



*Kids teaching kids by connecting with history and culture and celebrating more than 40,000 years of indigenous heritage in the Willandra World Heritage area.*

## Schools Newsletter AUGUST 2011

### ONLY five weeks to go.....!!

We have been visiting schools and are impressed by the progress in engaging students and developing their presentations. Now is the time to fine tune the work you have been doing with the students. Work with your Elders and community to devise the 40 minute session and give them plenty of practice time, eg. In front of other classes, Elders or parents. Remember – this is a “kids teaching Kids” conference – there is an enormous pride in the visible achievement students obtain from their presentations.

**The countdown has began and here are some things to be aware of and action over the next 5 weeks.**

### PRACTICAL THINGS

- The conference commences on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm sharp on for Welcome to Country and team building activities
- Ensure students are fed lunch on their travel to the site and afternoon tea will be provided mid afternoon.
- The conference finishes at 1.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. We will provide a packed lunch for your travels home .
- Once you arrive on site all facilities including catering and infrastructure (but not camping gear) are provided.
- Schools are to organise tents and sleeping gear (pillow, mat & sleeping bag) – it could be very cold at night so think about checking in advance the gear students are bringing!
- Schools arrange transport—if you need assistance contact HHO Events
- A recommended list ‘of things to bring – or not’ is attached. The ‘not to bring’ list has a clear rationale: students will be participating in an authentic engagement with the traditional land of the tribal owners. Upon arrival each student will receive a conference pack that will include a bag, mug, hat, notebook, pen and drink bottle (fresh water on tap)

### ACTIVITIES, PRESENTATIONS and GUESTS

- Let us know by Monday 15 August, what support you need for your presentations eg.
- Thursday 8th is ‘Show Night’ when students present a performance, we have a large stage, lighting and good sound for the night and in the past have had singers, hip hop, dance and comedy acts. **Please let us know if you will be performing.**
- A schedule of all activities (including presentation times) will be available to all schools before the conference.
- Special guests include the Governor of NSW Marie Bashir AC, *Bran Nue Dae*’s Stephen ‘Baamba’ Albert, Lawyer Rudy Kirby, Archaeologist Mark Dugay-Grist, Performance Artist Little G, and Professor Jim Bowler.

### PUBLICITY

There is a broad national and international interest in the project and to allow for photos to be published after the conference, a signed parental/carer approval is required. Two documents are attached for completion. Please bring them to the Conference.

ABC Open is attending to produce work for the online *DreamBox* project as well as Local Community Campaigns to Promote Better Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, known as the *Live Longer! Campaign*.



**“Things to bring – or not to bring”**

Items to bring	Check	Not to bring
Tents (team up!)		Lollies
Sleeping bag		Soft Drinks
Pillow		Alcohol, cigarettes or non-prescription drugs
Toilet Bag (tooth brush, paste, hair brush, personal hygiene items etc)		Electronic Devices
Towel		Mobile Phones (no coverage!)
Boots/ shoes (enclosed)		Hunting knives
Socks		Thongs
Jeans		
Shirts		
Jumper		
Warm Jacket/coat for night time		
Shorts		
Sunblock		
Hat		
Torch		
Camera		
Insect repellent		

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION by 15 August 2011**

1. An **update** on any changes to the names and number of students, teachers, elders attending as well as any dietary or special requirements
2. **Something about your performance** on Thursday night (if you are performing)
3. Let us know by Monday 15 August, **what support you need for your presentations** eg. Data Projector, sound, microphone, screens, etc. (we prefer you to bring your own laptops)

**CONTACT**

If you need any support for your presentations or logistical support with travel or any further information, please contact Helen at HHO Events: Ph: (03) 50215 100 Fax: (03) 50215 133 helen@hhoevents.com

