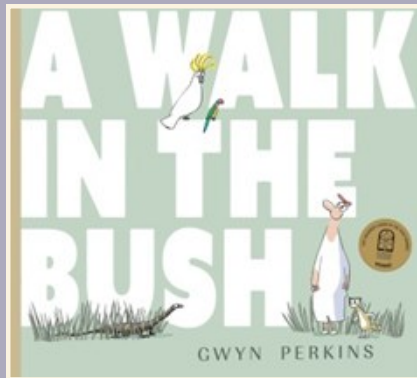
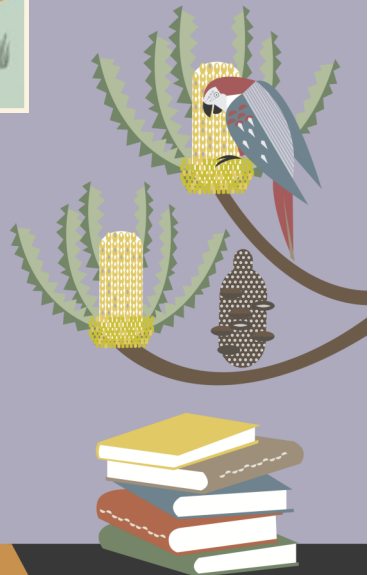


Escapade @ Home

Spring Fever



Ages
2-5



What's in the Bag?

To keep you entertained these school holidays we have a bag of activities for you!

All the activities in this bag are based on 2 books that we know you will love, 'A Walk in the Bush' by Gwyn Perkins and 'Koalas Eat Gum Leaves' by Laura and Philip Bunting. So get reading and enjoy!



In your bag you will find:

- **This booklet (but you already figured that out)** - Full of fun activities ideas to keep you entertained
- **Yarn Turtle Kit** - Wrap your turtle in a woolly shell
- **Bird Marionette Kit** - When you walk in the bush what bird would you like to see? Make your own bird puppet
- **Koala Garland Kit** - Get out the scissors and decorate your room with koalas, gum leaves and or course ice-cream!
- **Koala Mask Kit** - Be a koala for the day
- **Blue Tree Leaf Sheet** - Participate in our Blue Trees in the Burbs display to help raise awareness around mental wellbeing

We love to see what you are making and creating. Please share your photos and videos of your School Holiday Escapades with us on Facebook.

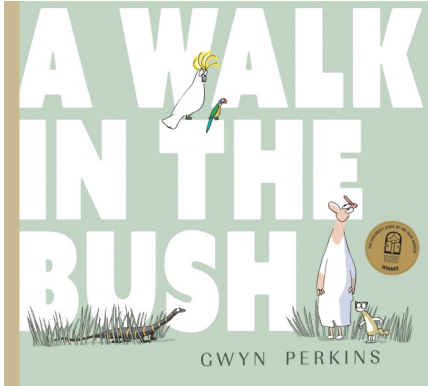
These School Holidays we will be giving away a \$20 Dymocks gift voucher to one lucky kid from each age group! To **be in the chance to win** just ask your parent or guardian to share your creations with us on Facebook with your first name and age. We will choose a winner and contact them through Facebook at the end of the School Holidays.



The Books

A Walk in the Bush by Gwyn Perkins

Little Iggy doesn't want to leave the house, but Grandad insists - they always have fun together. What follows is a wonderful journey in the great Australian outdoors with singing birds, wallaby surprises, secret caterpillar messages and oodles of grandad humour. Here is a story about the wonders of nature, the funny side of life and spending time with the ones we love.



Enjoy a reading of 'A Walk in the Bush' now on [Story Box Library](#) or [reserve a copy of the book](#) from your Library.



Koalas Eat Gum Leaves by Laura and Philip Bunting

Koalas eat gum leaves. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, and even on their birthday. Most koalas don't seem to mind. But one does. He is on the lookout for some tastier tucker.. and he's about to make a discovery that changes everything. A tale about having too much of a good thing.

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Yarn Turtle

What's in your kit

- Wool
- 3 pop sticks

What you need

- Markers
- Glue

What to do

1. Glue your pop sticks together in a star shape
2. Draw a face on one end of a pop stick
3. Tie one end of the wool to the middle of the pop sticks, be sure to leave a bit of excess wool
4. Wrap the wool across the centre to cover the pop sticks
5. Once the centre is covered start weaving around the turtle. Place the wool over a pop stick and wrap it around once then place the wool over the next pop stick and wrap it around... keep repeating this until you have a full turtle shell
6. If you want to add more colour tie a new piece of wool to the end of your wool and keep weaving
7. When you have a complete shell tie off the end of you wool to the bit of excess wool you left on you first knot
8. What patterns can you make on the shell? What else could you add to the wool to decorate your shell? Beads? Pipe cleaners? Pasta?



Image: cleverpatch.com.au

Bird Marionette

What's in your kit

- Cardboard tube
- Wooden skewer
- String
- Coloured paper
- Feathers

What you need

- More bird decorations if you wish
- Glue
- Markers
- Tape
- Scissors

What to do

1. Cut your cardboard tube into 2 pieces, one a bit bigger than the other. The little tube will be your bird head and the big tube is the body
2. Cut your sting into 6 equal pieces
3. Cut out 2 feet from the paper and tape them each to a piece of string
4. Decorate your bird head and body with markers and paper and other materials. What will you make wings out of? How could you make a beak?
5. Tape your string legs to the bottom of your birds body
6. Attach a piece of string from the front of he bird body to back of the birds head with tape
7. Now attach your bird to you wooden skewer to make it a puppet
8. Tape one end of a piece of string to the back of the body and the other end to the skewer above it
9. Tape one end of another piece of string to the front of the body and the other end to the skewer above it
10. Tape one end of the last piece string to the top of the birds head. Tape the other end of the string to the front of the skewer, you might want to make this string a little bit shorter so the birds head is up
11. Move the skewer to make you bird move. Can you make it walk? Or Fly? Or Dance?



Image: ukkonooa.blogspot.com

Creative Hint: Go on a walk and see what birds you can see or look at some pictures of birds in books for inspiration.

Koala Garland

What's in your kit

- Philip Buntings Koala Garland pages
- String

What you need

- Scissors
- Beads or other decorative bits and pieces
- Something to poke a hole

Image: philipbunting.com



What to do

1. Cut out the decorations
2. Punch a little hole for the string at the top of each decoration
3. String the string through the holes
4. String up your fancy new Garland wherever you like
5. If you want to make another garland you can print more from the Philip bunting Website <https://philipbunting.com/activities/>

Creative Hint: Draw your own koalas or ice-creams to add to your garland



Q: Why aren't koalas actual bears?

A: Because they don't meet the koalafications

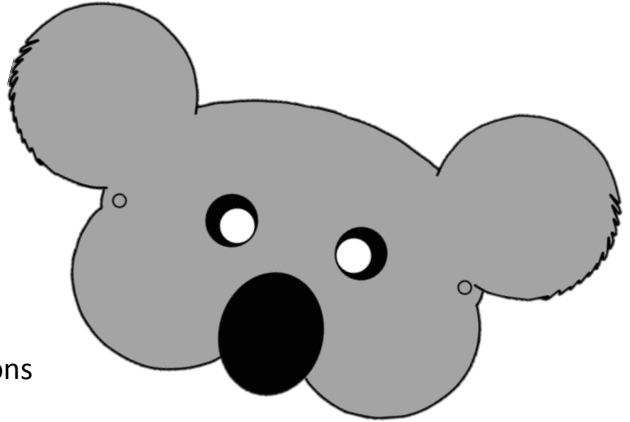
Koala Mask

What's in your kit

- Koala Mask Template
- Cotton wool balls

What you need

- Elastic or string
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils, markers or crayons



What to do

1. Colour in your mask. What colour do you think koalas are? What colour will your koala be?
2. Cut out your mask
3. Cut out holes for the eyes and the little circles near the ears
4. Pull apart your cotton wool balls to make them fluffy
5. Glue the cotton wool to the ears
6. Tie each end of the elastic through the little holes near the ears
7. Put your mask on and play pretend!
8. Send us a picture of you or a teddy wearing your Koala mask on Facebook!

Creative Hint: Go for a walk and collect some leaves to glue on your mask. What leaves do koalas eat?

Blue Trees in the Burbs

The City of Melville has teamed with The Blue Tree Project for Mental Health Week. As a symbol of hope the Blue Tree helps break down the stigma of mental health. Seeing a Blue Tree might help spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health concerns.

Find out more about the Blue Tree Project at www.bluetreeproject.com.au

What's in your bag

- A blue paper with a leaf on it

What you need

- Scissors
- Markers, pencils, crayons

What to do

1. Cut out your leaf
2. On the blank side of the blue leaf page trace around your hand and cut it out
3. Decorate your leaf and hand however you like, with pictures, paint, writing, stickers, materials from around the house, anything!
4. Bring your leaf and hand print to your City of Melville Library and add it to our Blue Tree display



Make a Blue Tree at Home

What you need

- A stick or tree branch
- Blue paint
- Paint brushes

What to do

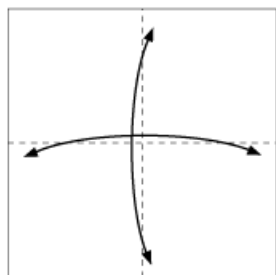
1. Find a dead tree or tree branch that needs a 'blue lease on life'
2. Paint it blue
3. Display your blue tree proudly in your garden for everyone to see
4. Register your blue tree at www.bluetreeproject.com.au
5. Share a picture of you and your blue tree on our Facebook page

Jumping Frog Origami

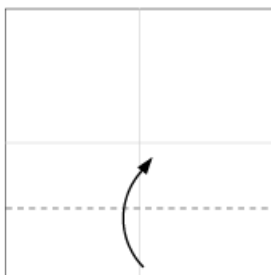
What you need

- Square paper
- Markers

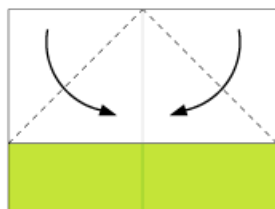
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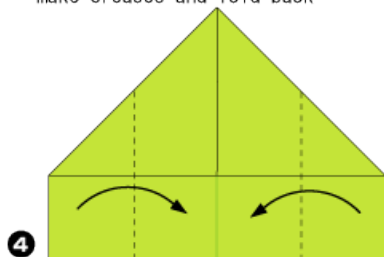
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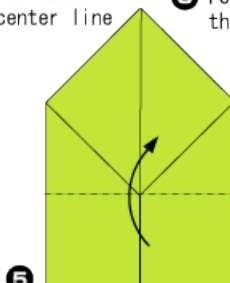
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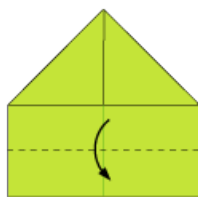
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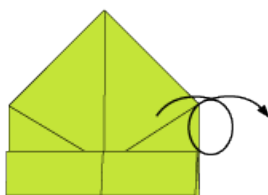
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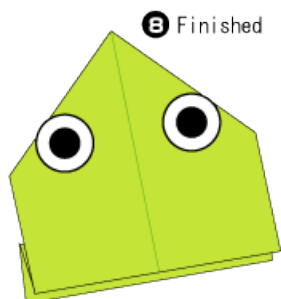
6 Fold in the dotted line **7** Turn over



It overturns when strongly pushing



It jumps when a little pushing.



8 Finished

Newspaper Koala

What you need

- Newspaper
- Coloured paper
- Black paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers, pencils or crayons
- Googly eyes or stickers (optional)



Image: iheartcraftythings.com

What to do

1. Cut out a large circle for the koala face, 2 smaller circles for the koala ears and a half circle for the koala body out of newspaper
2. Cut an oval out of black paper for the koala nose
3. Decorate the koala newspaper fur with your pencils and crayons
4. Glue all the shapes onto you coloured paper
5. Stick on or draw on koala eyes
6. What else could you add to your artwork? Maybe an ice-cream? Or some other newspaper animal friends?

For an instructional video and a koala craft template visit

www.iheartcraftythings.com/newspaper-koala-craft.html



Ice-Cream in a Bag

What you need

- 1 large zip lock bag
- 1 sandwich size zip lock bag
- 4-6 cups ice
- 6 tablespoons rock salt
- ½ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon caster sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1 pinch table salt



What to do

1. Put ice in large zip lock bag
2. Add rock salt to ice and shake until evenly coated. Set aside
3. Combine milk, sugar, vanilla and table salt in sandwich bag
4. Seal bag tight. Make sure there are no gaps!
5. Put the sandwich bag inside the large bag of ice so the ice surrounds it
6. Seal the large bag tightly
7. Shake, shake, shake! After about 5 minutes of shaking you should have ice-cream
8. What other ice-cream flavours could you make? How do you think it works?

Did you know

Salt causes ice to melt because it causes “freezing point depression”. This means that salt helps in lowering the freezing point and consequently the melting point of water.

When salt is added to the ice, some of the ice melts because the freezing point is lower. As the ice melts, the ice cubes release more cold, making the salted ice colder than just ice alone. In fact, the salt and ice water can get to below 0 degrees Celsius!

Bush Walk Sense Hunt

What you need

- Nature Walk Senses Wheel and Senses Scavenger Hunt
- Clipboard and pencils
- Hat, sunscreen and water bottle



What to do

1. Plan and prepare for a walk in the bush
2. Use your senses to help you find the prompts listed
3. Collect or draw the items you observe with your senses

NATURE WALK SENSES WHEEL

Sketch or collect items that your senses observe while on your bushwalk



Love the story?

Get busy with Activity Time!



SCENSES SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find these items on your bush walk?

Sketch or collect what you find

I see...	I hear...	I smell...	I feel...
Something yellow	Birds singing	Lemon	Something sticky
Something green	Something crunchy	Eucalyptus	Something sharp
Something trying to hide	Running water	Pepper	Something spiky

Leaf Art



What you need

- Leaves and sticks and other materials from the garden
- Paper
- Glue
- Markers, pencils, crayons

What to do

1. Go for a walk in the park or garden and collect some leaves, sticks, grass, nuts or whatever else you can find
2. Arrange your materials on the paper to create a work of art. What will you make? A face? A landscape? An animal?
3. Glue the materials on to the paper
4. Use your markers, pencils or crayons to finish off your picture

Library eResources

For 2-5 Year Olds



BusyThings

An online resource for the early years that includes 115+ fun learning activities that help children learn important skills in the key learning areas of creative development, problem solving, reasoning, numeracy, communication, language and literacy and knowledge and understanding of the world.



Kanopy Kids

A section of Kanopy dedicated to children's programming. Parents can browse educational and engaging videos for children of all ages that promote positive social and emotional development and inspire creativity in young minds.



Story Box Library

Connecting children with hundreds of Australian books read by some of Australia's finest storytellers. The stories are a little bit cheeky, a little bit charming and a whole lot of fun!

Each video features a title being read and gives children a vibrant, interactive experience.

To learn more about these and other eResources for kids visit www.melvillecity.com.au/things-to-do/libraries/elibrary/eresources-for-kids



Story Box Library Instructions



Getting started with Story Box

1. Visit www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/libraries
2. Select 'City of Melville Libraries' from the dropdown section under 'Library'
3. Enter you Library card number (on the back of your Library card) into the 'Public Library Card Number' field
4. Click 'Log In'

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