a rubbish project, with Tuart as her unfortunate, unwilling helpers! The project involved gathering rubbish from every class and sorting it into categories while Jarrah got to go bowling. This time the ice cream at the end didn't quite make up for our suffering.

*Andrew Mews and Ammon Messinger*



## What's Up In Wattle

The children arrived back from their holiday refreshed and ready to go. Our theme for this term is Australia and we will be learning about the mammals of Australia, history, art and many more subjects related to this theme.

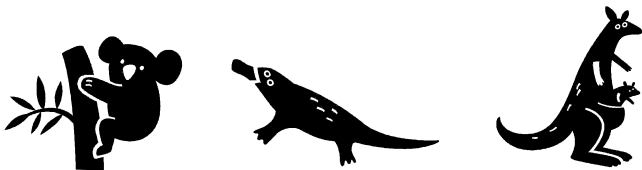
We welcome back Armaan Zoeb who spent last term in Papua New Guinea. We have heard some interesting stories of his school life there.

Could parents please ensure that even on days when their children are having Pines Lunch or special lunch at school that they provide their children with a snack for halfway through the morning. Rumbly tummies are not conducive to learning!!!!!!

This week we started our transitions for the children going down to Karri/Marri and they will go down every Wednesday morning except for the third week when we have the NAPLAN testing. Only the older children of the groups are involved in this.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed our rosters as without your help we would not be able to run our option program or the special lunch. There are still a few gaps, so please find some time to come and have fun with us. Thank you also to Annolies and Vi for volunteering to keep us free of little creatures (NitzBlitz)

*Lynda, Lorraine, Adele and Dianne*



## Sugar Gums

Our theme this term is Farm Animals. We have also been busy making cards and gifts for the all important Mother's Day.

We welcome our newest Playgroup members, Mair Davies and Scarlett Hayes.

A sincere thank you to all of the children's parents and caregivers for making me feel so welcome.

## Lilly Pillys Afternoon Program

We have been busy doing lots of fun activities, including handprint paintings, marble rolling paintings and painting with cotton buds. At the moment we have a space available on Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the office staff to arrange this.

*Belinda*



### We're very excited about the upcoming Kidstuff Swapmeet on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at Treetops.

To help us fundraise on the day we're putting together a Treetops Stall - and we're asking the school community to donate any pre-loved or homemade baby and children's stuff that you're happy to part with (e.g., books, clothing, toys, furniture, etc).

We're especially asking parents to make donations if you're not intending on having *your own* stall. However, we're also encouraging as many parents as possible to have a stall to make this event a success. Either way, we'd love you to be involved!

A drop off box will be permanently situated near the administration office as a collection point. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the Treetop's Kidstuff Swapmeet stall, give Simone Hughes a call on 92955515, or email: [hughes74@tpg.com.au](mailto:hughes74@tpg.com.au).

**See you at the swapmeet!**

# FUNDRAISING NEWS

## Every Friday is Coffee & Pasta Day at Treetops



*Fiori fresh roasted coffee beans and grinds  
Ecor organic dried pasta shapes  
And other delectable gourmet items!  
Get yours from 8.45 to 9.15am at the school gate  
(or the office area when it rains)  
This is a fundraising venture!*



## Kidstuff Swapmeet

At school on Saturday May 24 from 8 to 11am

**Buy and sell baby and children's gear**

Buyers' entry: gold coin donation

Sellers phone Sasha on 9252 1660 to book

**Helpers wanted** – see roster on the main noticeboard

## Yummmmm....Cake Stall!



**We are seeking contributions** for the Coffee and Cake Stall at our first Treetops Kidstuff Swapmeet (Saturday 24th May). Bring your cake/slice on the day or drop off at school on Friday afternoon (23<sup>rd</sup> May). Don't forget to label your cake with the main ingredients (eg wheat/dairy/nuts etc).



If you would like to contribute but are stuck for ideas call into the Office and pick up a Treetops recipe sheet. Includes indulgent chocolate brownies, healthy gluten free cakes and quick and easy no-bake slices. Make a batch for your family and one for Treetops too!

## PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

**Workshop Dates: SATURDAYS 24<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 10am – 12noon**

**Venue: COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE MUNDARING ARTS CENTRE**

**Suitable for: AGES UP TO 13, WITH THOSE UNDER 8 NEEDING THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ADULT**

The Mundaring Arts Centre is offering a two- part weekend workshop for children in the classic art of the print. Experienced printmakers, Lisa Businovski and Sue Starcken will guide children in the inspiring and creative techniques of the mono-print with chine-colle and drypoint etching. Both of these printmaking methods are easily mastered and produce a wonderful array of effects that can be worked in a myriad of ways to make exciting and unique artworks.

**For more information and to book, call the Mundaring Arts Centre on 9295 3991**