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MEDIA RELEASE



Green thumbs and music for children at RBG Melbourne

Springtime is a growing and music time in The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden. This Spring, the popular Budding Green Thumbs program is back, weaving spring gardening magic to inspire parents and pre-schoolers to get into the garden and discover some spring gardening magic.

Roslyn Semler, Visitor Programs Officer said, "We hope our programs will help young children to discover the fun of gardening – the thrill of watching plants grow, finding out what lies beneath the soil, getting to know some of the creatures in the garden – as well as enjoying being out in the fresh air."

This program is the perfect opportunity for children to have a go at gardening by planting, harvesting and caring for vegetables in the Children's Garden. They will also enjoy stories from the garden and participate in a range of garden crafts.

Budding green thumbs

When: Tuesdays: 14, 21 and 28 October, 11 November
Thursdays: 16, 23, 30 Oct and 6 November
Where: Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.
Cost: \$40 includes all four sessions.
Bookings required. Tel: (03) 9252 2429.

Movin' and Groovin' in the Children's Garden

Music is a certainty when it comes to entertaining the very young. Hey Dee Ho will get children aged 18 months - 2 years Movin' and Groovin' as they bring percussion, music and movement to the Children's Garden.

This spring the Royal Botanic Gardens is offering either a five or 10-week music program to help toddlers discover the world of plants, bugs and beetles.

When: Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22, 29 October
5, 12, 19 and 26 November
3 and 10 December
Time: 9.30 – 10.15am or 10.30 – 11.15am
Cost: \$130 for all ten sessions.
\$65 for five sessions.
Bookings required. Tel: (03) 9252 2429.

Shake, rattle and stroll

Shake Rattle and Stroll is a lot of fun for preschoolers to participate. Children have the chance to make a spring song and dance with music and rhythms inspired by plants and animals in The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden.

When: 13 and 25 November:
Time: 10 – 10.45am or 11 – 11.45am
Where: Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.
Cost: \$7 per child; Adult participation is required.
Bookings required. Tel: (03) 9252 2429.

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