

WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in March/April:							
March	7 th 13 th 20 th 22 nd 26 th 28 th	Wednesday Thursday Wednesday Wednesday Friday Tuesday Thursday Friday	Biggies Environment Day Committee Meeting – 7.30pm (10 Queen St) Hana's 1/2 Environment Day Kinder/Prep/1 Environment Day Ride to School Day Start 3/4/5/6 Camp End 3/4/5/6 Camp GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL				
April	2 nd 3 rd 10 th 17 th 1	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Wednesday Friday	EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL EASTER TUESDAY - NO SCHOOL Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development Grades 3/4/5/6 Bike Day Env. Day Kinder/Prep/1 and Grade 1/2 Last Day of Term One				

Clean Up Australia Day/s: What a fantastic effort! We collected over 40 large bags of rubbish! We found all manner of litter, from the smallest piece of plastic to a television. We saw 2 shopping trolleys in the bay, an endless amount of cigarette butts, food wrappers, packaging and drink bottles. There was so much glass in places we had to leave it all behind and focus on the litter that becomes food for marine animals. Polystyrene scores big points in my book (as an avid beach scrounger) and we got a few chunks worth 20, 50 and 100 points! From the Littlies to the Biggies the enthusiasm was remarkable. A big thanks to the parents and grandparents who came along to model and support our environmental efforts. Now to the job of sorting and re-fashioning... an Art project may be in the air?!

Family Jobs: Thank you for the quick responses I am getting with the form returns. Keep them coming ©

Egg and Sesame Seed Allergies

I have spoken with various people and groups over the last few weeks about egg and sesame seed bans*. Here are their recommendations. From these a list of recommendations for The Cottage School has been formulated.

Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy recommends:

- food bans* should not be introduced unless recommended by a relevant medical practitioner
- students should not be physically isolated from other students because of allergies
- Kindergarten children are too young to comprehend education about avoiding allergens. As children
 mature they are able to take more responsibility for their own care. (Please note that Kindergartens
 are considered childcare facilities rather than schools that's why there are different rules and a
 different curriculum).

The student's allergy specialist, has recommended food bans* in the Kinder class and food avoidance^ in the rest of the school. As the student gets older, the bans may be relaxed as the student becomes more aware of self-monitoring

The Asthma Foundation of Tasmania recommends:

- An egg and sesame seed ban* in the student's class group
- An egg and sesame seed avoidance[^] policy in the rest of the school
- Hygiene control is the key to reducing risk especially the use of hand gel and alcohol wipes as the alcohol changes the structure of the protein in the food (which is what causes the allergy)

TISOH&SN (Tasmanian Independent Schools OH&S Networking Group) recommended food avoidance[^] in the Kinder group only

Suggested Guidelines for The Cottage School

- A ban* on eggs and sesame seeds in Cooked Lunch
- A ban* on eggs and sesame seeds in Garden Market. Eggs to be sold outside the gate.
- A ban* on eggs and sesame seeds in the student's class group:
 - o request that bread is sesame seed free (appropriate brand names to be provided)
 - o ask parents to read labels for sesame seed products (provide list)
 - o ask parents to read labels for egg or egg products
- An avoidance[^] policy in the rest of the school:
 - o don't send food that contains sesame seeds eg bread with seeds sprinkled on top / hommus / tahini, sesame oil etc
 - Don't send food containing egg (eg egg sandwiches, quiche) or egg products (eg egg mayonnaise)
- Hygiene controls to reduce risk:
 - All students in all groups to use hand gel after meals
 - Surfaces and handles in Kinder room to be wiped daily with alcohol wipes
 - All groups to eat lunch on a tablecloth and the tablecloth shaken into a bin (not onto the lawn)
 - No sharing of food containers, utensils or drink containers in Kinder room
- Controls around the student to reduce risk:
 - The student may only eat lunches prepared for him by parents/carers or Cooked Lunch Coordinator. The student may participate in shared fruit.
 - The student should be given instruction about not sharing food, food containers, and drink containers
 - The student should be (very gently) discouraged from putting objects (especially shoes) into his mouth
- Education:
 - o All teachers and teacher's aides to undertake anaphylaxis training
 - Whole school student body to be educated about signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis
 - All staff to be familiar with the Anaphylaxis Management Policy including the location of EpiPens
- I have used the term 'ban' to mean that parents are asked to strictly avoid the foods and read food labels.
- ^ I have used the term 'avoidance' to mean parents are asked not to send the food to school.

A note on food "bans":

We can only ask parents to be vigilant about not sending certain foods to school. This is not something we can police, so we could never claim to 'ban' the food or be 'free' of the food (eg we can say we are a no-nuts school but we can't say we're a nut-free school).

We have strongly encouraged parents to not send nuts to school. Given that nuts are a common allergen, it is quite easy for parents to identify foods with nuts in them - it's usually clearly stated on the label.

It is not so easy with eggs, and extremely difficult with sesame seeds. Below is a list of foods and ingredients that contain sesame seeds and eggs. Keep it on your fridge, on in your shopping bag. Kinder parents will be given a laminated Allergen Card today which was downloaded from Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia. Could Kinder parents ensure they have the card, please?

If your child is not in Kinder and you would like a card, please let Penny know.

Let's all pull together on this in true 'Cottage School Spirit'. Talk to your children about what changes will occur in their lunches. I'm sure once you read the list below, you'll see that there won't be a noticeable change for the children (although parents may need to update glasses prescriptions so they can read food labels!).

Information on Avoiding Sesame Seeds and Eggs

Sesame Seeds

Do not send these foods:

sesame seeds hommus/hummus tahini sesame oil sesame salt/gomasio

Avoid these ingredients:

The following label names indicate the presence of sesame seeds.

anjonjoli
benne, benne seed, benniseed
gingelly, gingelly oil
seeds
sesamol, sesamolina
sesamum indicum
sim sim
tahini, tahina
teel
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Check these foods:

The following foods may contain sesame seeds (check labels carefully).

baked goods, e.g., hamburger buns, multi-grain breads & bagels biscuits bread crumbs, bread sticks, cereals, crackers, melba toast, muesli dips, patés, spreads, chutney dressings, gravies, marinades, salads, sauces, soups ethnic foods such as flavoured rice, noodles, kebabs, stews and stir fry falafel flavour(ing) herbs, seasoning, spice margarine processed meats, sausages risotto (rice dish) sesame oil, sesame salt snack foods e.g., bagel chips, pita chips, pretzels, rice cakes, sesame snap bars, candy, halvah sushi tempeh Vegetarian burgers Vegetable oil

Eggs

Do not send these foods:

eggs quiche
french toast meringues
frittata egg noodles
soufflés pavlova
omelettes quiche

eggnog

Avoid these ingredients:

The following label names indicate the presence of egg.

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egg powder ovalbumin silici albuminate egg protein ovomucoid lysozyme dried egg ovmuxoid flavoproteins lecithin (322) ovglycoprotein vitellin

egg solids ovovitellin

egg substitutes (some) imitation egg product

Check these foods:

The following foods may contain egg (check labels carefully).

cakes, muffins, cake mixes, icing sauces, salad dressings and spreads

buns, donuts, pastries, biscuits fish or meat patties pancakes, puddings, mousses lasagne, pasta

ice cream, soft serve, gelati, sorbet, custard crumbed or battered foods processed meats meat loaf, meat balls health food and fruit bars egg/fat substitutes

mayonnaise, coleslaw dressing marzipan and some lollies

soups, broths and bouillons hollandaise, tartar and béarnaise sauces

sushi

Eggs may also be used to glaze some foods. Egg used for glazing may not be listed on the labels of these foods. Be careful of shiny baked goods, such as bread rolls, buns, and pretzels.

What's On:

BELLERIVE JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB NEWS: We will be holding our registration day on **THURSDAY 7th MARCH** between 3 and 4pm at Bellerive Primary School. You can grab a copy of the registration forms from the school office or you can find one on our Facebook page, **Bellerive Junior Soccer Club Inc**. We will also have copies at the Registration and Information Day. You will also need to register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au (This gives you the option to pay online as well).

Registration will cost just \$85 per child. It is only \$75 for a second child and drops to \$65 for a third and any subsequent registrations as long as you have paid by the 14th March.(An extra \$10. will be charged after this date.) The uniform kit, which consists of shorts, t-shirt, and socks, will cost a modest \$25 and is yours to keep. That is only \$110 per child (maximum) for an entire sporting season. What great value!! As it is a non contact sport it is the perfect choice for both boys and girls.

Carolyn Watt Secretary BJSC Inc. Any enquiries please email me at carolynbourke00@bigpond.com

Engaging Adolescents: The Centacare counselling team are pleased to present "Engaging Adolescents". This is a parenting programme for parents with children aged 11-18 years. The course will be held on Tuesday mornings 10:00-1:00 on 14, 21, 28 May and 4 June 2013. Cost is \$30 per person, \$20 per concession and \$40 per couple. please telephone Diana on 6278 1660 to arrange a pre programme interview.

<u>Art and Cartooning Program</u>: We are once again coming to Hobart to run our Art & Cartooning program. The program will be held from:

Monday 22 - Friday 26 April, 2013.

Please find our brochures attached. Please forward the program to interested students, teachers & parents. Johnny Wadhwa from our Sydney office will be coming during next few week to visit your school with the program. Our brochures can also be downloaded from our site: www.illustrating-man.com.au

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- *2013 Career Course starting Easter 2013
- *Monthly Intro to Screen Acting Workshops
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