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## MISSION MONGREL EXHIBITION 2009

Created by the Mission Mongrel Workshop

Facilitated by Artist Mai Long



**LAUNCH: 10:30am Tues 29 Sept**

**EXHIBITION: Tues 29 Sept – Sun 4 Oct**

Tues-Sat 10-3:30pm; Sun 11-3:30pm;

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## Mission Mongrel Exhibition

The Mission Mongrel exhibition is the result of the Mission Mongrel workshop, and includes over 100 mongrel personalities created by participants from 5 Melbourne primary schools. Each is uniquely individual and precious, and each makes an invaluable contribution towards forming a diverse and beautiful mongrel kaleidoscope.

## Mission Mongrel Workshop

The mongrels are ritually produced within a messy time-based setting, using a specified variety of materials. The process involves breaking a mass-produced calico bear before 3D reconstruction and modeling (2 hours), followed by a painting and decorating session with mixed media (2 hours). The aesthetics and materials pay tribute to folk and ephemeral art. The concept of breaking and re-making is inspired by diverse cultural, religious, and philosophical constructs associated with identity, rebirth, transformation, and alternate realities. The result is a kind of mythical mongrel that hides a secret bear.

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