



TREAD LIGHTLY

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Climate Change- where do we go now?

To Principals, Teachers, school community

How serious an issue is Climate Change? What effect will it have on our schools, our communities, our planet? What collective actions must we take to deal with the inevitable aspects of a changing climate while forestalling the worst consequences?

2007 will be the year in which our community has to decide to take swift, concerted, collective action to address climate change. As part of this process **Tread Lightly** will be working with school communities on a three pronged approach.

- **Informing key teachers and parents** on the implications of the most recent global warming research. Much of this work has still not reached broad public knowledge and in particular does not seem to have penetrated official Government thinking
- **Offering professional development programs** which can help school communities make the rapid changes that will be required to reduce our climate impact
- **Outlining the big picture and small picture changes required** and encouraging school communities to demand appropriate action from our political leaders.

We are offering 2 big presentations to schools on **Thursday April 26th and Wednesday 6th June**. In just over 3 hours we will take you through the evidence and imminent consequences of climate change, and then a picture of what our societies need to do **and can do** to escape the worst effects.

We invite your most influential teachers and students to these sessions and look forward to energising a community that respects the need for forward planning and a sustainable future for all our children.

Yours sincerely,



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Presentation on Climate Change

**What is happening,
What will be the consequences,
What we must do to survive**

“The science of climate change has never been clearer...Without further action, scientists now estimate we may be heading for temperature rises of at least three to four degrees above pre-industrial levels.. We have a window of only 10-15 years to avoid crossing catastrophic tipping points...”

Letter to European leaders by the British and Danish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Jan Peter Balkenende, October 2006

An afternoon presentation and discussion on what is happening to our climate through human activity and the likely consequences both short term and over the next 50-100 years.

Material will be drawn from Al Gore's presentation *An Inconvenient Truth* as well as the most recent scientific research.

Part two of the presentation will examine the local and national actions that will be required to slow down Climate Change. There are solutions to Climate Change but they will not be easy. But then neither is living in a desert or underwater...

The first presentation will be held at Melbourne Water Discovery Centre, New Farm Road in Werribee (Melways 205 E12) on Thursday 26th April from 1.30 pm – 4.15 pm

A second presentation will be held at Malvern Town Hall, Cnr High St and Glenferrie Rd Malvern (Melways 59 C6) on Wednesday 6th June 1.00pm - 4-15 pm.

Please note that we are also able to offer this presentation to your local community.

Registration Form

**Cost \$44 first teacher \$22 extra teachers
\$15 parents - \$5 students**

Fax or Mail registration to
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Werribee 3030

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We will be attending

- ☐ **Thursday 26th April at Melbourne Water, Werribee**
☐ **Wednesday 6th June at Malvern Town Hall**

Name..... Surname.....

Organisation..... No of attendees.....

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