**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Principal’s News**

**Book Week Parade**

Come and join us for the Blue Gum Montessori Book Parade. It commences promptly at 9am in Kambarra.

The children will parade in their favourite children's book character’s costume and share their tale if they wish.

Please ensure your child has read the book, comic, poem or listened to the story associated with their character.

Parents are very welcome to watch the parade...

Thank you to the parents who attended the Roe 8 information session last Monday evening. The Board presented an overview about the potential impacts of Roe 8 on the surrounding community. An overview of the work the Board has been doing was outlined. Potential impacts were discussed at length, from consultation with Main Roads WA, our consultants’ initial reports and findings. Through open discussion we also unpacked our future strategic planning and next steps. It was clear that all members of our learning community have a vested interest and common goal to achieve the very best for our young learners. We are excited about our future growth and development, together with focusing on making informed decisions.

Should you require any further information, the presentation is on display in reception.

The Board has scheduled a second parent information session on Tuesday, 22 September from 7-8pm. If attending, please email admin@bluegummontessori.wa.edu.au

**Dr Maria Montessori’s Birthday Celebration**

Our celebration will be held on Thursday, 27 August in Kambarra.

We invite families to share a picnic lunch with their child from 12 noon.

Please bring your own picnic rug, etc.

We will have a special visitor present to the children at 11.30 followed by the picnic lunch.

The Gelato and coffee vans will arrive at 12 noon—families are welcome to purchase drinks and bring a gold coin donation for gelato.

Parents of three year old children intending to stay for the lunch are required to sign their child out of the classroom.

All parents attending will be responsible for their children unless they are booked into the Extend Ed Program. The UP children will visit the gelato van first, followed by MP then JP.
The Middle Primary children went on an excursion to the Rio Tinto Naturescape at Kings Park, accompanied by some very capable parent volunteers.

In an open air classroom, a traditional Nyoongar story was narrated to the children to help them appreciate how Aboriginal people used the bush for food, tools, clothing and medicine. Through active participation they explored the use of bush plants, played traditional games and used Aboriginal vocabulary and symbols as they followed the ancient story of Chunyart, a young Noongar boy.

This excursion was an opportunity for the children to connect with nature and experience the unique Western Australian environment. They explored, climbed rocks and ropes, waded through creeks and built cubbies. Numerous photographs and a couple of scrapes and bruises were evidence of a fun and exciting day out.

Thank you to Joanna and John Uepa, Karina Tan, Mike Rowe, Warren Ianello, Sunita Niranjan, Michele Tonnochy-Whittle, Olga Mills, Melody Yeoh and Evelyn Chin for making the day special for the children.

Maria Montessori Quotes

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed”.

“The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist”.

Silly Scientist

Michael from ‘The Silly Scientist’ entertained the Middle Primary children with comedy and singing, whilst highlighting many aspects of Science. With a unique blend of Science, The Arts, and a few magic tricks and illusions thrown in, “The Silly Scientist Show” engaged and educated the students.

Everyone involved had a wonderful ‘Silly Scientist’ experience!

Who will be WA’s next ‘Silly Scientist’?
Our Earth

This term in Tuart we are learning more about our earth. We’ve discussed how the earth is too big to fit in our classroom, so we have a small model of it: the sand paper globe. The sand paper globe shows us two parts of the Earth: smooth water and rough land.

Here some students are painting the water on our earth. When the paint was dry, they painted glue on the land and sprinkled on sand – to represent the smooth water and rough land.

We have also spent time discussing a third element which is around us all the time, even though we can’t always see or feel it … AIR!

We have learnt a song about air, land and water we would like to share with you. It follows the same tune as our school song (My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean).

Land, Air and Water Song

The earth’s made of air, land and water
We certainly need them, all three.
The earth’s made of air, land and water
The best place for you and for me!

Chorus:
Green earth, green earth
Keep air, land and water so clean
Green earth, green earth
Let’s keep the whole earth very clean.

The air on the earth is around it
It’s there even though you can’t see
All living things need it for breathing
The air is important to me.

Chorus

The land on the earth is important
With mountains and valleys and plains
The land is where our food is growing
Like veggies and fruits and grains.

Chorus

The water on earth is amazing
Huge oceans and rivers and lakes
It helps living things to keep growing
With ice, snow and rain that it makes.

Next we will be looking at how the land is divided into different continents.
LEADERS JACKETS PRESENTATION

This year the leaders of Blue Gum Montessori developed their leadership skills by taking on different mentoring roles within the school.

They wrote a letter to our Principal, Maree, and explained how they would develop their skills for the remainder of the year.

Maree organised for our leaders to receive a special school leader jacket in recognition for their efforts.

Thank you Maree, they are wonderful!

Candice: I feel honoured to be presented with the leaders jacket and will try my hardest to be a great leader

Alexandria: I feel so grateful that Maree had the idea of bringing the leaders jackets to our school. I will wear it proudly.

George: I feel really proud wearing it and I hope I can do more to help people.

Alex: I had to show that I am a leader and I will wear it responsibly

Grace: I very thankful and I look forward to displaying my leadership skills, especially on the playground

Violet: I am honoured to have the privilege to wear the leaders jacket

Bianca: They were very proud to accept their jackets.

Conall: They were very proud to accept their jackets.

Sam: I am extraordinarily grateful for the leaders jacket and will do my best to be a great leader

P & C NEWS

Blue Gum Montessori Quiz Night
Saturday, 12 September from 7pm at the Hilton Park Bowls Club. Enquiries to Rachael Finlayson.

Earn and Learn—Woolworths
Please collect stickers from Woolworths and place them in the box outside the Administration Office.
This program presents a fantastic opportunity for our school to earn new educational equipment. Remember – if you are not offered Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers when you shop, be sure to ask for them.
Queries to Shelley in administration

The Montessori Parent Library ...
... is located outside the administration office. Please feel free to sign a book out and enjoy reading these fantastic books.
The library will be built up over the coming months. If there is a particular Montessori book that you would like to see in this library, please see Shelley in administration.

Enjoy!