



# CLIPPINGS

TREETOPS MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

In this, the last issue of Clippings for Semester One, I thought it appropriate to highlight some of the achievements during the first half of the year.

One of the big successes has been the Fuchsia Gums 3 year old programme, introduced at the beginning of this year. The programme is being run by Joanne Lees, who with several years experience in Childrens' House is very well equipped for this undertaking. She has been working closely with Giselle Thornton and, this term, Kate Wiltshire, and all three are to be congratulated for the success of the programme.

During this term a group of Jarrah and Karri/Marri children have been assisting with rehabilitation work at the Darlington Reserve. This task was carried out for some years by Joan Crawford, a Darlington resident, who retired from this voluntary position early in the year. Shaun Mitchell has organised with Joan for a group of Treetops' students to take over this important community project, which they are doing with great enthusiasm.

As mentioned in the last Clippings, thanks largely to hard work put in by Terri Fitzgerald, Treetops was successful in attracting funding under the federal government's Building Education Revolution. The grant money will go towards extending the library and Karri/Marri classroom.

This term a school choir was formed, under the guidance of Karri/Marri teacher Christine Woodhams and made up of children from all areas across the school. Choir practice is on Friday mornings and, having had the pleasure of listening in, I can confidently report that this is going to be a very impressive and important part of Treetops culture into the future. Plans are in place for early performances at the Kalamunda Sunday markets and after that, who knows! There has also been some talk of staff members joining, so watch out!

Jarrah students have been involved in a couple of significant community activities which have raised their awareness of community issues and responsibilities. The *Hush For The Homeless* fundraising campaign early in term 2 raised both money and student awareness of a major social issue. The involvement of one group of students in the painting of a banner for the Hills Climate Action Group, which they took along to a Climate Action rally in Perth, provided them with the opportunity to realise that participating in social action can help bring about change.

Finally, congratulations are due to Tim Clegg who has reached the finals in a playwriting competition. Tim's play will be performed at His Majesty's Theatre later this week, along with seven other finalist entries, and I am sure that everyone joins me in wishing Tim every success.

Best Wishes,

*Norman Megahey*  
Principal

## HELP NEEDED!!!

Is there anyone at the school who is experienced in upholstery work or repairing fabric?

We have seats on the bus that require repairing and also the rubber door seal on the bus door requires fixing.

If you are able to offer assistance please see Tim at school or call him on 0439 940 319.

## WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON

28th June	Busy Bee
30th June	Karri/Marri Parent Day
1st July	Jarrah Parent Day
1st July	Wattle Parent Day
2nd July	Tuart Parent Day
2nd July	Children's House Parent Day
3rd July	Last Day of Term (normal close at 3.10pm)



## About Karri/Marri

Karri/Marri students and teachers would again like to thank all the parents that have and will help out this term. Thanks to Sherene Strahan for reading to our class to end Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Thanks to the parents for doing cultural cooking – Norman Megahey for his world famous potato soup, Sherene Strahan for yummy meat balls, Yvette Slijderink for tasty chicken croquets and Lindsay Earnshaw will be cooking this Friday with some students.

Thanks to Christine for teaching our school choir and thanks to all the students for coming along and singing beautifully!

In Karri/Marri we are now undertaking Virtues challenges and we have practiced trust and trustworthiness by being blind folded and led around by a partner and determination by playing tug of war on the oval.

Now we are preparing for our parent afternoon on **Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm** when we invite our parents to see all the work we have been doing this term! We hope all parents can make it!

A big thank you from  
*Kaylene, Christine and Karri/Marri students!*



## Fuchsia Gums

We have had an interesting term so far learning about musical instruments. The children have made lots of instruments using different materials, including paper mache maracas which was really gooey fun! Thank you to Nick Kenworthy for bringing in his Bass Guitar, Trumpet and Keyboard. Nick spoke about and played the instruments for the children. We were also involved in the Children's House incursion last Friday. Child's Play Music is an interactive program where the children learn about and can play various musical instruments made of pipes and barrels and lots of other materials. The children had a great time joining in.

We would also like to thank Sarah (Max's mum) for making our rosters for the rest of the year and to Lisa (Bindi's mum) and Sarah for offering to clean our classroom during the holidays. Thank you also to all the parents who have taken our laundry this term.

As this is the last Clippings for the term, Giselle and I would like to say goodbye and good luck to the children moving on to the Children's House next term - Isobella, Max, Zion, Ashton, Bindi, Matilda and Eva. It has been wonderful having them in our inaugural Fuchsia Gums class. We are now looking forward to our new classmates joining us in Term 3.

*Joanne and Giselle*

## Coral & Scarlet Gums

Another term is coming to an end and what a busy term it has been. The children had a wonderful incursion with Child's Play Music. The session was educational, interactive and enjoyable. The presenter, Alec Duncan, was very impressed with our children's ability to conduct themselves, their knowledge of music and a willingness to participate.

The children are now preparing for Parents' Day. They will be performing "Thank you for the Music". This performance promises to be enjoyable, lively and loud. Please help your child learn his/her lines for this day. Please remember Parents' Day is on **Thursday, 2nd July at 9.15am**. All parents and grandparents are invited to attend.

As the term comes to a close, we would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who participated and helped us with laundry, cooking, special lunch and Friday activities. A special thank you to Vi for all your help this semester. We truly appreciate all that you do. Thank you also to Stefan Jenner for your kind donation of a photo printer to the Children's House.

To all our lovely children who are leaving us and moving up to Wattle, it has been an absolute joy working with you and we wish you well as you continue your learning journey in Wattle.

Have a great holiday everyone, a good rest and always remember to open the door to a happy day!

*Geraldine, Christina, Sue and Kaylene*

A great "must read" book for parents (recommended by Geraldine) is "What Do You Really Want For Your Children? By Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.

This book has many useful strategies parents can use to help their children to take charge of their own happiness. This book contains straightforward, common sense advice that no parent can afford to do without.

Happy Reading!

### END OF TERM IS APPROACHING!

Please make sure you return all your library books by the last day of term on Friday, 3rd July.

Thank you



## What's Up In Wattle

The children are busy putting the information they have gathered throughout the first semester into a presentation for Parents Day. This will be held on **Wednesday, 1st July at 1.45pm**. This is a time when the children can display what they have been learning about for the last two terms and to show their parents around their classroom. Notes have gone home about costumes and if anybody is really stuck please see one of the teachers.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped us with the option program and have provided us with beautiful, nutritious lunches throughout the term. Also thank you to Sasha Wasley who came in to show the children how to do Japanese calligraphy. The children enjoyed the session very much. Another big thank you to Vi, Kylie and Annolies who have helped with Nitzblitz. We would also like to acknowledge Tim, Kate and Rebecca Blake for their fantastic idea of a Wattle story book, which will be on sale to parents at our parent afternoon. Many thanks, especially to Tim who has spent many hours scanning the stories and illustrations and compiling them into a collection of the children's work.

If anybody would like to do a Busy Bee in the holidays, our desks and chairs need cleaning. We hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday and farewell to Brigit, Dylan, Taylor, Seth, Tomas, Amber, Jemma, Rebecca, Quinn, Ryan and Josh who will be moving on from Wattle.

**Lynda, Lorraine and Adele**

## Sugar Gums

Our Wild Animal theme continues. We have been busy creating bears, monkeys and zebras. We are looking forward to our Zoo excursion on Thursday, 2nd July. We will be attending the A to Zoo educational programme.

Thank you to those of you who supported our fundraiser by making purchases from Marnie's Designer Kids Clothing.

### *Lilly Pillys Afternoon Program*

We have been busy in the afternoons painting spots on giraffes, stripes on zebras and gluing fur on bears. We enjoy playing outside in our lovely garden and singing songs and reading stories together.

We have some spaces available. Please see Sara in the office if you would like to make a booking.

**Vicky and Belinda**



## TUART

A big "thank you" to all the companies and organisations who hosted a year 10 student for work experience:

Open Systems Computer Support (East Perth)  
The paleontology division of the Department of Mines and Petroleum (Carlisle)  
Mabu Clothing (Subiaco)  
The Pines General Store, Bakery and Tearooms (Darlington)  
Concept Musical Instruments (Wembley)  
Insilico Web Design and Software Development (Kewdale)  
Method Clothing (Mount Lawley)  
Mundaring Arts Centre  
Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre (Gooseberry Hill)  
Miss Maud's (Midland Gate)

### IB Exam Time

*Imagine sitting in a room watching a clock slowly tick. Tick. Tick. Tick. You're trying to quieten your nerves and remember all the things you need. Have you got a pen? Is there enough battery power in your calculator? Where is your water bottle? Do you need to go to the toilet? When did Otto Von Bismarck set up the Triple Alliance? When is this thing going to start? When is it going to be over? And why does that clock tick so loudly?*

*Welcome to exam week, that heady mixture of academic achievement, self-surprise and possible impending doom, when hands cramp, brows furrow, brains stretch, and clocks tick. Tick, tick, tick.*

*As I write, Sheridan and Andrew are just starting their English paper 2 – their second 2 hour exam for the day. In the rest of the week, they'll take one maths exam, one biology exam, and two history exams. They'll have a few hours each subject to show what they've learnt in the previous two terms. Well, not exactly just "show". The trick with exams, you see, is to show what you've learnt by learning to show it the way the exam format wants it shown. Confused? Imagine how Sheridan and Andrew feel!*

*So, whether you think exams are a good way of assessing learning or not (and there are plenty of arguments for and against the use of exams), spare a thought for the IB students (and parents and siblings and friends and staff) who are dealing with the phenomenon.*

*Perhaps, you could take some time to acknowledge that exam week is a big deal for our IB kids, and remind Andrew and Sheridan that they can be proud of themselves for meeting this challenge. And then, ask them to repeat: "My self-respect, the respect I have for others and the respect they have for me is not dependent on my exam results. I am not my exam results. I am not my exam results." **Jodi Kerslake***

# JARRAH JOURNALS

In Jarrah we have been learning about renewable energy. Below is some information on wind turbines.

## The Positives Of Having A Wind Turbine

By Grace Willmott

They are pollution free.

The energy they generate is renewable. This means that as long as the wind blows there is power to turn the blades of the rotor. (Another form of renewable energy comes from the Sun. Energy from the Sun is called solar energy.)

Using wind energy means that less fossil fuel (coal and oil) needs to be burned to make electricity. Burning fossil fuel pollutes the atmosphere and adds greenhouse gases to it. This pollution is a cause of global warming.

## 5 Wind Turbines In Australia

By Shayne Bond

Name: Alinta's Walkaway

When: 2005 August

Cost: \$45 Million

Where: 25km south east of Geraldton

Efficiency: about 60,000 homes

Name: Emu Downs

When: 2006

Cost: \$180 Million

Where: 30km east of Cervantes

Efficiency: about 50,000 homes

Name: Albany

When: October 2001

Cost: \$77 Million

Where: Albany

Efficiency: about 15,000 homes

Name: Ten Mile Lagoon

When: October

Cost: \$2.5 Million

Where: 16km west of Esperance

Efficiency:

Name: Nine Mile Lagoon

When: Mid 2003

Cost: \$3 Million

Where: Esperance

Efficiency: about 13,200 homes



## FUNDRAISING 2009

### The Great Swap Up

Have you seen the latest swap??  
Do you have something you could swap for a fabulous Day Spa?

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!

### Reminder that this Friday June 19 is our 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. Whatever is left over at the end of the day can be purchased by parents on school pick up.

### Saturday August 29 is our Family Trivia Night!

Tickets on sale now and selling fast!

Join in for a 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 nibbles and drinks (alcoholic drinks are permitted). Raffles, games and prizes galore!

### Uniform Update

Sometime before the end of the term the new uniforms will be on display and you will be able to place your orders which should arrive in time for the start of Term 3.

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

## July School Holiday Art Workshops

The Mundaring Arts Centre is running an exciting variety of art workshops during the school holidays for people of all ages and interests.

### Two and three dimensional felting with Louise Snook

July Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12.30 children aged up to 13 years (Children under 8 require a parent helper), 1- 3.30pm children over 13 years. \$15 each, materials supplied

### Trek the Trail workshop - Create a pod shelter with Si Hummerston

July Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 10 - 2.30pm, all ages welcome.

Create a series of 'concertina' cane pod shelters, architecturally inspired by the engineering feats of nature itself. The arcs of cane will be installed on the path for Trek the Trail. \$15 each, materials supplied

### Create a Tree Necklace with Andrea Vinkovic

July Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – 3.30pm, all ages welcome.

Learn the art of three dimensional ceramics and create a tree necklace for Trek the Trail. Decorate your necklace with images that represent your community and links between people within the community. \$15 each, materials supplied

### Worn Out Worn Art (WOWA) with Cathy Swioklo

July Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 1pm, all ages over 13 welcome.

An imaginative exploration of the theme 'Welcome to my Nightmare', where people can create a world of fantasy in their wearable art. During the workshop participants will learn construction and fashion techniques to make stunning sculptural creations they can showcase in a choreographed performance at the Darlington Arts Festival. \$20 each, materials supplied

These amazing workshops are made possible with financial assistance from the Mundaring Arts Centre and Healthway Drug Aware. For more information and to make bookings, contact the Mundaring Arts Centre on 9295 3991, or visit [www.mundaringartscentre.com](http://www.mundaringartscentre.com).

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Thanks Dad!

From 15th June, children and adults can register for the 'Thanks Dad!' PhotoVoice Competition which aims to increase the profile of fathers and father figures in the community.

The 'Thanks Dad!' PhotoVoice Competition is coordinated by Child and Adolescent Community Health and Midland Early Years Action Group to highlight the positive impact fathers and father figures including stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles and sports coaches have on children.

In previous years the competition has been enormously successful with many proud parents entering the male role models in their children's lives.

Entry in the competition is free and photos, along with a 25 word or less description, can be submitted at the Midland Public Library. There are fabulous prizes up for grabs.

Pick up your entry form from the library or online at [www.thanksdadphotos.org](http://www.thanksdadphotos.org) and click on 'WA Competition'. Entries close 22 August 2009. Good Luck!!

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## Swan View Toy Library

Unit 2/44 Mathoura Street, Midvale 6056

A great way to let your children (up to 8y) enjoy a fantastic range of toys for next to nothing!

Why buy when you can borrow and update with different toys every few weeks?

Opening Hours 9.15 am - 10.30 am every Tuesday and 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

New members welcome - only \$25 per year (Concession \$15)

For further details phone Anne Clohessy (Toy Library Officer) on 9250 4228 (Tuesdays) or leave contact details on answering machine.