



# CLIPPINGS

TREETOPS MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

The exciting news for this edition of Clippings is the success of Treetops' grant application under the Federal Government's National School Pride programme. This is part of the government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) and the grant of \$75 000 has come after a great effort by Terri in preparing the application in a very short period of time. Thank you to the Federal Government and WELL DONE TERRI!

The grant money will go to extending Karri/Marri class and the library. Space, as those of you who know these areas, is limited, so the extensions will make an enormous difference, particularly to the classrooms as student numbers grow.

Georgina Thiele has unfortunately been in hospital over the past few days where she has had surgery to alleviate a neck problem. I'm sure everyone joins me in wishing her a speedy recovery and return to work –especially in time for the next pay day!

Finally thank you to all the friends and parents of Jarrah and Tuart students who contributed to the *Hush For The Homeless* fundraising event last week. This was very much a learning experience for our adolescent students, raising (apart from the money) awareness of the many issues involved in homelessness. Oh, and well done students for managing to keep speechless for one hour!

Best Wishes,

*Norman Megahey*  
*Principal*

## Honour An Outstanding Teacher

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the NEITA 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards program. The awards program provides a rare opportunity to publicly recognize and encourage our outstanding teachers and give them a well deserved pat on the back. It is the only national awards program where school communities - individual parents, students and community organizations - can nominate teachers and principals who contribute excellence.

Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEITA Certificate of Nomination and become candidates for NEITA State and National Awards. Nomination forms are available from the office staff or forms can be downloaded or completed online at [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au) or requested from NEITA Secretariat by phoning free call 1800 624 487.

## WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

1st June	Foundation Day Public Holiday
12th June	Children's House Child's Play Music Incursion
16th June	Staff Meeting (early close at 2.00pm)



## About Karri/Marri

Karri/Marri students are enjoying our morning fitness sessions and also our Darlington Station Reserve sessions with Shaun. What we are not enjoying are the sudden cold mornings and we begin our days with a huddle around our heater!

We are again having 5 sessions of Cultural Cooking on Fridays, starting this Friday with Norman doing his world famous potato stew. We still have 2 spots vacant on our roster and need your help please! If you would like to take a small group of 4 to 5 students to do cultural cooking from 10.30 am to 12 noon, please put your name down on our roster on the noticeboard outside our classroom. Dates available are Friday, 5th June and Friday, 26th June.

The money that children pay for cultural cooking (\$2.00 per session) goes towards paying for ingredients that you may purchase. The children love to do cooking in class with their parent and their friends. You can make whatever you want. So far we have had pizza, hamburgers, Indian food and Indonesian food.

Please see the teachers for more information on this.

*Kaylene and Christine*



Congratulations to Charlize Gosnell of our Wattle class, who has been selected in the Calisthenics Association of Western Australia's (CAWA) State Team 2009. This is a wonderful achievement. Well done!

## Fuchsia Gums

The children are enjoying learning about the musical instruments played in the Orchestra as well as some others. We have a table set up with a variety of instruments and the children are having a great time making new songs! We were very lucky to have Eva Bailey bring her violin in and show us how well she plays. The children have made lots of musical instruments and I'm sure the parents love to hear them being played!

Some of our children will be doing orientations at Children's House to prepare them for the move in third term.

*Joanne and Giselle*



## Coral & Scarlet Gums

As our theme of 'Music' continues we would like to thank several people who visited our classroom to show us their musical instrument and perform for us.

Firstly, we would like to thank two children from the Karri/Marri classroom. These students were previous students from our classroom and it was lovely to see them visit us and perform so proficiently. They gave our children relevant information in a very responsible manner and our children enjoyed them visiting very much. So we would like to thank Armaan Zoeb, who played the Violin, and Christopher Woodley, who played the Recorder. Well done boys and thank you.

We would also like to thank Victoria Thornton, who is Anya Sills' mum, who is coming in to play Oboe for us. Also, thank you to Georgia Bolden-Strestik, Emma's mum, who is also coming in to play the Violin. It is always wonderful to have parents in our classroom interacting with their children and the rest of the Children's House children. Thank you for giving up your precious time. We are very grateful.

We would also like to thank the Jarrah students who are coming into our classroom in the afternoons 4 days a week to listen to our children read. It is fabulous to have them in our classroom. Most of them have also been our previous students and it is wonderful to see how responsible and mature they are now and how, in a very positive way, they are interacting with our younger children. We remember them fondly and feel privileged to have them back in our classroom helping us. Our children love to read to them and this is helping our children to become more proficient and confident readers. Thank you Jarrah children (you know who you are). We appreciate your help.

As the wet weather is now upon us, please consider giving your child a pair of gumboots for the playground and a pair of slippers to wear inside the classroom. This will be more comfortable for your child and will help to keep the classroom clean.

We would also like to remind parents that you are required to stay with your child and accompany them to the door of the classroom at the beginning of each school day.

Thank you.

*Geraldine, Christina, Sue and Kaylene*



## Premier's Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Lukas Steinwandel, Brigit and Patrick Truman-Healy and Armaan Zoeb for participating in the 2008/09 Premier's Summer Reading Challenge.



## What's Up In Wattle

We had a very enjoyable excursion to the Reptile Park and saw some amazing reptiles. The highlight of the visit was being able to stroke a huge python named Billy. Excursions, as well as being a fun activity, provide the child with extra stimulus and information which cannot be replicated in the classroom. Thank you to the parents who accompanied us that day.

The wet weather is upon us, so it might be useful to put some spare clothes into your child's schoolbag or alternative footwear (gumboots) to wear outside. We have beautiful school grounds but it can get muddy!!!!!!

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 Kylie and Vi for volunteering to keep us free of little creatures (NitzBlitz)

*Lynda, Lorraine and Adele*



Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude. - Denice Waitley



## Sugar Gums

We would like to welcome our newest Playgroup member, Shayla.

Our craft activities have included painting with sponges and brushes and making Mother's Day gifts. We have been singing songs and reading stories about Wild Animals and we've enjoyed making Lion masks and painting brown spots on Giraffes.

A huge thank you to those of you who attended our Busy Bee. The place looks fabulous! A really big thank you to Isabella's dad, Attila, who has made us new shelves and a new table.

Just a reminder that we will be holding a fundraiser with Marnie's Designer Kids Clothing from Tuesday, 2nd June until Friday, 5th June every morning from 9 am in the Playgroup. Please let all your family and friends know. Your support of this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated.

## Lilly Pillys Afternoon Program

Our afternoon activities have included painting with cotton buds, sponge daubers and assorted stamps; cars, butterflies, flowers and smiley faces. We've also enjoyed playing hide and seek in the garden. We have some spaces available. Please see Sara in the office if you would like to make a booking.

*Vicky & Belinda*

## TUART

This term in Tuart so far, we have done many different and exciting things. Some BIG things were the Careers Expo and "Hush for Homelessness".

At the Careers Expo there were too many people. We walked around for 2 hours and learnt so many things. In general, it was fun.

For Community Service we joined Jarrah and decided we'd go with the Mission Australia and "Hush for Homelessness". We got given booklets for sponsorship and received cheques and cash donations for being quiet for an hour. (It wasn't that easy for some of us!) We raised over \$400.00. Later, we found out that we had won a data projector! (We didn't even realise there would be prizes.) So, that's going to be a really good thing for Tuart and Jarrah!

With our normal school work we have been studying all sorts of things: puppets for Tech Ent, making movie pitches for English, Quadratics, Pythagoras' Theory and basic Trigonometry for Maths, Energy for Science, learning German for LOTE, watching movies for English and so forth...

So, that's Tuart so far.

*Ben Messinger*

# JARRAH JOURNALS

In Jarrah we have watched the movie “The Karate Kid” and have been writing reviews. Here are a couple for you to read.

## By Samantha Huxtable

Karate Kid was made in 1984 and was a big hit back then. The issues are still relevant now but do we really need three sequels? I mean, it's getting to be a bit of a bore. Daniel (played by Ralph Maccino) is a helpless, poor, beaten up kid who achieves all his dreams in the end. A bit sappy and predictable but a good movie if you like that sort of thing.

Daniel meets Mr. Miyagi, a family trained karate specialist. He teaches Daniel the ways of karate using chores, such as waxing cars, painting houses and sanding wooden floors. Daniel suspects Mr. Miyagi is only using him for chores but Mr. Miyagi shows him how he now has reflexes to block and punch. Daniel then goes on to battle some bullies who have been harassing him all his time in Los Angeles and defeats them. Then one of them uses an illegal move on Daniel and he is unable to compete but convinces Mr. Miyagi to use a pain relief remedy on his leg so he can compete in the final battle. Just as the MC is about to hand the trophy to the winner, Daniel hobbles onto the field. He and the other contestant are tied, each one point away from winning when the opponent's sensei tells him to 'sweep the leg' but Daniel takes the 'Crane Kick' position and delivers a blow to the opponent's chin, winning him the competition and freedom from bullying.

A good movie all in all, if you like that sort of thing.

## By Roisin Megahey

Karate Kid is about a 16 year old boy called Daniel LaRusso who had just moved from New Jersey to a run down old flat in Reseda, a small neighbourhood in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles, California.

Daniel is now going to a new school but at the same time is being harassed by some students from the Cobra Kai dojo. One night he gets into some big trouble with the students. Punched and hurt, Daniel is helpless. When all hope seems lost, the maintenance man, Mr. Miyagi, comes to his aid. Mr. Miyagi realises that there is trouble happening in Daniel's life, so he and Daniel go down to the Cobra Kai dojo to talk to the sensei. The sensei, John Kreese, doesn't listen to Mr. Miyagi. He thinks that his students should never have mercy. So Mr. Miyagi decides that Daniel shall fight Kreese's students at the “All Valley Tournament”. Until then the students are not allowed to harm Daniel and if they don't show up... Daniel and Mr. Miyagi will be targeted.

Daniel is trained unknowingly by Mr. Miyagi. The tasks that Mr. Miyagi gives to him are training him to defend himself.

The tournament comes in no time at all. Daniel surprises everyone by getting to the championships but then he gets badly injured. An illegal kick brings Daniel to the ground. Daniel somehow persuades Mr. Miyagi to fix him. He goes back out into the ring to face his enemy, Johnny Lawrence. Soon Johnny and Daniel are tied. The next point wins. Daniel, who can barely walk, takes the “Crane Kick” stance. Johnny goes for him and Daniel kicks him straight in the chin. Daniel wins the trophy. Johnny, who has gained new found respect for Daniel, takes the trophy and gives it to Daniel himself!

I think that “The Karate Kid” was an excellent movie. It showed that you don't always need to attack. You really need to defend yourself instead. You should never get carried away with fights and you should show mercy. It tells us that karate doesn't come from your head but from your heart. That is why I think that “The Karate Kid” is a great movie.

# FUNDRAISING 2009

## The Great Swap Up

Have you seen the latest swap??

Visit <http://greatswapup.blogspot.com/> or become a friend of the Great Swap Up on facebook to keep up with what's being swapped. Tell your friends!

**Friday June 19: Healthy Bake Stall!** Please send along something **home baked** for the children to sell on a stall during snack and lunch times. Please also send along a couple of dollars for your child to buy something off the stall. Please note that as a Crunch and Sip school, we request baked food with a healthy twist. Think homemade sausage rolls, mini quiches, pizza rolls, carrot cake, pumpkin scones, muesli slice, banana muffins, etc. Some gluten and dairy free selections would be great and of course, please exclude NUTS from all baking. Whatever is left over at the end of the day can be purchased by parents on school pick up.

**Saturday August 29: Family Trivia Night!** Here's something you don't need to find a babysitter for. Bring the kids along as they will be included in this family-friendly quiz night from 5-7pm at Glen Forrest Hall. Every child wins a prize. And there are amazing prizes for you grownups too. Tickets can be purchased from the office at \$10 adults and \$5 kids (children under 3 are free). Tables of ten can be booked or we will put you on a team. Buy a cup of hot homemade soup (including a gluten/dairy free option) and crusty bread roll on the night, tea and coffee for sale, BYO nibblies and drinks (alcoholic drinks are permitted). Raffles, games and prizes galore! Tickets on sale now. Get in early as they WILL sell out!

**Heads up! Uniforms** We are currently investigating a non-compulsory uniform for Treetops students. The children will have a say in the colours chosen. We are looking at a polo shirt and a fleece tracksuit, embroidered with the school's name. We anticipate that this will be on a bulk pre-order basis so please start to consider whether or not you're interested in uniform items for your child(ren).

### With regards to our Nut Free Policy coming in to effect at the beginning of Term 3 here are some Nut-Free Sandwich Alternatives

#### **Sweet William Chocolate Spread**

*Alternative to **Nutella***

gluten-free, dairy-free, lactose-free, **nut-free**

#### **Sunflower Seed Butter/Tahini**

gluten-free, dairy-free, lactose-free, **nut-free**

Mixed with some honey makes a delicious sandwich spread.

#### **NutFree Butter**

*Alternative to **Peanut Butter***

gluten-free, dairy-free, lactose-free, **nut-free**

Great by itself or mixed with honey or another savory spread, even salad.

Can be found at most health food stores and selected Coles, Woolworths, IGA.

Visit [www.totallynutfree.ca/lunchbox.html/](http://www.totallynutfree.ca/lunchbox.html/) for fantastic nut-free snack recipes using FreeNut Butter.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

### **BALLET IS FUN!**

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**HAS CLASSES NEAR YOUR SCHOOL**

Recognized nationally & internationally for our training methods, our students develop through their ballet technique - confidence, strong bodies, good co-ordination, sharper minds, good manners, personal grooming, a healthy lifestyle and an appreciation of a great art form.

Enrolments are now being taken for mid term intake in second term. For more information please call us on 9475 0320, email us at

### **MUNDARING ARTS CENTRE**

#### **Environmental Art Awards 2009**

Local Hills Primary schools have investigated ways to protect our earth in this annual banner competition. Visit the Arts Centre to see the winners and pick your favourite from the hundreds on display.

#### **EARTH**

A collaborative exhibition by members of the Ceramic Arts Assoc of WA and FeltWEST - beautiful pottery and textiles from these two important arts organisations. Includes extensive demonstration and workshop programme. Call 9295 3991 or visit [www.mundaringartscentre.com](http://www.mundaringartscentre.com) for details.

Mundaring Arts Centre is in the heart of Mundaring at 7190 Great Eastern Hwy Mundaring

#### *Creative Writing Workshops for Children*

Wednesdays from 4 pm and Saturdays from 10 am

Classes are held in Greenmount

Cost is only \$5.00 per class

All children need to bring is pen, paper and their imagination.

Enquiries - Sharon Williams on 0414 908 258

### **Foster carers are urgently needed for kids in your neighbourhood, and you can help!**

You can be male, female, single, a couple, married, with or without children, working full or part-time, or even retired.

There are lots of ways that you can help—looking after children for short periods or for a long term placement, or even just on the odd weekend.

As a foster carer, you play an important role in the lives of children in need.

It's not just the child's life that changes—your life will also change as you experience the rewards and challenges of fostering.

Call Fostering Services, Department for Child Protection, on freecall 1800 024 453, or visit [www.childprotection.wa.gov.au](http://www.childprotection.wa.gov.au), to find out more.