IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

19th August 2014  Middle Primary Excursion
21st August 2014  Book Week Parade—8.45am gold coin donation
22nd August 2014  Dr Maria Montessori Birthday
29th August 2014  School Development Day—Pupil Free Day

Rockingham Montessori School Sundowner

Melissa Beeck, Playgroup Co-ordinator, headed down to Rockingham Montessori School for their staff "sundowner" last Friday. There she was delighted to meet Playgroup leaders from other Montessori schools, including Brenda - Perth (not pictured), Orla - Rockingham and Rachel - Treetops. They had a great chat, sang songs with each other and agreed to do some exchanges so they can all have the opportunity to observe other Montessori playgroups in action. Melissa is hoping to head down to Rockingham Montessori Playgroup in Week 4.


It’s a Boy!

On behalf of all the families and staff at Blue Gum we would like to congratulate and welcome:-

Tim, Kirsty and Joshua Patel, on the birth of their son and brother Phoenix, born on the 31st July 2014, weighing 2.99kg; and

Ben, Kirsty and Lachlan Bird, on the birth of their son and brother Oscar, born on 1st August 2014.

We all look forward to watching you grow and eventually join our school community!
Middle Primary Excursion

Mia - I liked to learn about how and what happens when we put the garbage in our bins. It was fun seeing where all of it goes.

Joshua Hansen - It was good to see the compost that they make and the rubbish we generate.

Kiana - it was very good because I got to learn so much that I did not even know. I learnt that we have to recycle properly.

Madeleine - it was really amazing to see all that rubbish. When I saw the huge heap of compost I know how much work those people do and that is a lot!

Aubrey - I liked learning not to put the glass in the yellow top bin.
Middle Primary Excursion

The visit to the Regional Resource Recovery Centre was a very informative and enlightening experience for the Middle Primary children, as well as for the adults, who went along on the trip. Everyone had safe and exciting views of the various facilities including The Paper Sorting Trommel, The Staff Compost Garden, The Waste Compost Facility, The Materials Recovery Facility and the process in which waste is sorted at the Waste Compost Facility. Some facts about garbage were quite astounding - Every garbage truck collects garbage from 800 garbage bins!

Most of the children learnt a few things that they did not know.

Jett: We must not put glass in the green lidded bins.
Ella-Rose: We must not put the wrong things in the wrong bins.
Delilah: They sort the rubbish out by hand.
Lily: There are two big piles of rubbish because they spread the rubbish on the ground and sort it out by hand.
Lilian: They put the newspaper into bales. They use the wood chips and bacteria to eat the bad smells from the compost. It is much better to have a recycling plant than have landfill because landfill negatively affects the growth of trees.
Ridhya: The compost barrel is numbered so that when there is a problem they find out the number of the barrel and then fix just that barrel.
Hannah: The RRR collects the bins from four suburbs
Imogen: We have the RRRC is the second biggest compost barrels in the world.
Matilde: Fungi grows off the top of the compost heaps
Isaac: Did not know that the recycling centre was that big.
Quentin: Don’t put cans in the wrong bins.
Tahlia: They put the bales that contain recycling material into sea container to transport them to Fremantle port.
Look what's happening in Extend Ed

In the afternoons, children have a routine of play, lunch, story, rest, quiet reading and then we get to do some “jobs”. We then pack up and do some songs and actions before pick-up time.
CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

To a book week parade!!

On Thursday, 21st August who will be at school?
Will Zac Powers be there? The Cat in the Hat? Curious George? Or perhaps Anne of Green Gables and Harry Potter!!

Let your children express their love of reading by dressing up as their favourite character to celebrate Book Week.

Get your thinking caps on to create a costume with your child in the coming weeks and mark the date on your calendar to stay after drop off to watch the parade – don’t forget your camera!

Parade begins at 8:45 in Kambarra

Gold coin donation please!

All funds raised go directly to the Water Playground Project

No Superheroes please.

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Next meeting is Friday, August 22nd
Contact Rachael—Karri Class Liaison for time and venue details.
Parent Talk at Riverland’s Montessori School

Join us at Riverland’s Montessori school, Tuesday 2nd September 2014 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm for Steve Hughes parent talk on Montessori in the Primary (6-12) Years. (see below)