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To all Rockingham Montessori School families

Re: Update School Site

Progress continues to be made to establish a comprehensive Montessori education facility on the property at 1809 Mandurah Road in Karnup where classes are offered from the Infant Toddler Program to Year 12. A Development Application for the planning of the new school site has been lodged and is being advertised for public comment. Included in this application is adjoining property No 1791 Mandurah Road, Karnup known as the Munja Gardens function centre (Munja). The School currently has an accepted *Offer to Purchase* of this property which is subject to the approval of the Development Application.

The property at 1809 Mandurah Road, Karnup has been purchased to provide beautiful tranquil surrounds for purpose built classroom communities where the children are able to access nature and contribute to environmental sustainability. We have an opportunity to help preserve a portion of land with native flora and fauna in an area that is now subject to dense urbanisation. The purchase of Munja with its existing buildings and beautiful surrounds provides an amazing opportunity for our School, enabling more space for students to be immersed in nature whilst receiving their education.

Current planning foresees the following stages:

- Stage 1 Adolescent Program / Infant Toddler
- Stage 2 Primary and administration buildings
- Stage 3 Daycare / Before and After School Care

At this stage we anticipate the Adolescent and Infant Toddler programs commencing on site during mid-2015. Settlement of the property at 1809 Mandurah Road occurred on 26th August and Munja became available for purchase shortly thereafter. Since that time the School Board has been completing a careful due process in preparation of its Development Application.

The Development Application is open for public comment for 28 days. Information is available at City of Rockingham and we encourage the school community to participate in the future development of our school by writing to the Council in support of the School's application and be involved in this exciting phase of our School's future.

Once again I thank you and appreciate the input we have received to date and will continue to keep you informed as this project progresses.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman - School Board

