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## Office of the Children's Guardian – Latest News

### Introducing the SAFE series!

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian is proud to introduce Sam, Andy, Fiona and Eve. They are the stars of the SAFE book series, a set of four books containing protective behaviour messages for children 2-6 years old.

To assist educators we have also developed a guide to support the delivery of the SAFE series. In creating the guide we considered the advice of professionals in protective behaviours and experienced early education and care workers.

Resources, training and more at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/SAFE](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/SAFE)



### Cross border checks protect more children

A major increase in the exchange of information between federal and state agencies and the continuous checking of new records has resulted in thousands of high-risk adults being prevented from working with children.

Since the start of the new system in June 2013 nearly 2,000 people have been barred from working with children in NSW. More Information, click [here](#)

### Child safe workshops

In September and October, the Office of the Children's Guardian is running free Child Safe Organisations and SAFE series workshops in regional and metropolitan NSW, including Bateman's Bay, Nyngan and Rooty Hill. Find out [more about child safe training](#)



### Our corporate plan for 2016-2109

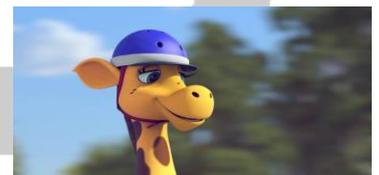
Our purpose is to protect children by promoting and regulating quality, child-safe organisations and service. To View Corporate Plan click [Here](#)

## Life Education

### Join the Ocober School's Challenge today!

By using your will power to say 'no' to alcohol for 31 days, you will help Life Education to empower and educate Aussie kids about the impacts of excessive alcohol consumption and the importance of making healthy choices in their lives. This year, we're hoping to see the school community get behind the event. You could create a parent's V teachers team, organise an event in aid of Ocober or simply participate in the challenge to raise funds for the Life Education programs.

For more information Visit: [www.ocober.com.au](http://www.ocober.com.au)



### Top tips from Schools Plus – Using social media to help your fundraising

Social media is a great way to get the word out about your fundraising. Some top tips include:

1. Mix up the posts so that you're not always asking for donations; for example, use some posts to share project updates or highlight a particular achievement. Don't forget to include your fundraising page link.
2. Using a picture or video will help bring your fundraising project to life. Ensure you have proper permission to use the photos, especially of students. Use the free website, Animoto, to put your video together.
3. Include short quotes from the P&C, students or teachers involved in what you are fundraising for. These could be a thank you, update on the project or about the difference a donor's support will make.
4. Think about when your audience will most likely be on social media. Early morning, during lunch, after work or evenings? This will help with the timing of your updates and may be different depending on who you are sending to.

For more information and tips, eligible schools can register with the [Schools Plus Fundraise Yourself platform](#).



## EVOKING THE SPIRITS OF SYDNEY PAST

### Unique, fun and free school holiday activities

When fire razed the Garden Palace to the ground in 1882, it not only destroyed one of Sydney's most spectacular achievements, it also erased a priceless collection of Australian Aboriginal art and broke a young nation's heart. Now one of the country's leading artists is about to resurrect the Palace ghosts by unveiling a massive art installation in Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden.

Join us during the school holidays to explore the 32nd Kaldor Public Art Project barrangal dyara ('skin and bones') by Sydney-based Wiradjuri/Kamilaroi artist Jonathan Jones and discover the fascinating story of the Garden Palace and the suspicious fire that consumed this architectural jewel and its precious contents. At the same time, gain some new insights into Australia's Indigenous culture and history. Part of the Garden's 200th Birthday celebrations, the site will come to life with a dynamic family program of free performances, talks, presentations of Aboriginal language, special events and workshops. The free workshops will be led by Royal Botanic Garden Indigenous education officers and Kaldor Public Art Projects educators and include fun, hands-on activities such as traditional Aboriginal seed grinding and baking. All activities are free but bookings are essential. To book click [Here](#)



Lithograph, 'Burning of the Garden Palace Sydney'. Gibbs Shillaro & Co 1882. Collection: Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences Sydney

## FOR SOME HEALTHY OUTDOOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

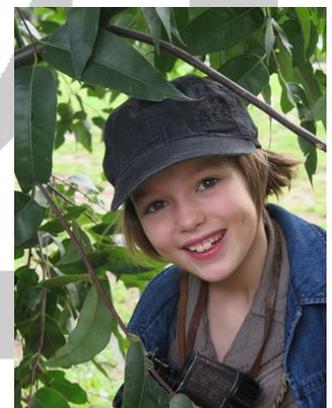
### New adventure program launched at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

Starting this October, the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney is offering four full days of outdoor adventure during the second week of the school holidays.

The new Garden Grubs program will be led by the Garden's renowned team of educators -- with a focus on nature, creativity, outdoor adventure and, of course, fun! Designed specifically for children from six to 12 years of age, Garden Grubs will launch on Tuesday 4 October and run until Friday 7 October from 9 am to 3.30 pm each day. A long-day option is also available from 8 am to 5.30 pm.

Children may choose to attend for just one day or up to four days.

- More information — [www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/What-s-On/Garden-Grubs](http://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/What-s-On/Garden-Grubs)
- Bookings: [www.garden-grubs.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.garden-grubs.eventbrite.com.au)



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