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■ NEWSLETTER

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Please keep aside 4th of September 2009.

The EON Fundraiser of the year: Kimberley Moon Experience

WELCOME FROM CAROLINE

EON continues to receive enthusiastic and positive feedback from the people living and working in the remote Aboriginal communities in which we are working – in fact the Bush Telegraph has been so successful we are constrained only by our resources. EON's approach has resulted in mutual trust and good faith and our expansion continues apace.

We hope all members of the EON Army (yes, that's you!) will save September 4 for our annual EON Fundraiser. Details will follow shortly.

EON EDIBLE GARDENS

To support the success of our EON Edible Garden program, we have launched a new section on our EON website at www.eon.org.au to provide news and information for school gardeners, teachers and students. The link gives information on site selection, soil preparation and planting guide. We also outline our garden sustainability plan to ensure the longevity of each EON Edible Garden so children and adults in remote communities can continue to benefit from the nutrients and healthy lifestyle from growing and eating fresh fruit and vegetables.

BEAGLE BAY

The EON Edible Garden at Beagle Bay Sacred Heart School is now well underway and the first vegie seedlings were planted by the children in mid-June. The fruit and bush tucker trees are doing well and Ala the gardener; the pupils, teachers and staff are doing a wonderful job. The children have all worked very hard in the garden



and the littlies have sown more seeds that will be ready to plant out in a few weeks. Against the backdrop of the beautiful Sacred Heart Church within a few months the EON Edible Garden will not only feed the children but also create even further interest from the tourists! Ala says they are always asking what's going on.

ONE ARM POINT

The children at One Arm Point have been busily working away in their garden and have planted lots of vegies, which they will be enjoying throughout the term.

Richard Dowling from One Arm Point Remote Community School reports: "After twelve months of preparation and hard yakka, things are finally happening in The One Arm Point Community Nursery. We have lots of beautiful flowers growing. Our Giant Russian Sunflowers are the favourite though it seems! Corn, Tomatoes, Paw Paw, and Chillis are all coming along just nicely. We are already picking Capsicums, Enstai and Eggplant.

"Healthy living and Healthy eating are the main focus for this semester. The high school mob have all taken tomato plants this week to care for at home. And the years 5,6,7 class and our High School class combined last Tuesday to have a working afternoon in the nursery – we're now having enough tools and equipment to go around, after generous donations from the EON Foundation. The One Arm Point Mob send out their thanks to the EON Foundation and all those who support EON - we are making great progress here out in the remote West Kimberley".

The garden looks a treat.

DJARINDJIN LOMBADINA

EON's original Edible Garden looks and tastes fabulous. Beautiful corn, okra and zucchini were harvested and eaten during EON's last visit with many more vegetables ready to be harvested soon. Thanks to the hard work of Paul Munday and his senior students, the bush tucker garden has been planted and landscaped. The school has employed Djarindjin's Sean Monado to maintain the garden and support the teachers and children. Sabrina has "downloaded" lots of her expertise and will continue to mentor Sean and Chris Cassidy will ensure Sean is supported with lots of regular visits.

NEW GARDENS COMING ONLINE

EON is currently in discussion with a number of communities who may take part in the EON Edible Garden Program. Interested remote schools/communities include Fitzroy Crossing,



Halls Creek Derby, Looma, Nookanbah and Pandanus Park. Nookanbah and Looma are keen to partner with EON too after a visit by Katrina and Ernie and Chris will visit to get things started.

OTHER NEWS – WALKABOUT BOYS IN PERTH

During the recent Perth Premier of the Cannes Film Festival award-winning movie Samson and Delilah, EON sponsored Yiyili-based indigenous contemporary rock group The Walkabout Boys to fly from their community about 100kms west of Halls Creek to perform in Perth. The ten-member band also performed at KIPAS, Too Solid Awards and the Indigenous Showcase held at the Charles Hotel in Perth. Bel Skinner, Music Lecturer from Kimberley TAFE reports that the boys also played two performances in Halls Creek for their homecoming, which she says was a really positive rap for their exciting trip away. EON will watch their progress with great interest – their music and lyrics are powerful and poignant. Well-done Boys!

MARCH VIST BY WA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WA HEALTH

In March, Dr. Peter Flett visited EON Director Clair Medhurst and Horticulturist Sabrina Hahn at Djarindjin Lombadina. Dr Flett and Kim Snowball, CEO of Country Health WA, accompanied UFPA's Ernie Bridge on a visit to several Kimberley remote communities to view UFPA's diabetes management and wellness programs. During the trip they stopped by to see how the EON Edible Garden at Djarindjin Lombadina was progressing. Following his visit Dr Flett said, "My recent visit to Djarindjin-Lombadina was overwhelming. The absolute highlight was hearing of and seeing the garden and gardeners. You have achieved great things by education of the children and changing eating habits. Well done and thank you for the progress report."

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We look forward to your continuing support and please visit our new website at: www.eon.org.au for more information.



Dr Peter Flett, Director General of the WA Dept of Health with EON Director Clair Medhurst at the Djarindjin/Lombadina EON Edible Garden in March 2009.

