IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

14th Nov 2014  School Development Day—Pupil Free Day
27th Nov 2014  Student Reports out to Parents

Darlington Arts Festival—Sam Bateman

Sam Bateman's charcoal drawing of a tiger won 1st place in the 10 – 11 years category for 2D artwork at the Darlington Arts Festival. The festival is one of Perth's longest running and most competitive art shows. The judges were overwhelmed by the number and quality of works which were submitted this year. They were very impressed with Sam's extraordinary talent with his use of charcoal.
Playgroup and Extended Ed

This term in Playgroup and Extend Ed we are very busy making crafts. We made newspaper hats (ready for Melbourne Cup Day), feathery masks for Halloween and will be making poppies for Remembrance Day and plenty of Christmas potato stamping and fingerprint reindeer.

The Playgroup parents and children, and the Extend Ed children with Melissa, have also planted out our brand new garden bed and side garden with thyme, basil, silver beet, chives, a strawberry plant, passionfruit plants, dwarf beans, dwarf sunflowers and tall sunflowers. Many thanks to parent helpers Davina and Tony for preparing the garden bed and pruning and to Robbie for digging out the side bed and preparing it with fresh compost. You have done a fantastic job and we look forward to seeing all the plants grow!

In class this term, keeping with the gardening theme, we have a new movement exercise called “beans”. We do actions to “string beans”, “runner beans”, “kidney beans”, “broad beans”, “jelly beans (!” and “peas”!

For Playgroup at Halloween, Melissa made a “Jack-o-Lantern” using an orange with capsicum claws for hair, and prepared a special snack with “gory” colours – red, orange, yellow and purple. The children (and parents) loved it!

Best wishes

Melissa

Kitchen Gardens

The Middle Primary gardens are thriving under the loving care of Belinda, who has used her knowledge and expertise in gardening to guide the children in the sowing, weeding, pruning and fertilizing of the gardens. Belinda’s enthusiasm in the gardens has received the steadfast support of Cecile who has set up a fantastic working timetable for the maintenance of the garden. We are hoping to enjoy lots of organic fruit and vegetable very soon.

CONGRATULATIONS

Blue Gum community would like to congratulate Jake, Emma, Ella-Rose, Aria and Grace on the birth of their son and brother Hunter Jacob, born on Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 11.24am, weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

We wish you all the very best and look forward to meeting Hunter soon.
The children graduating from Middle Primary spent a day in Perth city enjoying its vibe, appreciating the sculptures and enjoying each other's company. Riding the bus to and from Murdoch station and travelling on the train, with their school mates, were enjoyable experiences for the children. We were very impressed to see the high standard of behaviour the children exhibited throughout the day, including on the public transport and at the food court.
Wilma, Principal from Bali Montessori School kindly opened the Preschool in Oberoi, Kerobokan, Bali to Tracey at myself, while on holidays in Bali for the 2014 October holidays. We would like to share this experience with you in the form of the pictures below.

As you can see by the pictures their preschool is surrounded by beautiful gardens and a magnificent mango tree. The Montessori classrooms where impressive to say the least and the atmosphere was calm and tranquil. We were lucky enough to meet with the teachers and the 5 year old students just before lunchtime, as pictured.

Wilma, the Principal explained to us that they would be all moving to the new world class 3 to 15 year old campus opening up in 2016, very exciting times for them all. Wilma has been the Principal for 7 years and has seen it grow rapidly with Balinese families and expats from all over the world enrolling for Montessori Education in Bali.

We would like to thank Wilma, Teachers and children for the time we spent with them at their amazing school and hope to keep in contact with them and visit the new campus when next in Bali.
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