

# WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in June/July:			
June	5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Thursday Monday Wednesday Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday Thursday Wednesday Wednesday	Grade 1/2 Environment Day Committee Meeting at 7:30pm Queen's Birthday Grade 5/6 Environment Day Circles Forum 7pm Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp Kinder/Prep/1 Environment Day Grade 2/3/4/5/6 Camp Grade 3/4 Environment Day
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Black and White Day

**Thank you!** An enormous thank you to everyone involved with the working bee. It's such a pleasure to arrive at school to find such a spick 'n' span work space. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

The Staff

**Circles Forum:** If you will be attending the Circles Forum on Thursday 13 June, please text your name to Kath. There is no need to contact her if you are not coming.

Committee: The next Committee Meeting is Thursday 6 June (tomorrow) at 7.30pm. An Agenda is attached.

**Book Review:** Instead of a book review - an author review! Brain Selznick is an author who has fascinated me since I discovered one of his books a number of years ago. He is the author of the Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins, Hugo Cabret, The Houdini Box and most recently Wonder Struck. I have used these stories extensively in the grade 3/4 group. The stories are intricately woven around intriguing historical facts and characters, which beg the reader to find out more. Investigations and inquiries lead the reader on amazing tangents and journeys into countries past. The stories have a very strong visual element. These picture books and extended texts are wonderful books for adults to share with children and for children to read alone under the blanket with a torch. Find mystery, suspense, thrills and the slightly bizarre. A great gift, a wonderful read!

**Working Bee:** A huge thank you to everyone who cleaned, cooked, repaired, mattocked, wheelbarrowed, built, weeded, planted, wired, swept, sorted, pruned and more on Saturday at the Working Bee. It was a really productive and social day and really satisfying to get lots of jobs ticked off the list and see the school looking so well cared for.

The left over/catch up jobs are just being sorted out and we will be in touch with those people who couldn't make it on the day to link you up with one of these very soon. Catch up jobs will need to be completed by 1 July or you will be invoiced for the standard working bee fee.

LOST: A black men's leather wallet was lost at the working bee (possibly in the pine bark?). Please see one of the working bee coordinators if you know anything about this.

FOUND: A purple metal drink bottle belonging to a parent (Please see Gabrielle if this is yours) There are also a few garden tools that were left behind on the day and these have been placed near the green bins outside the White Cottage. Please check here if you are missing any.

Thanks from the Working Bee coordinators

P.S. Don't forget to mark Saturday 7 September in your diaries, that's the next and final(!) Working Bee for 2013.

Hobart Water Taxis needs your support: Many people will know of the commuter service offered by Hobart Water Taxi between Bellerive & Hobart. Currently Rod Howard the friendly and helpful owner and operator of this service leaves Bellerive at 8am & 8.30am to go to the city and leaves the city at 8.10am to come across to Bellerive. It is a great way to get to school (for us Western shore dwellers) or to the city for work (for you Eastern shore mob). There are also two departures one at 5pm and the other at 5.30pm from the city to Bellerive with one trip from Bellerive to the city at 5.15pm. (see <a href="http://hobartwatertaxis.com">http://hobartwatertaxis.com</a>)

Multi-trip tickets work out at a bit less than \$6 per trip for adults and \$2 trip for children. (Single trip prices are slightly higher).

Due to insufficient patronage (primarily from the eastern shore to the city) Rod is planning to reduce the service on July 1 to just one commuter trip morning & evening. This in turn means that there will be no trip from the city to Bellerive in the mornings ie no 'school run'.

I obviously have a vested interest in trying to keep the service running as I love it as a way for Lily & I to travel to school. There are two other families who also use the Water Taxi to get to school and a couple of others who are contemplating it. (In past years we have had up to 11 Cottage School children catching the Water Taxi to school)

As well as my personal interest, I also believe that a ferry service for Hobart makes perfect sense – it's environmentally sound and also adds to the 'life' of our city. Rod receives no government subsidy for this service and he has worked incredibly hard over the last 5 years to establish it and 'keep it afloat'.

If you could please spread the word amongst your family and friends and encourage them to think about using Hobart Water Taxis as a way to travel to and from the city (especially in the mornings) it would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you, Gabrielle

#### Attachments:

Committee Meeting Agenda

### What's On:

<u>GUITAR LESSONS</u>: 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 <u>James.Johnston.Tas@gmail.com</u>

<u>PIANO LESSONS:</u> Madeleine Guymer specializes in beginning children at the piano and also offers classical and popular for all ages and exam preparation. Ph 0406 878 475 or email madeleine.guymer@hotmail.com

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