



## Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

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### From The Principal



Right: Beehive Splitting Ceremony

#### Term 4, Week 8

##### Library closed for Stocktake Monday

Wrapped with Love 1-2pm

Jnr Code Club 3.10-4pm

Snr Code Club 4-5pm

##### Tuesday

Award Night at Maree Bashir PS

##### Wednesday

Spanish class 3.15pm

##### Thursday

Assembly Hosted by School

Leaders

Scripture

Enrichment Groups

Chess classes 3pm

Table Tennis 3.15-4.15pm

##### Friday

PSSA

Stage 3 STEMS Showcase

French Class 3.15pm

#### Beehives at Homebush West PS

Last week, Homebush West PS with the support of the NSW DoE Catalyst Lab and former HWPS teacher Ms Morely, hosted a beehive splitting ceremony at our school which formalises us sharing our existing native beehives, with partner schools. It is a small recognition of our commitment to sustainable futures. Our SRC students and Stage One students, along with students, teachers and parents from Ashfield PS and Victoria Ave PS attended the event. Staff from the Catalyst Lab recorded the event for an educational package on applied authentic learning and sustainability education. Ms Morley, assisted by a Victoria Ave PS teacher, Mr Adams, split our beehives and shared this authentic resource with these schools. It was a valuable educational event and so wonderful to connect with other students about 'living things' teaching and learning and promoting sustainable practices.







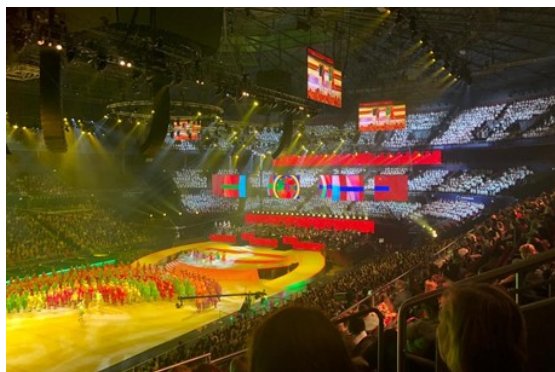
### School Spectacular Success



We are very proud of our choir and dance students who performed with great passion and energy at the **School Spectacular** last weekend. This world class event was held at the Qudos Bank Arena, and demonstrated an amazing showcase of young talent from public schools across the state. The show was exceptional with many dazzling highlights, it was particularly wonderful to see Homebush West students on the Arena floor for the first time. The show included 5500 students, 370 schools and outstanding talent, a testimony of the pursuit of excellence and inclusion so central to public education. Our students are to be commended and congratulated for their determination and commitment which led to such success on the night. It was certainly an unforgettable experience for our students. The show will be shown on free to air television, on 7<sup>th</sup> December, on Channel 7 at 7pm.

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we do*

We would like to make a special mention of **Miss Loos, Miss Willmington, Miss Zuccali, Miss Saad and Miss Healy** in supporting our choir and dance students throughout the entire process including the rigorous rehearsal and performance schedule. Their dedication to enriching students' lives through spreading the gift of music and creativity is admirable.





#### Award Night at Marie Bashir PS

2019 Annual Award Night is next week. This is a very special event in our school calendar that celebrates the achievements of our students in 2019. A permission note has been sent home this week with more details. All parents are invited to share in the student performances and achievements.

**Date:** Tuesday 3rd December

**Time:** 6:30pm to 8:30pm

**Venue:** Marie Bashir Public School Hall

#### Invitation

The staff at Homebush West Public School invite you to attend a thank you morning tea to show our appreciation to valued community helpers and volunteers who support our school.

When: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Where: "The Chapel"

Time: 10:15 – 10:45am

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Respect for others*

#### Christmas Gifts

At this time of year, we kindly remind parents and community members that Christmas gifts are not sought/desired, that we'd rather a card from our students than anything else. This year, we would like to add that if people want to share a gift they could buy a WoodiWild Tree or donate to any of the organisations below;

- [Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery](#)
- [The Salvation Army Disaster Appeal](#)
- [Rural Aid](https://www.ruralaid.org.au/)
- [WoodiWild](https://woodiwild.org/homebush-west-public-school/)

**Below are some key dates that will assist you to navigate the term ahead**

#### HWPS Term 4, Key Dates;

- *Award Night:* Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- *School Picnic:* Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December
- *Year 6 Graduation and Farewell:* Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December
- *Community Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea:* Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- *STAR Factor:* Monday and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December
- *Final Day for 2019:* Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (includes Farewell Arch)

Estelle Southall - Principal

Roxanne Picoaga - Deputy Principal





### Uniform Shop 2020 - reminder

In 2020, administration of our school uniform shop will transition *from* the P&C to the school. The uniform shop will move to an online system. Purchases will be made directly with the supplier. **Please be aware, procedures for uniform exchanges and returns will change.** Parents will be advised of the changes by the end of the 2019 school year.

**\*Please note, there will *not be* any capacity to purchase or exchange uniforms *at school*, after 9th December 2019.**

- In 2020 all exchanges, returns and issues will be managed online.
- Turnaround times for uniform purchases in 2020 may take 7-10 working days.

### Pavers - Reminder

Please be aware that due to administration and production issues the personalised pavers will not be delivered and installed in the school pathway, until school resumes in 2020. All students and families, including students in high school in 2020, will be advised of the installation and a small ceremony will be held to acknowledge those whose names have been embedded in the school's history. Please contact the office if you have any concerns.

### Stage 1 Create Gardens, with Bunnings

On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, Stage One students had an exciting day of exploring living things, talking about our natural environment and learning about how to care for it. Staff from Bunnings Warehouse in Lidcombe visited the school to help us plant our Stage One vegetable gardens, bringing with them a variety of seedlings and seeds for students to plant. Students had the opportunity to build a bird bath, a possum house, an insect hotel, and a scarecrow to also add to our new garden. Also, we would like to give a big thank you to Mr Wright-Smith who visited Stage One to share his knowledge of the importance of Australian Bees and brought his chickens along for the students to meet!

Ms Molloy

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Success for all*





### Library News

Library borrowing for 2019 has now finished. Please return all books to school on your child's normal borrowing day next week. Many thanks for your support in ensuring that our students enjoy reading a variety of quality texts. Thankyou also for your flexibility and understanding in helping us to manage our changed arrangements in the Hub.

Regards,  
The Library Team

### Security Cameras at School

Be advised security cameras have been installed in key locations across the school site, including entry ways, stairways, and gates. All cameras are clearly visible and identified via signage. Schools use CCTV in one of three ways, all of which are considered overt surveillance:

- monitoring premises for after-hours security
- monitoring premises during the course of the working day for added security
- monitoring sick bays in schools.
- If you have any further questions regarding security cameras, please contact the office.



### HWPS Star Factor - Auditions are this week!

There are only 3 weeks until STAR FACTOR. Remember each performance can only be 3 minutes in duration, the judges want to see your best skills and be entertained. Please see the timetable around the school for what day you are auditioning.

Kindergarten: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please meet in KS.

Stage 1: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please meet in 21D/T.

Stage 2: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please meet in 43J/Z.

Stage 3: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please meet in 65P/J.

Please remember to hand in your entry form to your classroom teacher along with your music. All music must be on a USB or CD.

Singers and dancers: You need your music clearly labelled on a CD: Name of group/individual, song title and track number.

Musicians: you need to tell your stage teacher which instrument, title of song/piece you are playing. If you are in a group ensure on the entry form that all group members are on the form.

Costumes: If you are successful in making it through auditions, you will need a costume. You do not have to spend a lot of money. Be creative and clever and find some old stuff you can recycle.

### Prizes

The Star Factor team are in need of your help and support by donating prizes for the categories. We would greatly appreciate prizes, they can be tennis balls, toys, books, vouchers, anything that you would like to donate please send to the office

Kind Regards,  
The Star Factor Team

### Summer PSSA Coaches

Junior Cricket – Ms Joseph

Senior Cricket – Ms Pashley

Junior and Girls and Boys Tee ball – Ms Pene

Senior boys and Girls Softball – Mr Penman

PSSA was cancelled due to Extreme Weather conditions.

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Community  
involvement*



### Kindergarten 2020

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2014 and 31st July 2015 are eligible to enrol. Parents / carers who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office. Please bring the following:

- Child's birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for families born overseas
- Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, rental agreement, electricity account or bank account). We do not accept driver's licences.
- Immunisation Certificate
- Health Plans were required (allergy, asthma etc) where required.

If you would like to complete an enrolment form prior to visiting the office, a copy of the enrolment form can be found here in multiple languages: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application>

Once you enrol you will be placed on a mailing list to receive notification and information about our highly informative Kindergarten Orientation sessions.



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A caring and safe  
environment*

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**Fridge-to-go® lunchboxes are offered at a discounted price through the P&C**

Keeps lunches cool, fresh and tastier up to 8 hours!!

This simple lunch bag is an extension of your refrigerator and keeps its contents cold up to 8 hours!!

So easy to use - unzip the removable panel, place in the freezer overnight, replace panel the next morning and fill. See [www.fridge-to-go.net.au](http://www.fridge-to-go.net.au) for all the different colours and more product information.

Here are some of the colours available. Order forms are at the office or at the end of this newsletter.

Questions? Email [hwps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:hwps.pandc@gmail.com)

### Donations for bushfire affected families

Homebush West Public School and P&C are collecting donations for families affected by the bushfires in NSW, QLD and SA.

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humanity**



Thank you to those who already generously donated at the Twilight Concerts. All donations will be given to the Red Cross on your behalf.

If you prefer to make a donation online here is the link <https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/disaster-relief-and-recovery-bushfires>

The school office will collect donations until Thursday 28th November.

Thank you for your support!





### Kids Artworks order have arrived, 2<sup>nd</sup> order now open

This is a photo of some of the gorgeous items that arrived this week with students' photos and artwork on them. Teachers will hand out orders in the next day or so. If you didn't order the first time, or if you love your items and want to order more.....it's not too late.

Order greeting cards, sketch pads, notebooks, calendars and diaries – personalised!

2<sup>nd</sup> orders close 11 pm Friday 29 Nov. They will be delivered by Monday 16 December

**Don't know your log in code?**

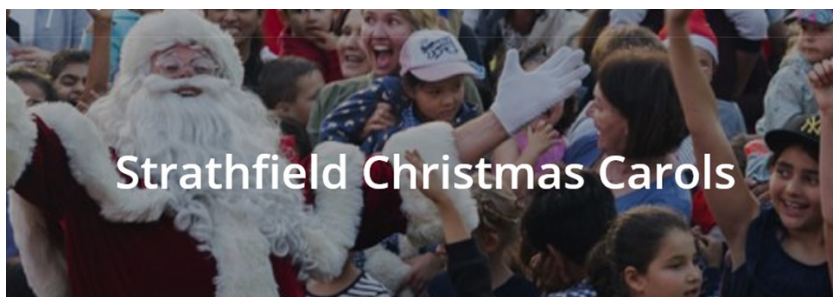
**Don't know what to do or how to order?**

**I can help you!! [suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com](mailto:suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com) or 0410 507 669**



Homebush West would like to thank Festival Hire for their generosity towards the Year 6 Farewell

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### 'Tis The Season To Be Jolly!

This year's Strathfield Council's Christmas Carols will return to Bressington Park on Saturday 7 December!

The festive event will treat you and your family to a magical day of Christmas performances, a visit from Santa Claus and fun children's activities!

That's not all! There will also be a special Movies in the Park Christmas screening of The Grinch (2018) and a spectacular fireworks display to conclude the night.

Mark it in your calendars and watch out for updates!

**When:** Saturday 7 December – Carols from 6pm; The Grinch screening at approx. 8pm; fireworks at approx. 9.45pm

**Where:** Bressington Park, Underwood Rd, Homebush, for further details please visit <https://strathfieldevents.nsw.gov.au/major-events/christmas-carols/>



### Exclusive Real Estate supporting Homebush West Public School

Exclusive Real Estate is very keen to help our school and community and is a top Real Estate Agent in the area. They have offered an extra incentive that you can pass on to friends and family. If you take advantage of Exclusive Real Estate's great service you can benefit the school at the same time, Exclusive will donate:

\$500 from any sale referral

\$250 for any property management referral

\$500 for any strata building

Just mention Homebush West Public School!!

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The Walking Bus is proudly sponsored by Exclusive Real Estate



The Chaplaincy Program run by Mrs Prouty is proudly sponsored by

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### Hot Dog Orders

Friday Hot Dog Orders – Last orders by 3pm Thursdays

Hot Dog Order Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Plain Hot Dogs at \$3 each \_\_\_\_\_



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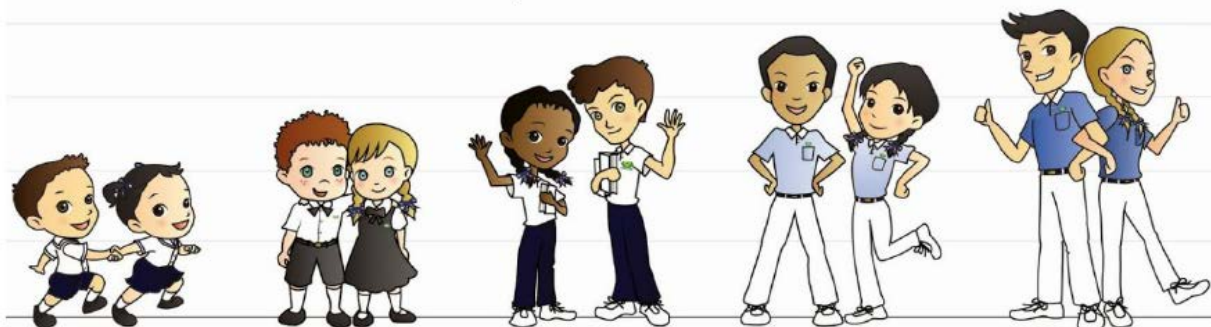
## Want to learn Mandarin Chinese? Welcome to join us!

The Australian Chinese Descendants Mutual Association Chinese Language School

Student age 4 min. and up to 18 years old

Saturday 9am ~12:00pm at Homebush West Public School

Please contact with Ms Lin by 0403083671







# FUNDRAISING \$5 PER BAG!

## **Fridge-to-go® – keeps lunches cool, fresh and tastier up to 8 hours!!**

This simple lunch bag is an extension of your refrigerator and keeps its contents cold up to 8 hours!! Help raise money for your school and make lunches easy!!

So easy to use - unzip the removable panel, place in the freezer overnight, replace panel the next morning and fill. Completely portable with no messy ice bricks, batteries or external power source. It's durable, re-usable, 100% environmentally friendly, BPA & PVC-free and lead-free. See [www.fridge-to-go.net.au](http://www.fridge-to-go.net.au) for more product information.

**\$5 from every lunchbox** purchased goes directly back to HWPS. **Orders close Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Questions? [hwps.pandc@gmail.com](mailto:hwps.pandc@gmail.com)

**Credit card orders** – fill in the form and post in P&C box in the office. Cash orders – fill in the form, include the cash and post in P&C box in the office.



**Small Lunch Fridge**  
FTG-3060  
19.5W x 8D x 20H (cm)  
RRP \$34.95  
**You Pay = \$30 each**  
**(Fundraiser = \$5 each)**



**Medium Lunch Fridge**  
FTG-3050  
21W x 10.2D x 20H (cm)  
RRP \$40.95  
**You Pay = \$35 each**  
**(Fundraiser = \$5 each)**

**SPARE PANELS** are available for the small (\$7.80) and medium (\$9.90) lunch bags so there's always a frozen panel ready!  
**\*Want to buy other models?** These are full price just include info on this page along with payment details & save postage.

## FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Quantity** (circle colour please & specify totals:

**Small Lunch Fridge** \$30 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Pink | Pacific Blue | Black

**Spare Panel for Small Lunch** Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medium Lunch Fridge** \$35 each Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Navy | Black | Red | Pink | Pacific Blue |  
Chevron | Triangles | Addition | Clouds  
Popsicles | Stones | Balls | Herringbone

**Spare Panel for Medium Lunch** Total Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card (circle): Visa | MasterCard

Card Number - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date - \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name on Card - \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount to be charged - \$

Signature - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number – ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*\* – \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note – delivery to one address for pickup/distribution.

\*\*Please tick here if you do NOT wish to be contacted by Fridge-to-go® with our exclusive offers.



**\*Colours available while stocks last.**



## Term 4 Tuesday 'Noodles or Fried Rice' Fundraiser



Tuesday 15th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

HWPS will be running a Tuesday 'Vegetarian Noodles or Fried Rice' lunch order day during Term Four. If you wish to participate in the fundraiser please complete this form below and **return to the office ASAP**. One serving of Noodles or Fried Rice is **\$3.00** and is paid at the office with this note. **Please note:** this payment is not part of the school fees.

## TUESDAY VEGETARIAN NOODLE or FRIED RICE LUNCH ORDER

I would like to pre-order noodles or Fried Rice for lunch. Please see below for my child's details:

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Please select (tick) which days you wish to pre-order vegetarian noodles or fried rice (please circle your option) for your child to have for lunch:

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 22 October (Week 2)   | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 29 October (Week 3)   | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 5 November (Week 4)   | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 12 November (Week 5)  | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 19 November (Week 6)  | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 26 November (Week 7)  | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 3 December (Week 8)   | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 10 December (Week 9)  | Rice / Noodles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 17 December (Week 10) | Rice / Noodles |

**CASH PAYMENTS ONLY**

Total Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Food Allergy or Special Diet

**Complete ONLY if REQUIRED**

☐ My child has a food allergy and cannot eat food containing:

Please note that the noodles or rice option is **vegetarian only**.

**Noodle Ingredients:** Hokkien noodles, salt, soy sauce, vegetable oil, cabbage and carrot.

**Rice Ingredients:** Rice, salt, soy sauce, vegetable oil, corn, baby peas and carrot.

**Please note:** On Tuesdays there will also be **popcorn, apples** and other **pieces of fruit** for sale for \$1 each.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

**\* In signing this order form you confirm that your child's medical record and emergency contact details are current including any allergies/asthma information. If medical records are not current, please see office staff to update.**



# WHY WOODiWILD?

## DID YOU KNOW THAT AUSTRALIA HAS THE WORST MAMMAL EXTINCTION RATE ON THE PLANET?

In the last 200 years we have lost more mammals than all the other continents combined.

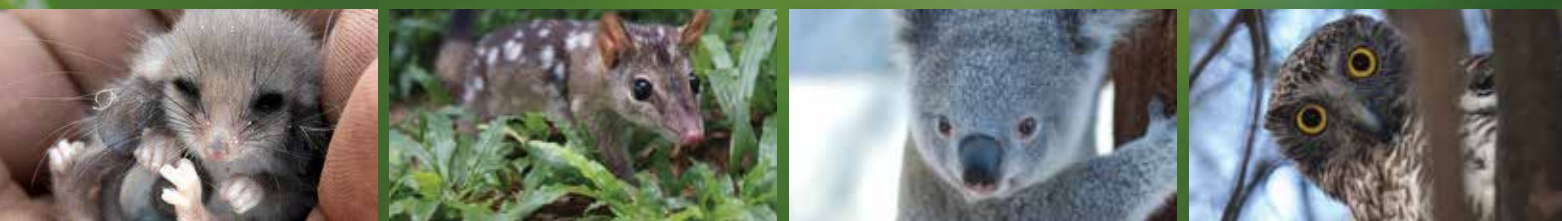
Right now in NSW around 59% of all mammals, 40% of all reptiles and 30% of all birds are threatened with extinction.

The main cause of this decline is loss of habitat through the clearing of trees.

Despite years of effort from Governments and philanthropists, the extinction rate continues to increase.

A new nationwide approach is needed with support from the community.

WOODiWILD is enabling this new approach - with your help - **planting 1,000,000 trees over the next 10 years to create THE GREAT AUSSIE SCHOOLS' FOREST.**



*"My friends and I need trees for our homes. Please help us by planting a tree"*



# WHO IS WOODiWILD?

**WOODiWILD** is a not-for-profit organisation specifically established to grow biodiversity plantings on farms across Australia.

Our purpose is to enable every Australian to assist with the planting of trees to re-establish lost habitat for endangered Australian plants and animals and to also offset CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

## THE COMPANY'S OBJECTIVE IS TO PLANT 1 MILLION TREES OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD.

Our approach is about investing in biodiversity plantings that not only help our wildlife but also help drought-proof, improve soil moisture, reduce salinity and provide shelter belts for stock on farms. It's a win win.

The first plantings will be located in regional New South Wales within the Murrumbidgee River Catchment area, approximately 30 kilometres southwest of Wagga Wagga.

The organisation's founder and CEO is Gary Wells, who was the CEO of the Nature Conservation Trust of NSW from 2013 to 2017.



**Gary Wells**  
Managing Director  
WOODiWILD

Our mascot is Woodi - one of the many creatures needing sanctuary in the Australian bushland.



## CONTACT

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[woodiwild.org](http://woodiwild.org)



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**WOODiWILD**



*Planting trees for wildlife,  
the environment and your school*



**Creating THE GREAT AUSSIE SCHOOLS' FOREST**





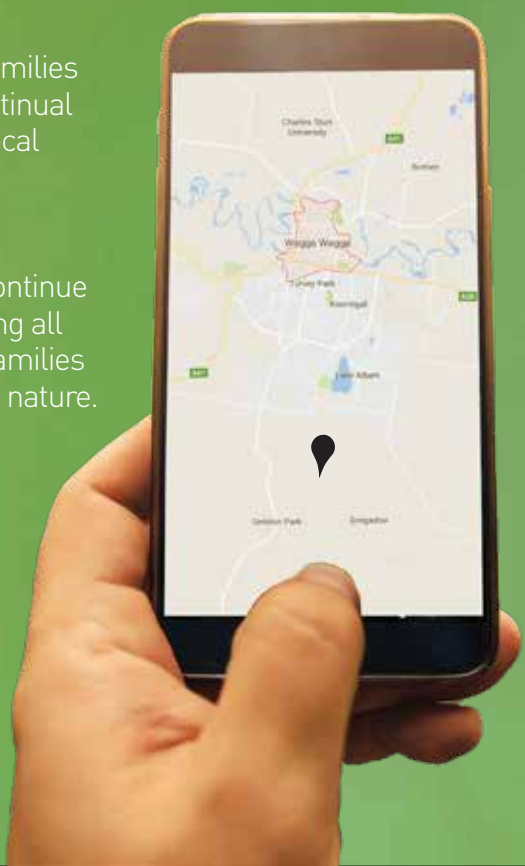
# WHAT WOODiWiLD OFFERS

- Your school will create its own micro-forest and join with other schools' micro-forests right across Australia to be a part of THE GREAT AUSSIE SCHOOLS' FOREST - providing an enduring legacy for our wildlife.
- A unique fundraising opportunity for your school.
- An opportunity for your students to directly engage in protecting our most vulnerable wild plants and animals.
- An engaging education platform for learning about the role trees have in the protection of our environment and our species of birds, animals, reptiles and plants.
- Establishment of new habitat for our vulnerable plants and animals into the future.



# FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

- A family funds the planting of a tree (or as many as they like) for **\$10 each**.
- Your school receives **\$2** for every tree purchased.
- The tree may be named - after a child, parent or other special person.
- The tree, once it is planted, has a unique GPS location, so following the progress of the tree with Google Earth is easy.
- Your students and their families learn about the trees' continual contribution to both the local habitat and our global environment.
- Your school's forest will continue to expand over time, linking all current, past and future families to your very own legacy to nature.



# EDUCATION

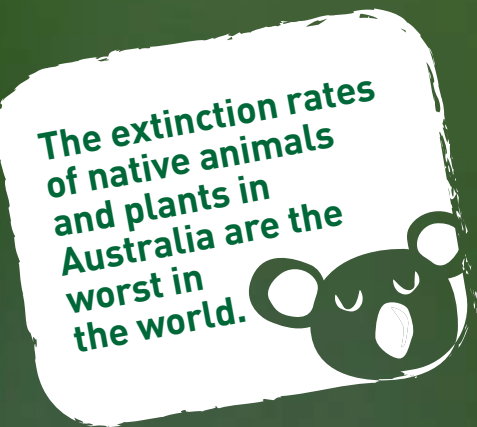
Students are encouraged to visit the WOODiWiLD website

[woodiwild.org](http://woodiwild.org)

## Here they will learn about:

- The types of plants and animals which will find a home in the forest that your school has helped to create.
- How planting trees is a simple, effective means of catching carbon dioxide.
- The role nature plays in supporting a healthy, productive farm.

Students and their families will gain a sense of ownership and belonging through the identification and naming of their own trees, and the forest's linkage to your school.



# HOW DO YOU ESTABLISH YOUR OWN WOODiWiLD FOREST?

- The school agrees to promote WOODiWiLD to the school community.
- A special sub site of the WOODiWiLD website will be set up for your school, using the school's branding and own wording for direct communication to your parents, students and supporters.
- Parents and Students will be able to:
  - Fund the planting of a tree for \$10, or in multiples of \$10 ie \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100.
  - Name their tree (or sets of).
  - View their tree/s, once it is planted, anytime via Google Earth.
  - Share their tree funding (and contribution to nature) via social media linkages (thereby extending the reach of the school's fundraising scope).
- At the conclusion of the initial 4 week promotion, WOODiWiLD will deposit 20% of the total value of trees purchased directly into the school bank account. The future funding and planting of trees will create a continual flow of funds to the school indefinitely. As long as the buyer nominates the school via the WOODiWiLD website, the school will continue to receive \$2 for every tree purchased.
- There is no risk to the school - i.e there is no need to commit to a minimum of tree plantings. The only requirement is to actively promote the concept to the school community.



"Your students will love learning about the school's very own forest"

