



# WEDNESDAY NOTICE

## 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013

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

<b>August</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Littlies Environment Day (Science Excursion)
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	Grade 1/2 Environment Day
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Start first week Parent/Teacher Meetings
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Grade 3/4 Environment Day
	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wednesday</b>	Garden Market @ 3pm
<b>September</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Start first week 3/4/5/6 Swimming Programme
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Start second week Parent/Teacher Meetings
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	Grade 5/6 Environment Day (AM only)
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Grade 1/2 Environment Day
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Committee Meeting at 7pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Third Working Bee at 9am</b>
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Start second week 3/4/5/6 Swimming Programme
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Garden Market @ 3pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Littlies Environment Day (TMAG)
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Last Day Term Three

**Fees:** The Committee is very pleased to announce that the increase in fees is the lowest it has been since the dramatic rise of over 25% in 2007. Fees for 2014 are:

Primary: \$1622.00 tuition + \$22.50 cooked lunch per term (total \$1644.50 per term)

Kinder: \$1553.50 per term

The cost of education in Australia has been rising at a higher rate than the cost of living since around 2005, mainly due to long overdue salary increases for teachers and aides. Two changes made at Cottage School since 2005 have also affected fees. In 2006 Cottage School teachers were paid the same as Dept Ed teachers, representing a rise in salaries of over 16%. In 2008, staffing levels increased when the structure of the groups changed from 3 primary groups to 4 primary groups so that no group had more than 2 grades (previously the Biggies incorporated grades 4, 5 & 6).

The finance subcommittee and committee endeavour to keep fees as low as possible whilst maintaining small groups and opportunities for 1:1 assistance. With salaries being 84% of our expenses, we don't have a lot of 'wiggle' room to cut expenses. Our only other source of income apart from fees is government grants, over which we have no control. Parents are most welcome to discuss the budget with Penny if they have any queries.

**Re-enrolment intentions for 2014:** Now that the fees for 2014 have been set, we are starting to organise our class groups for next year. A re-enrolment form is attached. Would you please complete the form and return it to Annette by the end of September. If you decide not to re-enrol your child, you must notify the Committee in writing as soon as possible or you will be charged one term's fees in lieu of notice. Hard copies of the re-enrolment form are available from Annette's office (the front room of the Littlies Cottage).

**Parent Satisfaction Survey:** Can the completed survey forms please be returned to Penny by 30 August.

**Term Three Calendar:** The calendar for this term is attached. Print one out and stick it on your fridge ☺

**Working Bee- Saturday 7 September:** Just a reminder that the third and final working bee for the year will be held on Saturday 7 September (Election day!) from 9am - 2pm. All families are expected to be represented. A list of jobs will be emailed out with the Wednesday notice on 28 August.

**Kinder Environment Days for Term Three:** To be advised

**Who to See:** Please replace the last 'Who to See' list with the one attached. The new one includes the School Liaison Person. Thanks

**Indigenous Literacy Foundation - The Great Book Swap:** Can you imagine going through life with the literacy skills of a six-year old? Sadly, this is a reality for many Indigenous Australians living in remote communities today. Being able to read is fundamental to learning and opens doors to the future. Now our school can help buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities by being involved in the 2013 *Great Book Swap Challenge*. The Challenge is supported by The Children's Book Council of Australia and National Literacy & Numeracy Week.

**What is it?** *The Great Book Swap Challenge* is a fundraising event in which our students swap books with one another. Participating students bring along a gold coin and a book they've read and enjoyed. All these pre-loved books are put together in a central location, and students then choose a 'new' book they would like to keep.

**When is it?** *The Great Book Swap Challenge is being held at the Cottage School on **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>***. There will be more details to follow about time and location.

**What you can do now:**

- Discuss the reality that many indigenous children don't have access to the resources that our students have and what it means to grow up without books and an ability to read and write. We'll also be having these discussions at school.
- Begin discussing books that your child would like to pass on to someone else, a book that they have enjoyed and would like to see someone else take pleasure from. Please help your child to make choices that allow them to sacrifice a favourite book in order to gain a new favourite.
- Look out for the time and location in an upcoming Wednesday notice.

Any books that don't get re-chosen will be donated to the fair. We will need some willing workers in order for this to run smoothly, please let Lee know if you'd be able to help on the day. Cheers, Lee.

**What's On:**

**INTRODUCTION TO FENG SHUI WORKSHOP:** – Get introduced into the world of Feng Shui and see your surroundings in a new light. Understand the base and get ideas to improve the energy within your home, your business or your life. You'll be familiarized with the theory of the Yin/Yang and the 5 elements applied to Feng Shui, the different kind of Chi (energy) and how it flows in the space. Feel free to bring along the plans of your house, business or office to work with on the night.

Thierry Cueff (Cléo's dad) is holding this workshop at Live Clear Health Centre, Level 2, 130 Collins St Hobart on 20<sup>th</sup> August from 7-8.30pm. Normally the cost is \$15 per person but it will be half price (\$7.50) for Cottage School families. Bookings are essential. Ph: 0431 718 204 or email [thierrycueff@yahoo.com](mailto:thierrycueff@yahoo.com)

**HOBART GANG SHOW 2013:** – Mt Nelson Theatre, Hobart College, Olinda Grove, Mt Nelson. Performance dates and times..... Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

To book this event, please go to <http://trybooking.com/CYQF> Online sales close 24 hours before each performance.

Grace Figg and Maja Burggraaff are participating in this show.

They have been rehearsing since early June and the show promises to be lots of fun.

**Attachments:** Re-enrolment form, Term Three Calendar, 'Who to See' list.