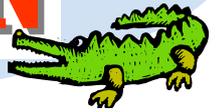




Semester 2, 2013

GULF KIDS GARDEN



This newsletter is for teachers, home tutors, parents, and school, childcare & afterschool care communities in the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is meant as a resource of information that can be used to assist the community with getting our kids involved in gardening and the local environment.

Important Dates

- 25 November
Free Grant Writing Workshop, Mareeba
- 26 November
Free Grant Writing Workshop, Georgetown
www.wombatcreative.com.au/category/grants/
- Friday December 7 2013
World Wetlands Day Competition Closes
www.wetlandcare.com.au/
- Friday, 28 February 2014
Schools Clean Up Day
- Sunday, 2 March 2014
Clean Up Australia Day
www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au
- 29th March
Earth Hour
www.earthhour.org.au

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Recycling can be a challenge in our remote areas, with limited waste recycling facilities available. However kids in the Gulf have been finding out about how we can turn waste into new.

At Gulf Kids Environment Day (GKED) kids learnt how to make funky handbags out of old fishing nets with the Ghost Nets Artists. Learn more about the Indigenous artists from the Gulf of Carpentaria and see some of the amazing artwork they've produced at www.ghostnets.com.au

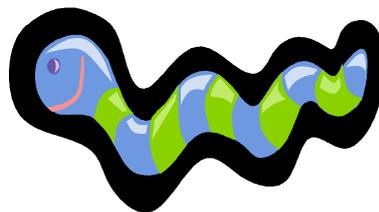


Students at GKED also got crafty with the Junk Wave and learnt how to turn bottle tops into colourful serpents. You can find instructions for this and other great craft recycling projects at thejunkwave.com

At Camp Cobbold kids learnt about turning scraps into soil with composting worms. Clean Up Australia has some great info on compost worms and how to start a worm farm:

www.cleanup.org.au/PDF/au/cua_wormfarming_fact_sheet.pdf

And the Australian Organic School program has available free teacher lesson plans and resources on worm farming and other Organic Farming methods at: www.organicschools.com.au



Going away for the school holidays? Make sure your worm farm is well fed before you go. Worms can survive happily for 2-3 weeks without attention as long as there is a good layer of scraps, plenty of moisture, and the farm is in full shade. Add some extra layers of damp newspaper or hessian on top to ensure they don't dry out.

FREE GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS HIT NORTH QUEENSLAND!

Workshops targeted at community groups struggling with the complexity of government and philanthropic grants are being held in Georgetown and Mareeba this month.

Samantha Morris, who has more than 20 years experience writing winning grants, will deliver the workshops which are free of charge thanks to the support of Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Landcare Queensland and Northern Gulf Resource Management Group.

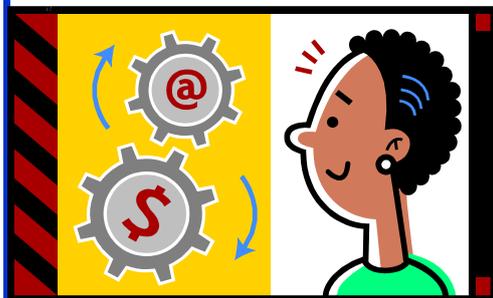
Mareeba 25 November, Georgetown 26 November . RSVP essential, contact sam@wombatcreative.com.au.

Sustainable Christmas

The count down to Christmas is on. The Australian Government, Living Greener website, has lots of information on sustainable living. Including a section dedicated to Christmas, which has ideas on sustainable Christmas trees, gifts and holiday activities

www.livinggreener.gov.au/lifestyle-guides/Christmas

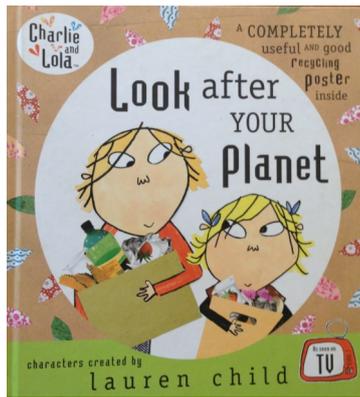
The team at Northern Gulf Resource Management Group would like to wish everyone in the region a safe and happy Christmas, holidays and 2014!



BOOK REVIEWS

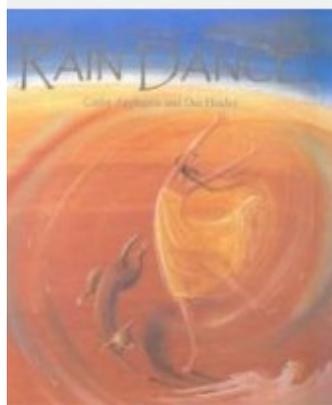
Charlie and Lola Look After Your Planet Lauren Child

Lola decides she is going to clean up her room and throw out the rubbish. Charlie explains about recycling and they begin on a journey to recycle, they enlist their school mates to reach the target of filling the recycle tree. Great illustrations and explanations of the consequences of not recycling and practical ways to go about it.



Rain Dance Cathy Applegate and Dee Huxley

Beautifully illustrated book set in the Australian Outback on a property in drought. Dad has put up a For Sale sign, eventually the rain comes and Mum, daughter and the dog do a rain dance!



Gulf Kids Environment Day 2013 held at Lake Belmore near Croydon was a huge success with 120 students from Normanton, Croydon, Georgetown, Forsyth and surrounding properties travelling up to 200km to come and celebrate **Healthy Waterways from the Creeks to the Coast!**

There were great presentations from Zoo to You, The Junk Wave, Ghost Nets Australia, Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre, Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, Northern Gulf Resource Management Group, Southern Gulf Catchments and Laser Tag. Students from Normanton High School took part in a film workshop and developed a great 10 minute clip of the day which can be viewed on our facebook page [Northern Gulf Resource Management Group](#) Next years event is set to be bigger and better than ever and will be themed around the kitchen-garden. Claim the date **Friday 29th of August 2014!**



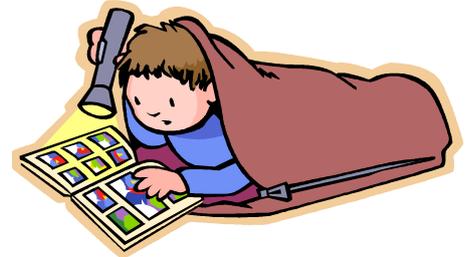
Stay up to date with what's happening in your region on the Northern Gulf facebook page. Updates on local activities, environmental days, postings of local plants and animals. Including lots of photos of Gulf Kids out and about in their local environment, visit [Northern Gulf Resource Management Group](#)

CAMP COBBOLD

Outback Kids recently participated in Natural Resource Management Activities at Camp Cobbold near Forsyth, including Minute to Win It Sustainable Fishing, Geocaching, propagating veggies and sprouts, worm farming, weeds and feral animals.

See photos of the Camp Cobbold Kids enjoying the activities on our facebook page:

[Northern Gulf Resource Management Group](#)



Sustainable Fishing

There is one thing most kids in the Gulf love doing and that's fishing. With the wet season and Christmas holidays looming, kids will be dusting off their fishing gear to be ready to head to their favourite fishing spot. Guidelines for recreational bag and size limits for freshwater and tidal water in Queensland can be found at: www.daff.qld.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/rules-regulations



Oceanwatch Australia has links to fun, educational and interactive websites about fish, sustainable fishing and even recipes!

www.oceanwatch.org.au/kids-stuff/fun-sites-for-kids

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