



Teddy Bears Picnic at Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre.

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Your child will be visiting Thalgarrah very soon to take part in our Teddy Bears Picnic program.

On the day the students will be learning about the secret of P.A.W.S. – and through this will come to understand the needs of all living things.

To share in the Teddy Bears' Picnic, students are invited to bring along their own **small** teddy bear or another soft toy friend. The toy should be able to fit into their school bag as it has to sit in a picnic basket with 5 or 6 other soft toy friends at the Picnic.

One of the main aims of Environmental Education is to create an understanding in the children of the natural environment and also what they can do to help conserve some of our planet's precious resources. To help with this concept we ask children to pack an **Earth Friendly Lunch** for the Teddy Bears' Picnic.

An **Earth Friendly Lunch** is one that has little packaging, or recyclable or reusable containers for packaging.

Below are some suggestions:

- sandwiches wrapped in grease-proof paper or reusable sandwich bag,
- drink in a reusable container or water bottle,
- fresh fruit that requires no packaging.



Try to avoid the following foods as they are environmentally unfriendly. They are over packaged and the packaging cannot be reused or recycled easily.

- portion controlled packaging such as chips and combination cheese and biscuits,
- popper drink containers.



There is no need to pack Morning Tea as this is supplied by Thalgarrah. Morning Tea consists of fresh fruit, biscuits, cordial and water.

Thanks for your cooperation and support.

We look forward to meeting your children,

Matt McKenzie - Principal

and Theodore - Teddy in Charge.

