



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

8th May 2013

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What's on in May/June:

14 th	Tuesday	NAPLAN Testing (Grade 3 & 5)
14 th	Tuesday	Garden Market
15 th	Wednesday	NAPLAN Testing
16 th	Thursday	NAPLAN Testing
28 th	Tuesday	Garden Market
6 th	Thursday	Committee Meeting at 7:30pm

Garden Market: Our Term 1 markets were beautiful (and bountiful!) with so much wonderful garden produce and welcome treats from home kitchens. Please keep the contributions flowing this term, especially contributions of cooked food, as the fruit and veggies ease off a little. If each family could contribute just one plate of healthy snacks/pot of soup once a year (not a huge ask!) that would be hugely appreciated and enable the market to keep thriving. Please remember that anything cooked must be egg and sesame free and contain no or very low amounts of sugar. If you would like some ideas about things to cook please ask Gabrielle.

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

All families are expected to contribute 4 hours work (eg 1 adult x 4 hours or 2 adults x 2 hrs). It is a very social day and there is real sense of satisfaction to see the school looking so well cared for at the end. Working together strengthens our school community and the Working Bees have a direct financial benefit – without them fees would need to increase to pay for this maintenance.

A list of working bee jobs will be emailed out with the Wednesday Notice on 22 May. A hard copy of the list (including the usual few late addition jobs!) will be placed on the wall of the White Cottage on Thursday 23 May. Please choose a job and write your name next to it. To make the working bee as effective as possible please take 'ownership' of your job, take time to find out what is required (ask one of the Working Bee coordinators) before the day and then bring any tools/equipment that you will need to complete it. Please name all tools/equipment that you bring to ensure they go home with you at the end of the day!

Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. For those people working into the afternoon a light lunch will be provided.

Working Bees are not 'optional events' – they were part of the deal when you signed up for the Cottage School. Life is busy for all of us and it may take some extra juggling but Working Bees do need to be fitted into this mix. If you are **genuinely** unable to attend the Working Bee due to work commitments or personal reasons please let one of the Working Bee coordinators know in advance and an arrangement will be made. Otherwise you are expected to be at school bright eyed and bushy tailed on Saturday 1 June.

If you are unable to attend and you are allocated a catch up job these will need to be completed within 4 weeks of the Working Bee ie by 1 July or you will be invoiced for the standard working bee payment of \$120. In fairness to all this will be strictly enforced this term.

Catch up jobs are very time consuming to arrange/follow up (= grumpy working bee coordinators!). It is much more efficient/effective if jobs are done on the day (= happy working bee coordinators!).

Children are welcome at working bees however please be aware that:

- You are responsible for the supervision and safety of your children. Please bear this in mind when you are choosing a job to make sure you are able to supervise them appropriately.
- All working bee participants (both adults and children) need to be aware that on the day the school will be a worksite with various tools being used, large objects/equipment being moved around etc. This requires extra vigilance to ensure that we all remain safe.
- Children should remain inside the school grounds at all times unless they are in the company of an adult.
- Morning tea and lunch are provided primarily for the workers on the day. There will be some food available for children but you will need bring extra supplies as children get very hungry!
- Children are not allowed inside the buildings unless they are in the company of an adult. Classroom resources (computers/stationary/games etc) are not to be used on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 1 June. (The third and final Working Bee for the year will be Saturday 7 September... mark it in your diaries now!)

Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators

Gabrielle and George

City to Casino 2013: The City to Casino Fun Run is on **SUNDAY 19 May**. Any students wishing to participate can see Georgie for an entry form or go to www.citytocasino.com.au to enter online.

Distance for primary students: 2.7 km

Venue: Salamanca Place to Wrest Point Casino

Start time: 9.00 am

Cost: \$10/runner

Parents can enter in the same event to run with their child. Cost \$10 (Alternatively you can enter in the 7km or 11km events).

Entry forms are to be signed and returned with \$10 to Georgie by Tuesday 14th May (next Tuesday).

Parents are responsible for collecting their children at the finish. Any question please contact Georgie or go online www.citytocasino.com.au.

Hope to see lots of Cottage School Children running.

Georgie

Lost: Henry Ward (Kinder) has lost a plain black Velcro strapped watch. If anyone has found it can they please pass it on to Pam or Henry in the Kinder please.

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

KUCA CLUB: *(An activity of the Clarence Uniting Church)*. Recommences for Term 2 on Friday, 17th May at 6.30pm, Clarence Uniting Church. All children in Grade 3-6 welcome. Cost \$2. Games, cooking, music. Contact Amanda Robertson – 0419714924 for details.

OKINES COMMUNITY GARDEN: Art in the Garden every Wednesday after school from 3-4pm. This is a free activity provided by the community garden in Dodges Ferry. Please note this is a parent and child activity. For more information contact Gabe or Claire on 62657016

PROFESSIONAL DECELOPMENT WORKSHOP: Early childhood Educators of Southern Tasmania are very pleased to have Kathy Walker, internationally acclaimed childrens play expert and passionate educator visiting Hobart on Friday 17. Kathy will conduct a workshop for parents about childrens play; importance of environments, relationships and exploration for the best outcomes for each child's self-esteem, wellbeing and learning.

All parents very welcome.

Where: Library Lansdowne Crescent Primary School

When: Friday May 17 1-3pm

Cost: \$20pp

More information about Kathy available from: <http://walkerlearning.com.au/info/kathy-walker>

Attachments:

Committee Meeting Minutes for 4th April 2013