



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in March/April:

March	28 th	Thursday	End 3/4/5/6 Camp
	29 th	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL
April	1 st	Monday	EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL
	2 nd	Tuesday	EASTER TUESDAY - NO SCHOOL
	3 rd	Wednesday	Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development
	4 th	Thursday	Committee meeting 7.30pm
	9 th	Tuesday	Garden Market @ 3pm
	10 th	Wednesday	Grades 3/4/5/6 Bike Day
	17 th	Wednesday	Env. Day Kinder/Prep/1 and Grade 1/2
19 th	Friday	Last Day of Term One	

School Liaison Officer: As you have hopefully read or heard, at The Cottage School we have the role: School Liaison officer. I thought it would be a good idea for me to introduce myself and the role to you.

This role provides parents with a key contact, if resolution to grievances between school teaching or administrative staff, and parents, are proving difficult to agree on.

The Cottage School has a grievance policy (attached with this notice), and this should be your first port of call if you are experiencing difficulties. It is anticipated that most grievances and differences can be sorted out between the relevant people concerned in a mature and respectful manner, and according to the grievance policy.

Sometimes emotions do get in the way, and further assistance of a third person can be beneficial. I am able to offer support as a person who can facilitate a respectful discussion where each perspective in a disagreement can be provided and heard. I will provide some level of support to find an agreeable resolution. While I have some experience in facilitating groups and some challenging conversations, I am not offering professional mediation or counseling services, though these maybe a next step if needed, through an external organisation. I will aim to use processes similar to those being taught in the school through 'Circles'.

To let you know a bit about me, I am father to Sam in Kath's class and Heidi in Tom's class, and Maura's husband. I am currently holding the role of Secretary on the Committee. In my work, I am currently in a temporary role where I am working out of town most of the time, though this will likely finish by the end of second term. I am however aiming to be at the school on Tuesday mornings from around 8.40 - 9am, so am happy to chat briefly about any such issues, to arrange another time to meet or discuss things on the phone. I am also happy to be approached at this time with other issues to be raised on the agenda of the next committee meeting.

Cheers - *Jonathan Bedloe*

Social and Fund Raising and Garden Market: Hello all and in particular all new families. Social and Fundraising and Garden Market are our two most 'community' supportive subcommittees. They give every family the opportunity to help create the wonderful social environment that is so special to The Cottage School. As a community we support the "Get in there and have a go." attitude so here is your invitation and your opportunity to make a difference to your child's social environment!

Garden Market is every second week between 2:45pm and 3:45pm (or any amount of time within that bracket)

Social and Fundraising is more heavily leaning towards the Social side of things, however, any Fundraising within our school philosophy will be gleefully accepted! We usually aim for 3 events throughout the year and a 'Welcome' get-together.

Both subcommittees will work together from time to time for special events or functions to support the school environment.

We need more folk to take part in both of these subcommittees urgently! It doesn't have to be a huge commitment or even a regular commitment..we are like two year olds..we'll take any attention we can get!

For more information please call Bettina Donaldson.

Committee Meeting: The agenda for April's committee meeting is attached.

2013 Working Bee dates: Due to the change to four terms, we have had to rethink how to schedule working bees this year (ie changing from one per term to three spread equally throughout the year) Also, by providing plenty of notice we figure it is easier for families to 'book the dates in' and ensure they are able to attend. So.....please mark these dates in your diaries now:

Saturday 1 June

Saturday 7 September

Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators

Family Jobs: Thanks to those people who have already started their new job for the year. I still have a few people to catch up with but don't worry, you won't miss out on getting your job 😊 Annette

LOST: A box file containing several display folders of information and session notes for the school vegetable garden. Last seen minding its own business on a shelf in the Littlies Cottage. If you know where this file is or happen to find it, please let Maura or Annette know ASAP.

Kinder Wishlist: If anyone has any of the following items which they no longer use and they would like to donate, the kindy would be very grateful. Thank you so much, Pam.

- Tents
- Large logs for climbing and sitting on
- Pieces of material
- Tyres
- Crockery, place mats, pots and pans
- Small table and chairs
- Old mail box
- Mosquito nets
- Sheets
- Tarps
- Pieces of wood
- Hammocks
- Table cloths
- Picnic rugs
- Pipes of differing sizes
- Apple cases

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Attachments:

Grievance Policy
Agenda for April 4th Committee Meeting