

Step Gently on this Earth and this Sky 2007 – 2012

On exhibition until 5 May 2013

Children, teachers and families are invited to come on a journey into the wonder and mysteries of glass, in an exhibition currently on show at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery. This exhibition represents a collaborative project between *The University of Melbourne's Early Learning Centre* and *Philip Stokes Studio Glass* and is open to the public until 5th May 2013.

Kindergarten teacher Suzana Zaper, who translates a personal fascination with glass into a medium of discovery and learning for her 3-5 year old students, and Philip Stokes, a glass artist who enjoys sharing this ancient craft with young children and incorporating their ideas into his art, lead this ongoing collaborative project.

Approximately 200 three-five year old children from the Early Learning Centre have participated in the project over the past six years and the exhibition reflects their journey of discovery through a unique glass collection inspired by their poetic imagination, vocabulary and drawings.

The project also forms part of the Early Learning Centre's annual wider curriculum responding to The United Nations International Year themes, promoting care and concern for the environment through education. *Step Gently on this Earth and this Sky* takes us from "Antarctica, the icy land of secrets" to "our home, this muddy Yarra" and beyond.



For more information visit Boorai: The Children's Art Gallery, <http://web.education.unimelb.edu.au/elc/boorai/> or contact the exhibition curator, Louise Saxton 0437 215465



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www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/gallery

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