

ECOLINC CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S WEEK IN 2012

ECOLINC UPDATE

Ecolinc celebrates Children's Week from 22-26 October 2012 with a number of primary schools participating in a range of wetland related activities. This Children's Week event is presented by Ecolinc in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.



Ecolinc congratulates Mrs Maria De Guzman who has begun a short-term laboratory technician position at Ecolinc.

Ecolinc's resident growling grass frog was heard calling in the wetland a few day's ago. We hope to sight this endangered species in the wetland soon. A pallid cuckoo has been heard calling during the last few days also.

Ecolinc now offers a range of offsite outreach programs for primary/lower secondary classes. This involves an Ecolinc education officer conducting a tailored program in your classroom. This may be a pre or post lesson relating to an onsite booking, or a stand-alone program.

Bookings are now being taken for all 2013 onsite and offsite programs. Please do not delay. Book early to obtain your date of choice.



'BIODIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN VOLCANIC PLAINS ONLINE' UPDATE

Ecolinc is currently developing the first stage of a new online program 'Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains'. This online program is funded by a Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) 'Vision for Werribee Plains' grant and DEECD outreach funding.

The development of a flora/fauna ID/survey app featuring a range of grassland flora and fauna species is nearing completion. This new app will be accessible via the Ecolinc website and via the iTunes store, enabling teachers and students to identify grassland species and record sightings online.

As each learning object is completed it will be available via an overarching website to be featured on the Ecolinc website.

A teacher professional learning day is planned for Friday 23 November to preview aspects of this new online program, with a range of grassland activities.

2012 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DATES

Register now for the following Ecolinc teacher professional learning days online via the website, or download the registration form.

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2012

Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains Online (Years 5-8)

This teacher professional learning day will preview aspects of Ecolinc's new online grassland program with a range of grassland activities.

An optional late afternoon-evening visit to Mt Rothwell where sightings of rufous bettongs, brush-tailed rock wallabies and common bandicoots are guaranteed will also be available for interested teachers. Eastern barred bandicoots, long-nosed potoroos and eastern quolls are also often seen.

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2012

VCE Professional Learning Day

This workshop will provide the latest information relating to VCE Science and amendments to the current VCE. Teachers will have the opportunity to preview and trial three new Ecolinc VCE programs.

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