



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

15th May 2013

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What's on in May/June:

15 th	Wednesday	NAPLAN Testing
16 th	Thursday	NAPLAN Testing
21 st	Tuesday	Prep/1 Science Excursion
22 nd	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep/1/2 Bike Day
28 th	Tuesday	Garden Market
29 th	Wednesday	3/4 Environment Day
29 th	Wednesday	Maths Forum 7:00pm
1 st	Saturday	Working Bee 9am-2pm
4 th	Tuesday	Prep/1 Environment Day
5 th	Wednesday	Grade 1/2 Environment Day
6 th	Thursday	Committee Meeting at 7:30pm
10 th	Monday	Queen's Birthday
12 th	Wednesday	Grade 5/6 Environment Day
13 th	Thursday	Circles Forum
17 th	Monday	Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp
18 th	Tuesday	Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp
19 th	Wednesday	Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp
19 th	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep/1 Environment Day
20 th	Thursday	Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp
26 th	Wednesday	Grade 3/4 Environment Day

Committee: Bettina has resigned from the Committee, leaving a vacancy for an Ordinary Member. Please contact Penny if you would like to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to join the Committee.

Fundraising: Some parents have been asking why we don't become involved with Coles', Woolworths' and other organisations' promotional deals for schools. These promotions are marketing tools which encourage consumerism. Our *Fundraising Policy* states: "All fundraising activities should be in line with Cottage School's ethos of non-commercialism and non-consumerism". A copy of the policy is attached.

Working Bee - Saturday 1 June 2013: Our second Working Bee for the year will be on 1 June from 9am - 2pm.

Cottage School Logo: Over the last few months the Marketing and Communications sub committee have been working on 'refreshing' the existing school logo. We understand that the old logo has an inherent brand value and a 'wild and wooly' style that represents the school's ethos, however it's beginning to look dated and it's difficult to read the imagery. This year we are looking at introducing some marketing collateral that will help the school with its general brand awareness and we felt it was important, before we do this, to get our logo working at its best. Attached is the new 'refreshed' Cottage School logo that was approved by committee at last Thursday's meeting. Thanks, Marketing and Communications sub committee (Lesley, Kristina and George)

Bike Day – Wednesday 22nd May 2013: We will be holding Bike Day in the Bellerive Beach Park. The Kinder children will meet Pam and other staff in the park at 10am with their bikes (if this meeting time does not suit, please negotiate with Pam prior to Wednesday to drop your child off at school as per usual). Kinders will return to school at 12:30 for the normal afternoon school programme. The Preps, grade ones and grade twos will complete a helmet check and brakes test on the green space between 9:00 and 9:15. Capable riders will ride with Hana and Simon to the park. The children who are still consolidating their skills will put their bikes onto Tom's trailer and will walk down to the park with Michelle and Steph.

The Children will need the following with them on the day:

- Lunch, fruit and a drink

- Bicycle (checked for any last minute repairs)
- Helmet
- Sunhat
- Raincoat

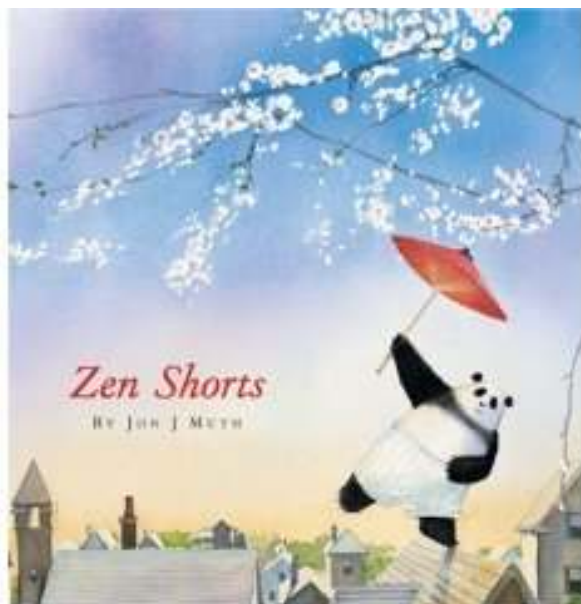
Hana and Michelle who will be riding on from the park would love some extra adults for supervision and to ride with them. Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to participate on Bike Day can you please write your name on the Bike Day Notice in the Littlies cottage or outside Kinder. If you have any question or relevant information about cycling skills, please contact your child's teacher.

Thanks, Pam, Michelle and Hana

Cottage School Vegetable Garden: We are searching for the bucket of gardening tools, gloves and the box of folders containing information about the garden over the past years. If anyone knows where these are stored, the Littlies would be most grateful.

Book Reviews: In response to an enquiry from a parent regarding quality literature for children, the teachers have decided to write a book recommendation for the Wednesday newsletter. We hope to include a recommendation from one of the teachers every week, starting with Michelle's recommendation for young children.

Zen Shorts: Children's philosophical discussion in the classroom often highlights all of those hidden deep truths that adults can forget in the business of life. *Zen Shorts*, by Jon J Muth is a picture book that sparks such essential conversations as it presents three classic Zen stories retold by Stillwater the giant panda to his neighborhood friends Addy, Michael and Karl. Stillwater unravels problems for each child through stories that help them handle events in their lives. The first raises questions about the value of material things, what objects are really necessary for happiness and the idea of unselfish giving. The second brings into question how our perspective on events in our life may affect our happiness when a farmer avoids grief by refusing to allow his supposed bad luck ruin his day. The last story examines the importance of letting go of anger and asks us to question the role of anger in our lives and if the burden is really worth the weight. Jon J Muth's watercolour and ink drawings resonate enlightenment and make you wish you had a Stillwater living next door for those moments of transgression.



What's On:

GUITAR LESSONS: Singer/songwriter James Johnston from popular local bands 'The Witching Tree' and 'Celestial Circus' is offering private guitar lessons. He can teach at his home in Lindisfarne do house calls (if not too far away). \$30 for an hour or \$20 for a half hour. Ph 0400 022 972 or email James.Johnston.Tas@gmail.com

'METAL THAT MOVES': Pete Mattila (Skye and Sierra's Dad) will have work in the 'Metal That Moves' exhibition at the Long Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre. 23rd May – 2nd June. Opening night – 6pm Wednesday 22nd May 77 Salamanca Place.

THE ROTARY CLUB: of Kingston is holding the Kingston Beach Fun Run and Walk on Sunday 26th May 2013. The Rotary Club of Kingston is urging locals to lace up their running shoes and bring the kids. The 5 kilometre run or walk event will commence at 9:00 am from the Kingborough Sports Centre and finish on Kingston Beach. For Further information, please contact David Moore on 0437 849 470 or email funrun@rotaryclubofkingston.org

Attachments:

Term 2, 2013 Calendar
'Refreshed' Cottage School logo
Fundraising Policy