



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in August/September:

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

School Policies and Procedures: Some of our policies and procedures are on our website for all to see. We have now created a password protected page where the rest of our policies and procedures will be posted (some are already there). The password will be sent to you in a separate email. We have also been trialling a fortnightly 'policy précis' for staff. This has been so successful that we've decided to include a policy précis in the Wednesday Notice for parents and carers. The précis come with a guarantee that you'll be able to read them in 2 minutes or less. If you need to know more about a policy, you can read the entire thing on the website (or call Penny). Here is your first Policy Précis:

Food and Nutrition

Healthy eating habits are encouraged through:

- Cooked Lunch program
- Giving children opportunities to prepare nutritious foods
- An educative food program in the classroom

Parents are asked for support by providing:

- no nuts, eggs or sesame seeds
- water only to drink
- fresh fruit or salad for morning tea
- wholemeal/multigrain sandwiches with nutritious fillings for lunch
- healthy meals on 'own lunch' days
- no packaged and/or processed meals or snacks (eg tubs of yoghurt, boxes of sultanas, packets of crisps etc)

End of Term Concert: The end of term concert will be held on Friday 20th September at 2pm. All welcome!

Family Jobs: Thank you to those people who do their jobs regularly! There are a few jobs though which seem to have gone by the wayside. It is important that all jobs are done regularly, especially the toilets and floors in all the cottages. If you are unsure what your job is or are having trouble committing to doing your job regularly please let Annette know.

Missing in action: 2-3 years ago Marisa lent out a very treasured copy of a book on 'Play' to the then Playground Working Group. The title cannot be recalled but it has Marisa's name written on it. The book unfortunately was never returned. If you have any leads, or know of its whereabouts, Marisa would love to have it back!

Working Bee – Saturday 7th September 9am – 2pm: We look forward to seeing all families represented at the Working Bee. The Working Bee runs from 9am – 2pm and we ask that each family gives 4 hours (eg 1 person x 4 hrs or 2 people x 2 hrs)

The job list is attached to today's Wednesday notice and some jobs have already been allocated. A master list of jobs will be put up on the wall of the White Cottage (near the outside toilets) tomorrow (Thurs 29 August). Please choose a job and write your name next to it. Please take **ownership** of your job, find out exactly what is required and bring the (named!) tools/equipment required to complete it.

Some jobs will take 4 hours whilst other jobs will take only an hour or so. Please move on to another job if your initial job is a smaller one.

Some 'last minute' jobs will be added to the master list in the coming week, so look out for new additions.

Please:

- bring some **fruit to share** for morning tea. For those who work into the afternoon, a light lunch will be provided.
- bring tools required for your jobs (plus any others you think may be handy if you can). Please clearly name all tools so they go home with you!
- Supervise your children. Children should not be outside the school grounds unless accompanied by an adult. Children must **not** play inside the classrooms. **No** classroom equipment (computers/paper etc) are to be used.

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 (**not** Penny or Annette) know in advance and an arrangement will be made.

If you are unable to attend and you are allocated a catch up job these will need to be completed within 4 weeks the working bee ie by 7 October or you will be invoiced for the standard working bee payment of \$120. In fairness to all this will be strictly enforced this term.

Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators

Can you help please?

For the working bee we need to borrow:

A trailer - For moving compost and doing a tip run. Ideally this trailer would be delivered to school by 9am on the day of the Working Bee and then either collected by you or returned to you around 2pm

Mattocks x 4 - These are the very best thing for breaking up the compacted pine bark in the playground before spreading the new pine bark. We need mattocks for people to use at the very start of the working bee (it at 9am) as we need to break up the old bark before the new bark can be spread. If you have a mattock you could loan for the day please let Gabrielle know.

Term Dates: As you are aware, The Cottage School has always taken one more week's holiday than government schools. This means that we have increased from 38 teaching weeks to 39 teaching weeks in 2013. With the change from 3 to 4 terms, the teachers decided to take the extra week's holiday at the end of term 3 because at that time of year children and staff get run down and become ill.

The teachers have been informed that this does not suit the majority of parents, so next year we will be following the Department of Education term dated and finishing one week earlier at the end of term 4.

Term Dates 2013:

Term 3 ends Friday 20 September

Term 4 starts Monday 14 October, ends Thursday 19 December

Term Dates 2014:

Term 1 starts Tuesday 4 February, ends Thursday 17 April

Term 2 starts Tuesday 6 May, ends Friday 4 July

Term 3 starts Tuesday 22 July, ends Friday 26 September

Term 4 starts Tuesday 14 October, ends Thursday 11 December

Littlies Parent/Teacher/Child Meetings: A timetable has been placed in the Littlies wet area. Please put your name on a date and time that suits and remember to bring your child's portfolio along. Thanks, Michelle

Parent Satisfaction Survey: Just a reminder that the completed survey forms be returned to Penny by **this Friday**, 30 August.

Re-enrolment intentions for 2014: Thanks to those people who have returned their forms already. Can we have all forms returned to Annette by the end of September please.

Science Week: Science week has come and gone for another year. Thanks to everyone for participating and posting questions on our Wonder Walls.

We were visited by 2 scientists as part of Science week. Hana's Middlies and the Biggies had sessions with a zoologist and a researcher with the Menzies Centre, both great role models for the girls in our community.

We had some wonderful questions and answers posted on our Wonder Walls, here are a few question examples:

- Is capsicum a fruit or vegetable? Luke Astley
- Where did everything come from? Holly Walker
- Who was the first person? Paris Lim
- Why does the moon come out at night? Bonnie Dickason
- How did animals evolve? Bella and Nate Nettlefold
- How high can a rabbit jump? Nathan Arnett

And a few curly ones from John and Rowen Middendorf - thanks John, they generated lots of great discussions.

- Why does ice float?
- How do stars form?
- How can we measure the size of the Earth?

Lee Cody

Indigenous Literacy Foundation - The Great Book Swap: Coming up next week. One week to go!

What is it?: *The Great Book Swap Challenge* is a fundraising event.

We donate a book in order to participate. Once we've donated we can buy another book \$2.

For this to work we'll need lots of participants.

When is it? *The Great Book Swap Challenge is being held at School on **Wednesday, September 4th**.*

Time: 3pm on the Green Space, weather permitting. In classrooms if wet.

There will be a Kinder, Littlies, Middlies 1/2, Middlies 3/4, Biggies and adult section.

Children/adults must donate a book in order to purchase another book. This really encourages us to sacrifice something in order to gain something else. Donate before you participate!

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.

Discuss the joys and pleasures of reading, of sharing favourite authors, genres and styles with others who like what you like.

Discuss the books you read as a child or the favourites that someone else has alerted you to,

Discuss the books you'd never part with or the books you've bought again and again as gifts to pass on.

Books can now be brought to school. Please leave them with class teachers.

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

Biggies & Middlies Swimming: Biggies and Middlies 3/4 will be starting their swimming programme on **Monday Sept 2nd** at the Clarence Pool and will run every day (1.30 – 2.30 pm) for two weeks. (Mon Sept 2nd – Friday Sept 13th). During the programme students will work on water safety skills, stroke refinement, stroke development and water confidence, depending on their individual level of skill. Children will be transported to and from the pool.

Could all students bring:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Goggles & cap (optional)
- Tiebacks for long hair
- Plastic bag for wet gear

Some students may need to bring shorts and a t-shirt during water safety activities.

Any questions please call me.

Thanks, Georgie

What's On:

PLAY MATTERS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS A free workshop for parents which explores play based learning and the need for children to be active participants in their learning (through hands on, creative exploration and investigation). This workshop presented by Kathy Walker (Early Childhood Educators of Tasmania) is on 6th September from 1.15 – 2.45pm at the Brighton Primary School. Please book with Brighton's Maxine Terry Maxine.terry@education.tas.gov.au or phone the school on 62688200. For more information, see the flyer which is in the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage.

CREATIVE DANCE FOR CHILDREN classes happen every Saturday in Glenorchy. We are in a hall across the road from Glenorchy Primary School in Hallam St, at the Uniting Church Hall. Classes are [from 9am-10am](#), cost is \$5 We do half an hour of dance and half an hour of art. The class is for 5-10 year old children; loose clothing and bare feet are all that's required. The classes have no ongoing fees and there is no end of year concert. Natural movement: skipping, jumping, hopping etc., are explored; we use a variety of stimuli to get dancing: the environment, games, science, art and music are examples. About the teacher: I have a Bachelor of Education from Deakin University with majors in Dance and English. I am a registered teacher with the TRB and I have a current police check. For more details call Angela [0437249731](tel:0437249731)

HCC BUSH ADVENTURES SPRING PROGRAM 2013: There are some great activities involved. Please check the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage for a complete list of what is on and where.

THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA invites your school community to participate in this year's Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 27 October.

Discover Sailing Day is a chance to visit the RYCT and get out on the water. Students and staff from the school are invited to come along to the club with friends and family and see how much fun sailing can be! Discover Sailing Day is free to attend and all boats and safety equipment are provided by the RYCT. You can sail in an off the beach dinghy or a keel boat from the wharf.

All you need to bring is clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet, sunscreen, a hat and loads of enthusiasm! No prior sailing experience required.

To get you started we will take you sailing for about 45 minutes. You are welcome to stay longer and enjoy a the Club's famous sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation. Please register your interest on-line at <http://www.discoversailing.org.au/myclub/sa/DSRegistration.aspx?OID=7010> or contact the sailing Manager, Chris Oh on 6223 4599 or sailing@ryct.org.au.

VIVACE – YOUNG VOICES TOGETHER: – Hobart has a new choir for young voices – Vivace. Their aim is to provide excellence in choral training for young people in Southern Tasmania and the opportunity for you people to perform and have some fun. This choir is for young people aged 8-18 years old who enjoy singing and performing.

An open day (an open rehearsal) is going to be held on

Date: Saturday 31st August

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Location: 57-59 Cambridge Road, Bellerive.

For more information please check the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage.

NIDA SHORT COURSES AT COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, HOBART 2013: – There are some booklets in the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage for anyone interested in these courses. They run from 30 Sep-6 Oct.

Attachments: Working Bee Jobs list