

On Wednesday, a group of Year 3 and 5 students were fortunate to meet professional musician, Corrine Gibbons. Corrine is an Australian performer based in Singapore. Corrine spoke to the children about life as a performer, performed some songs from her new CD "Melt" which was accompanied by some stunning video footage of endangered animals. Corrine is showcasing her CD this weekend at the DBS Arts Centre, details can be found on her website: www.corrinegibbons.com. Corrine has offered to the first ten families who come to catch the Saturday morning show (11am) at the DBS Theatre, a 50% discount for a family of four (so that's just \$50 for four). Just show one of your family's SMART cards at the box office to get the discount.



'Hands-on' Inquiry Request

Next semester the Year 4 students will be inquiring into How the World Works, specifically looking at simple machines and how these are used in complex machines and everyday life. To assist us in developing the children's understanding of these machines, we are hoping to locate and use several old electrical items that the children can take apart and analyse. If you have any non-working items such as DVD players, toasters, computers, kettles etc, that you would like to donate, please send these in to any Year 4 Class teacher by the end of term. You will have 200 grateful children and 9 exceptionally grateful teachers!! Many thanks in anticipation.

Year 4 Teachers.



International Mufti Day Wednesday 17 June 2009

As part of a whole school initiative to support global communities and raise environmental awareness, we are asking students in the Primary School to participate in an International Mufti Day on Wednesday 17 June 2009.

The Middle and Senior Schools have organised an International Fair on this day to support their commitment to *World Wide Environment* projects. The Primary School will be having an International Mufti Day on the same day, Wednesday 17 June 2009.

Students are asked to come dressed in international dress. This costume may be from the child's own cultural background or from a background of their choice, or children may choose to wear their national colours on this day. Students will need to make sure they adhere to school safety requirements by wearing closed in shoes and appropriate clothing. Students are asked to make a gold coin donation with all proceeds going towards the World Wide Environment Project.

The SRC and Year 5 students are organising some fun activities at lunch and recess time on this day. The activities will include quizzes, challenges, a wet sponge competition and more. Each activity will cost 50c-\$1.00. All money raised by the Primary School fun activities will go towards the *School of St Jude* run by Gemma Sisia in Tanzania. Gemma visited the Primary School earlier this term to share with the children about the establishment and ongoing work of the School of St Jude in Tanzania. All Primary students are welcome to take part in the activities.

To develop a sense of shared responsibility, we are asking parents to encourage their child to make a donation from their pocket money or think of ways they can earn the money through managing small errands around the house. Thank you for your support.

Ms Ludeman - Primary Community and Services Coordinator

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL -Ms Sue Pike

World Environment Day

As part of our celebrations for World Environment Day, each class in the Junior School has this week planted a tree in our grounds. Of the thirty trees planted, ten are Chempaka trees, ten are Red Palms native to Singapore and the final ten are Murraya bushes. We hope that these will grow and provide additional shade in the playground, as well as enhancing the gardens aesthetically. Each class has been asked to name their tree and to develop a pledge as to how they are going to care for it. Children of 1Si record their thoughts below:

"Our tree's name is Eden. Our pledge is to feed it, water it, love it be responsible for it, respect it and weed it." By Angela Hwang

"Yesterday we chose a type of plant called a Chempaka tree. We chose a name for it and we decided to call it Eden." By Sophia Lund

"On Monday 8 June, something really special happened. Can you guess what happened? The whole of 1Si got their own tree. Now we have a responsibility. It's going to be so exciting!!" By Daniel Prins

"We went down to watch some people put the tree in the ground. My favourite bit was when we got to pick the tree. We chose the one which is called a Chempaka and it had a couple of flowers on it. Our tree's name is Eden." By Valeria Brnadic

"On Monday we watched some people plant a tree and it was very interesting. We got our own tree and a lady came and told us some stuff about trees." By Georgina Hopper

"On Monday 1Si got their tree. The name of the tree is Eden. We promised that we would be responsible for it." By James Russell

