



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in June/July:

June	19 th	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep/1 Environment Day
	20 th	Thursday	Children back from Camp End
	25 th	Tuesday	Garden Market at 3pm outside Kinders
	26 th	Wednesday	Grade 3/4 Environment Day
July	4 th	Thursday	Black and White Day
	5 th	Friday	End of Term Music Concert at 2pm
	5 th	Friday	Last Day Term Two
August	4 th	Sunday	Manure Dig

SCUTTLEBUTT OFFICE: In our parent satisfaction survey in 2012, parents indicated a high level of overall satisfaction with the school. We know there is always room for improvement, and many parents suggested in the survey that one of the areas we could improve was in the way we communicate with the community. Over the last 12 months the Committee, with support from all of our staff, have been introducing ways to improve the way we provide information on the curriculum, keep the community informed and let people know where to find things. But we want to go the next step...too many times a member of the community has a question that goes unanswered, either because it could not be anticipated or the person who knew the answer was not available. We know this is a big challenge for many organisations but we also know we can do this well, and in a Cottage School way. As a result we want to introduce a unique concept and open the SCUTTLEBUTT OFFICE.

What does the term SCUTTLEBUTT mean? - "Scuttlebutt", meaning rumour or gossip, is derived from "scuttled butt". To "scuttle" a ship is to puncture the hull or open the sea-cocks so that water enters the hull and sinks it. A "butt" is a barrel or cask, so a "scuttled butt" was a barrel with a hole cut in it to allow access to the water inside. It was placed on deck for the refreshment of the crew, and as the hands drank around it they would exchange news and views.

What is the intention behind a SCUTTLEBUTT OFFICE? - We want the community to exchange news and views, feel comfortable to ask any questions and have them answered and shared. Therefore, we are providing an avenue for any question big or small to be asked and answered. An email address will be created for this purpose and a member of the Committee will be allocated each month to look at the emails and collect your question/s in person. That person will be responsible for answering (or finding the answer) to the questions. Each week all of the questions and answers will be published in the Wednesday Notice.

The email address is scuttlebutt@cottageschool.tas.edu.au and Gillian Mee (Luke's Mum) is the first Committee Representative to field questions. If you have any other suggestions for how we can improve communication with you, please let us know.

Winter Solstice Bonfire Night: Just a quick reminder about the Winter Solstice Celebration (bonfire night) which is on this Friday (4pm - 8pm) 21st June. The event will be at Cléo from Kinders house – 86 Dixon Point Road, Sandford. There will be warm soups for a gold coin donation, so bring along your mugs and BYO drinks. Please feel free to invite family and friends. All are welcome and we invite everyone who has an instrument to bring it along for a play. Anyone who would like to contribute with a plate of food, volunteer to help set up, or would like more information, please contact Vanessa or Thierry. If you are coming along it would be good if you could let Vanessa or Thierry know ASAP so they can get an idea of numbers. Please bring your own plates, cutlery and camping chair to sit on. Because the ground may be fairly boggy, gumboots would be great as well!

Thanks, Thierry and Vanessa

End of Term Concert: The end of term Music concert will be held on the last day of Term (Friday 5th July) at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Diary Date: Sheep poo dig is planned for Sunday 4th August (44 sleeps), at Bothwell.

What's On:

BUSH ADVENTURES WINTER PROGRAM 2013: This season we delve into the lives of local shore birds, get up to date on the situation of our Tassie Devils, find out more about fabulous fungi indoors and get back to botanical drawing. We explore stories of old from New Town and see what it was like to Visit Antarctica in the early days.

Little ones hear the tale of Edna the Echidna, build brilliant bush mobiles, get soggy with froggies and buzz about in the big Bush City. They fight to survive in a great game of bush challenges and discover how a bird is like a plane. For bigger kids there is the chance to have a drawing lesson with talented animal artist Jane Burrell and those who like a physical challenge get a tantalising taste of rock climbing.

For more information there is a detailed pamphlet/calendar of 'what's on' downstairs just inside the back door of the Littlies Cottage. Looks like great fun!

"AUSSIE HOOPS" (TO INTRODUCE NEW CHILDREN TO THE GAME OF BASKETBALL)

- Children aged between 6-8 yrs old
- No experience necessary
- Fully qualified coaches
- Limited numbers

WHERE : Warrane Stadium (Cnr Bligh and Dampier Sts)
WHEN : Sunday 14th, 21st and 28th July
TIME : 10:30am - 12 noon each week
COST : \$55.00 (Each registered child receives a pack with a basketball and reversible top)
BRING : Water bottle, Size 5 basketball (if you have one), runners

To secure your place in this program please send your details to

Charlotte : thecollins5@bigpond.com OR

Annabelle : bellamollicavs@bigpond.com

Places are limited so it will be a "first in first serve basis." You will be notified if you have a position via email with a registration form.

WORLD GAMES DAY: On Sunday, 23 June from 12pm to 4pm at Wentworth Park Sports Ground Clarence Street, Howrah www.ccc.tas.gov.au/worldgamesday For information: Suzanne Schulz - 6245 8664 - ssschulz@ccc.tas.gov.au www.ccc.tas.gov.au/worldgamesday

BASKETBALL CAMP: On Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th from 10.30am – 3pm at Aurora Stadium Ages 6 – 16 Cost \$75. For more information email hobartcharges@bigpond.com or Ph: 0418 121 052

Attachments: nil