

Have your say!

Hello again to our young readers! It's been a busy few months since our last edition. We've received many ideas for both a name and mascot for this page – now it's time for you to tell us what you think.

Here are the suggestions for the page name:

1. Habitat Warriors
2. Paper Bark
3. Kids Branch
4. Kids For Life* (not available)
5. Naturally Kids
6. The Kids Page
7. Nature And I
8. Nature 4 Kids
9. Nature & Us Kids
10. Make an impact no matter how small
11. Enviro Kids
12. Kids Letter
13. Save Our Earth
14. Kids word to save the world
15. Kids Weakly Environment
16. Earthlings
17. Earth Connection
18. Out on a limb
19. Groovy Green Gang (GGG)
20. Branch Out
21. Green Gen
22. (X) Next Gen
23. Kids Zone
24. Earth Zone
25. Kids Earth Watch
26. KFF – Kids For Future
27. Saplings
28. Little Leaves
29. Cotyledons
30. Understorey

Here are the suggestions for a page mascot:

1. "Coconut" the koala
2. Rainbow Lorikeet
3. Bandicoot
4. Kangaroo
5. "Maggie" the magpie
6. Kookaburra

To vote on your favourite names, email us at kids@treesforlife.org.au or post to 5 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park SA 5032, by July 25th 2008.

Carly



By Vincent, aged 9.



By Jolene, aged 6.



By Madison, aged 5.



By Ashleigh, aged 6.

We love receiving your letters and drawings at Trees For Life. Vince sent in an amazing set of drawings explaining how power is generated – from solar power and storage to wind power and nuclear fission. Trees For Life held a Family Picnic at Monarto Zoo in April, and we received some beautiful drawings of the giraffes from Storm, Jolene, Isobel, Madison and Abel. We want to hear from more of you, so we can share your ideas and stories with all our readers. Send in your drawings, stories and photos to kids@treesforlife.org.au or 5 May Terrace Brooklyn Park SA 5032.



The giraffe keeper talk at the Trees For Life family picnic at Monarto Zoo recently.

FROM A READER...

Hi, my name is Ashleigh and I am six years old. I go to Langhorne Creek Campus of Eastern Fleurieu School.

Our Reception and Year 1 classes are in THE HOUSE and in its yard we have a vegetable garden. This year I am in Year 2. I love my school.

We have a native fauna enclosure where we keep Bettongs and Potoroos which move too quick to count, three Sleepy Lizards, and Blue Tongue Lizards. We also keep a lot of Blue Bonnet Parrots, Finches that usually live in the desert, and a pair of Princess Parrots. We give them food and water.

When we come in to feed the animals they run up to us because they are very, very hungry. Bettongs and Potoroos

like rolled oats, apples, cooked spaghetti, uncooked spaghetti, wholemeal bread and cooked potatoes, they also like dry dog food, carrot and corn on the cob. During the holidays mum and I looked after the enclosure for three days and a Bettong stole corn from her container!

For the birds, we stick pieces of apple in the tree branches and they like corn. We give them birdseed too. They like thistles brought from home, and spinach grown at school.

My mum thinks the lizards eat the fruit we leave around for the other animals and bugs they catch by themselves.

My school plants out trees and shrubs we grow from seed that comes from Trees For Life.

Did you know?

Most living things in the world depend on water, and although people can live without food for up to 2 months, they can't live without water after 3 days!

Two thirds of the earth's surface is covered with water, however, only a tiny 3% of this is fresh water. So it is very important that we each do our best to save as much water as possible.

Some easy ways to save water include having shorter showers, fixing dripping taps, and collecting rainwater.

Quiz: True or False?

Write X for your answer.

1. True False
Each flush of the toilet uses about 10 litres of water and on average, Australian household toilets are flushed 12 times a day.
2. True False
Water makes up two thirds of our body weight.
3. True False
A quick bath saves more water than a quick shower.