



# WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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### What's on in July/August/September:

July	29 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	First day of Week 1 Swimming - Prep/Grade 1/Grade 2
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Garden Market
August	1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Committee Meeting 7.00pm
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Manure Dig
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Prep/Grade One Health Checks
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	First day of Week 2 Swimming - Prep/Grade 1/Grade 2
September	7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Third Working Bee at 9am

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** Our third term reports are due to be sent out the week beginning the 12th of August. Parent teachers will be conducted from the 26th of August until the 6th of September. These sessions are timetabled for 15 minutes per interview. Unless prearranged, teachers would appreciate a single interview per student. Timetables to meet with your teacher will be made available in each of the classes closer to the interview dates.

**Committee:** The Committee welcomes new member, Vanessa Cueff. Minutes from the last meeting are attached. The next committee meeting is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm.

**Gastro:** It's hit us already! Please remember the 48 hour spew and poo rule – do not return to school until 48 hours after the last 'episode'. This gastro is a nasty one, so let's look after each other.

**National Tree Day:** National Tree Day is this Friday, so do something thoughtful for trees – maybe don't use any paper for the day, or take a handkerchief to work rather than using tissues. If we see anyone hugging a tree, we'll know why!

**FAIR/CRAFT:** There will be a craft morning this Friday morning from 9.30am at Vanessa's house. Contact Gillian for more details.

**Littlies & Hana's Middlies Swimming Programme:** The Littlies & Hana's Middlies will be starting their swimming programme next week at Oceana. The programme will run for two weeks with a week's break in between. During the programme students will work on water safety skills, stroke refinement, stroke development and water confidence, depending on their individual level of skill. Details are as follows:

Dates: Week 1: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug (1.30 – 2.30 pm)  
Week 2: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug (1.30 – 2.30pm)

Children will need to bring:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Swimming cap (pool requirement)
- Goggles (optional)
- Plastic bag for wet gear
- Slip on shoes - if possible

Could the children wear clothes that are easy to put on. It also helps if girls could have long hair tied back - plaits are even better when it comes to putting swim caps on. Children will be transported to and from the pool. Any questions please contact Georgie.

**Save the Devil Appeal Coin Line:** Congratulations everyone on a fantastic fundraising effort for the Save the Devil Appeal. Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> July was a chilly, wet day but we managed to transform the green space into an enthusiastic hive of activity around a map of Tasmania (thanks Michelle for your mapping skills). Students laid their coins out around the edges of the map guided by the Biggies, having been assigned a S/W, N/W, N/ E or S/E corner. We managed to link up just about the whole coastline and some offshore islands. A highlight of the event was the appearance of an adult Tassie Devil, (Michelle) and a juvenile, (Heidi Bedloe) and lots of devil masks, thanks to the Wilderness Society for lending them to us. We even had a swift parrot make an appearance! (Thanks Simon, it was a tough gig as you created a frenzy amongst our devil enthusiasts and you couldn't see which predators were attacking you with the mask on!) We raised \$594! That's a lot of money for a small school. I know money boxes were raided, parents' wallets were cleaned out and a lot of pocket money was put towards the cause. The Biggies were also tasked with the job of counting out the coins we'd collected and had a little 'coin fever' as they worked. Well done everyone from Save the Devil Appeal, the devils and Lee.

**Sustainability in Clarence poster competition:** If you receive the Clarence City Council News you'll notice on page 2 a picture of the Mayor, Doug Chipman, flanked by students and posters. Tess Barnes and Ruby Allen are in the group after receiving a commendation for their poster. Postcards of the winning posters are now available, free, to collect from Rosny Linc and businesses throughout Clarence. Lee Cody

**Cottage School Sheep Poo Dig - Sunday 4th August:** This is a great shed, well above head height. We (Andy and Lesley) plan to prepare the shed on Saturday to make Sunday a very productive bagging day. This is one of the best fund raising initiatives for the school so please come along and be part of the team.

**Date:** Sunday 4th August.

**Time:** From 0900hrs onwards.

**Where:** Bothwell (1 hour north from Hobart)– exact address will be provided prior to the dig.

**What to Bring:** It is unlikely we will have access to the shearing shed crib room, so be prepared to be out doors, however we hope to have some sort of cover.

#### **Equipment**

- shovels, rakes and buckets (labeled)
- gloves, we will provide dust masks, but BYO if you have your own, eye protection
- change of clothes if wet
- warm clothes, rain coat, beanie etc
- gum boots or solid work shoes
- something to sit on, ie blanket, chairs
- enthusiasm ☺

#### **Food**

- cup and plate
- a plate of goodies to share at morning tea
- something for the BBQ
- thermos of hot water, will make it faster to heat the water for hot drinks.
- tea, coffee, sugar, Milo, milk, bread and tomato sauce will be provided

**Transport:** Can you let us know before Monday the 29th of July who can bring a trailer or ute to transport bagged sheep poo back to our place. It would be good to get as many trailers as possible so we won't have to hire a truck.

It would be great to get a good turn out - it's usually a fun day and everyone welcome.

Thank you all, Andy and Lesley

ACE TENNIS COACHING - for people interested there are forms in the notice board outside the Littlies.

AUDIENCE REQUIRED - Guide and Scout GANG SHOW 2013: Once again our talented Guides and Scouts will be performing at the Mt Nelson Theatre in a production called "Wicked Tales".

This year we have two performers from the school and they would like your support.

Shows are on at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd August, Friday 23rd August and Saturday 24th August. There is also a Saturday matinee at 2pm. Tickets purchased before the 2nd of August, are only \$9.00 each. At the door they will be up to \$15 each. To secure your seats to a great family night out, please contact Mary Figg on either 0438 659 005 or via email [marydfigg@gmail.com](mailto:marydfigg@gmail.com) - get in quick - you don't want to miss out!

OKINES COMMUNITY GARDEN will be having a working bee here at the garden on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-1pm to get a few jobs done before Spring approaches. There will be a pot of soup on the go and bottomless cups of tea for all our willing workers. We will have a range of jobs to do including some creative ones:

Mosaics, Weaving, Pea Trellis building, Painting, Seed raising, Planting spuds, Sorting seeds, Composting and of course more weeding! Also Jill may have some odd jobs that need doing in the Food Co-op.

Hope you can come for an hour or three. Until then, stay toasty warm

For more information about the OKINES COMMUNITY GARDEN please check the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage.

**Attachments:** Minutes from June 26 Committee Meeting.