

# Clippings

## Newsletter for Treetops



### UPCOMING DATES

EDITION 164

**Thursday 23rd February**

Karri & Wattle Australian Earth  
Science Education Incursions

**Friday 3rd March**

Marri West Oz Wildlife Incursion

**Monday 6th March**

Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 7th - Friday 17th March**

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

**Friday 10th March**

Karri Excursion to Perth Mint



# From the Principal

Dear Treetops Community,

Thank you for assisting us with such a smooth start to the year. Our new staff have felt very welcome and the changes we have made across the school seem to have been well-received.

The renovations of our Children's House playground are progressing, and our students are already enjoying the new options available to them.



Interest in Treetops remains strong and we have started the year with 149 students enrolled, 60 of whom are in our Secondary school. For reference, historically Treetops usually has about 35-40 students enrolled in Secondary. This year we extended our already broad WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) offerings to include Music and Politics & Law. Our peripatetic programme has also grown this year with 53 students enrolled in 11 classes being run over the week. Many students are in multiple classes complementing our substantial school-based music programme.

Over the break, most Treetops staff competed two days of mental health first aid training. Whilst being primarily concerned with adolescent care, the training has broad application. Staff also attended a one-day team building exercise at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre. This enjoyable day not surprisingly came with many opportunities to overcome fear, collaborate, and equally importantly, have a lot of fun!



I am looking forward to what promises to be a really good year for our school.

*Stuart Harris*

# Early Years



## Children's House

The Montessori curriculum encompasses all aspects of the child's wellbeing, including social and emotional intelligence. It nurtures the whole child. While a traditional school may focus mainly on developing a child's cognitive abilities, the Montessori curriculum aims to develop every aspect of a child. These aspects include the four major elements that make up what Montessori refers to as the whole child: physical, emotional, social, and cognitive.

### Physical

Learning and movement are interconnected. Children are moving around and staying physically active throughout the day. Outdoor play allows children to be exposed to the beautiful things that nature has to offer. The outdoor environment is also the perfect place for children to use their senses.





### Emotional

Learning how to recognise and manage emotions is a very important life skill. Because many conflicts in life are a result of a person feeling hurt by another's actions, it is crucial for children to learn at an early age that their actions can affect other people.

When students get into a disagreement in Children's House, they learn how to talk about their feelings in order to resolve the issue peacefully, using the 'Peace Rose'. Children also learn how to recognise what emotions others are feeling by looking at body language and facial expressions. Through the development of emotional intelligence, children are able to form stronger bonds with others.



## Social

One of the main features of a Montessori school is multi-age classrooms, which allows students to interact with children of varying ages, and helps young children feel more comfortable with older children. Older children also benefit from being in multi-age classrooms because it develops their leadership skills by being able to serve as mentors to the younger students and assist them with their work.



## Cognitive

When provided with developmentally appropriate materials in a carefully prepared environment, children are motivated to learn. Adult correction and praise disrupt the child's concentration. Concentration in turn, is necessary for cognitive development.



SO HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

## Life Skills

Even young children are capable of pitching in around the house! By teaching them to take care of themselves and the space around them at a young age, you will set your child up to be considerate and capable. Consider little jobs like getting themselves dressed, preparing lunch, setting and cleaning up after a meal, packing away toys, cleaning, and carrying their bag to school.



### **Encourage Concentration**

This is a skill you can start cultivating in your child when they are young. You can do this by identifying what they are interested in, then setting them up with the materials and space they need to explore it more thoroughly, with activities that can be done without assistance and which encourage independent play. <https://www.theparentingjunkie.com/10-ways-to-encourage-independent-play/> (this is a wonderful article on how to create a suitable environment)



### **Sleep**

Create good sleep habits and routines. 3-5 years olds require between 10 and 13 hours of sleep per night.

### **Language**

Encourage oral language through stories and conversations, insisting on full sentences where possible.

Our staggered entry is now complete, and our new students have settled in well. The older children have been so helpful in setting the example and helping our new children feel welcome!

*Anene Lamb*

# Primary School



## Karri

This term in Karri, it feels like we have really hit the ground running! Our teaching and learning programmes are well and truly underway, and it has been great to see the Year 5s settling in well, with help from the kind and capable Year 6s. We started the year off with some 'get to know you' activities. Students wrote letters to their future selves (which will only be opened on the last day of the school year). They also got to sew their own flags with symbols to show their identity. For some, it was the first time using a needle and thread, but they did a fabulous job!





Students were also tasked with bringing in an item or artefact to represent something they did over the summer school holidays. We had lots of interesting items shared, including; books, toys, photographs, knitting, medals, and even a waffle maker!





I am looking forward to all the fun and learning still to come! The Year 5s also enjoyed getting to know our amazing class pets. Karri is the proud owner of four fully grown spiny leaf insects - two male and two female.

*Katie Simpson*



# Secondary School



## Digital Technologies

Mallee, Jarrah, and Wandoo (as well as Marri and Karri) classes have built a world in Minecraft with the goal of creating a sustainable society. The classes started with no resources and had to quickly work together to survive. So far, the classes have built police stations, farms, mines, shops, banks, and a town hall. Students have chosen to be explorers and are using maps to find the borders of their lands, and have begun building a large town map for others to see certain landmarks. The classes have also started an economy using emeralds to buy and sell goods.

*Hylton Hayes*



## Humanities and Social Sciences

Jarrah and Mallee have begun asking a range of geographical questions and are researching an individual topic. These topics vary - some students are researching about specific locations and its survivability during a zombie apocalypse, some are trying to find a new settlement location near a Russian mountain range, while others are looking into the effects Covid-19 had on a country, and how tourism affects the area near an attraction. Students are questioning their findings and deepening their understanding of the social, historical, economic, technological, political, and environment impact these scenarios

*Hylton Hayes*



# Specialist Subjects



## Music

The start to 2023 has been fabulous in Music! We have had wonderful engagement in the private instrumental/voice programme and our lunchtime group music lessons are very popular.

It's been exciting to have the option of WACE General Music start this year with some of our Year 11 students, and this means that our school now has Music from Kindy right through to upper Secondary!

In Term 2 we will start Dance and Drama again for 2023. Students from Years 1-10 will take part in Dance, and students in Years 3-10 will take part in Drama.

Dance and Drama continues to be an option for Years 7-10 students, and we can't wait to see and hear our Dance and Drama performances at Performing Arts Night in Term 3.

*Mary Pollard*





# Community News



## AGENTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT

YOUTH LED CLIMATE EDUCATION AND DELIBERATION



I THINK!  
I CARE!  
I DO!

Monday 27 March 2023 8:30am - 3.00pm  
Bendigo Room, Mundaring Arena

**Be empowered to lead the future of Mundaring!**  
Students from Years 7 - 10 are encouraged to learn and share knowledge about environmental issues through a deliberative democracy process, culminating in the presentation of action projects to Shire Representatives.

- Have a say about what happens in your community
- Learn and share knowledge about environmental issues
- Deliberative democracy process
- Workshop activities and games to build an understanding of climate change and the positive impact you can make
- Pitch solutions and project ideas to Shire Representatives

For more information and to register text Cathy 0437800306 or email [cathy@millenniumkids.com.au](mailto:cathy@millenniumkids.com.au)  
Register by March 3rd 2023



Millennium Kids



# UWA OPEN DAY

SUN 12 MARCH | 10AM-3PM

Join us on campus and discover how you can achieve your study and career goals with us. Explore our campus and talk to our academics, graduates and get to know what UWA has on offer.

More information and register [here](#)



## CALLING THE YOUNG LEADERS IN YOUR LIFE!

Do you know an inspiring young leader who'd make a great mental health ambassador? If so, encourage them to apply for Camp Hero LEADERSHIP!

We're calling 15 - 18 year old change-makers to join us for this 5 day experience of a lifetime, that will equip them with the skills to become a mental health leader in their community.

Be quick - there's less than 2 weeks left to apply!

### WHEN

Monday 10th – Friday 14th April 2023

Monday 17th – Friday 21st April 2023

### WHERE

Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup W.A.



# Get into a career in Mechanical Fitter, Plumbing, or Conservation in 2023

choose one from the following three, **FREE**, indigenous specific programs

## **MEM20105 Certificate II in Engineering (Mechanical Fitter and Machinist Pre-Apprenticeship)**

**Midland campus**

**Duration** 19 weeks

**Starts** 17 April - 22 September

**Timetable** Full Day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings  
5 weeks on campus and 4 weeks work experience

**PPE provided** steel capped boots, clear safety glasses, shirt



## **52887WA Certificate II in Plumbing (Plumbing Pre-apprenticeship)**

**Balga campus**

**Duration** 10 weeks

**Starts** 21 August - 22 Sept

**Timetable** 5 days a week - Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 3.45 pm  
6 weeks on campus and 4 weeks work experience

**PPE provided** steel capped boots, clear safety glasses, shirt

## **AHC21020 Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management** **Joondalup (Kendrew Crescent) campus**

**Duration** 20 weeks

**Starts** 17th April - 22 Sep

**Timetable** 3 days per week - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9.00am to 3.30pm

**PPE provided** steel capped boots, clear safety glasses, shirt

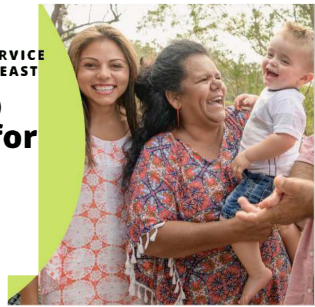


For more information about courses and information sessions contact [sandi.walker@nmtafe.wa.edu.au](mailto:sandi.walker@nmtafe.wa.edu.au)



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PERTH NORTH EAST

## Bringing Up Great Kids for Aboriginal Families



This program gives us time to yarn about looking after our kids and ourselves. We will do this by telling our story in a safe place through art and yarning as we have done for many generations. We will go on a journey together exploring messages from our past, unspoken messages and messages that we would like to pass on to our Koolunga's.

Child & Parent Centre Swan  
(Behind Middle Swan  
Primary School)

Wednesdays - 22 February,  
1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March, 2023  
12noon - 2pm

With Andria & Bridget

FREE - Registration is  
essential



For more information and to register please contact:



Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)

Telephone: (08) 9290 6827 M: 0407 288 981

Email: [parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au)

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## 1 2 3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

For parents and caregivers of  
children aged 3 - 10 years, who  
reside in the local government areas  
of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean &  
Bayswater



This 3 session program explores  
ways parents can increase their  
children's ability to manage and  
self-regulate their feelings and  
reactions. Learn more about:

- building positive relationships  
with children
- encouraging positive behaviour  
setting family rules and routines  
to avoid or manage potentially  
difficult situations

Parkerville Baptist Church  
910 Seaborne Street,  
Parkerville

16, 23 & 30 March 2023  
*\*must be able to attend all sessions*  
Thursdays - 9.30am - 11.30am

FREE - Registration is  
essential  
Creche - Not available for this  
program



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## Emotion Coaching Your Child

For parents and carers who reside in the  
local government areas of Mundaring,  
Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



A FREE workshop for parents  
of children 3 - 12 years.

This workshop aims to  
support parents to gain an  
understanding of the types of  
emotions present in ourselves  
and our children, and how this  
can be supported within the  
home environment to develop  
emotional intelligence.

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23 February 2023

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SERVICE PERTH NORTH  
EAST

## Engaging Adolescents

For parents and carers who  
reside in the local government  
areas of Mundaring, Swan,  
Bassendean & Bayswater



A FREE parenting program  
for parents of children  
11 - 18 years.

The program explores the  
changing landscape of  
young people, and the  
different skills parents can  
use to keep connected with  
their young person.

headspace Midland  
Whadjuk Country  
Unit 7, 64 Morrison Road,  
Midland

Tuesdays -  
21, 28 March & 4 April, 2022  
*(participants must be able to attend all  
sessions)*

10am - 12noon

Registration is essential



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## Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

For parents and caregivers who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



This workshop is for parents of Primary School aged children. We all have the right to be safe and feel safe at all times' 'We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is' Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program that teaches children skills and strategies to recognise and respond to unsafe situations.

**Online Platform delivery (must have a laptop or tablet with a camera)**

**Wednesday 22 March 2023  
7pm - 9pm**

**Registration is essential**

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## Bringing Up Great Kids in the Early Years

For parents and caregivers of children aged from birth to 6 months, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



This program supports building positive relationships and interactions between parents and their babies. We will explore:

- understanding our babies needs in early life and how to meet these needs
- understanding origins or parenting styles and the importance of a positive start
- ways of giving nurturing messages to our babies
- ways to take care of ourselves during our parenting journey

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Email: [parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au)

Brockman Community House  
181 Altone Road, Beechboro

**Tuesdays - 28 February, 7, 14, 21 & 28 March, 2023  
9.30am - 11.30am**

**FREE - Registration is essential**

**Crèche - Not available for this program. Babies 0 - 6months welcome**



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## An Introduction to myfuture (for parents and carers) Wednesday 08 March 2023

This webinar will be an introduction/refresher to the myfuture career information service. The presenter will demonstrate how the platform can be a useful tool in career and transition planning, highlighting resources that are most relevant to your child/ren. This will include reference to myfuture's psychometric career interest test (My career profile), the occupation and course information, videos, pathway infographics, and resources mapped to the Australian Curriculum Work Studies sub-strands. This webinar aims to provide attendees with confidence to support their child/ren with their career exploration.

Register now: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3567438472923116887>



We have been notified that Main Roads will be replacing the Scott Street Bridge, in Helena Valley, next year. This work is being undertaken on behalf of the Shire of Mundaring. It is expected to get underway in February 2023 and take approximately six months to complete. There are likely to be delays at peak periods, especially school drop off and pick up times. For more information about this project, and to subscribe for updates, please visit <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/community-environment/local-road-improvements/>.



Over the school holidays, save your containers and bring them to school in Term 1. Treetops has two green Containers for Change bins located out the front of the admin building. All eligible containers placed in our bins will be sorted, processed, and sold to approved recyclers. Every time you return your containers, you are guaranteeing your containers won't go to landfill, and it doubles as a fundraiser for the school!