



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in September/October/November:

September	18 th	Wednesday	Kinders and Biggies Environment Day
	20 th	Friday	End of Term Concert at 2pm
	20 th	Friday	Last Day Term Three
October	14 th	Monday	NO SCHOOL – Student Free Day
	15 th	Tuesday	First Day Term Four
	24 th	Thursday	Show Day
	25 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL
November	9 th	Saturday	SCHOOL FAIR

Parent Survey: Thank you to the seven families who returned their surveys. The Committee uses feedback gathered from families via the surveys for developing the annual Strategic Plan for the school; this is how our collaborative model works. Some of the initiatives triggered by the parent surveys are the introduction of Multilit, changes to the way student progress is reported to parents, the increase of play space by leasing land in the Percy St car-park and most recently, a change in the format of the Parent Survey! Some decisions made by various committees have included not increasing the size of the school (in terms of student numbers) and not extending to high school. These are all decisions made from parent input via the surveys.

Given the importance of parent input towards strategic planning, the Committee feels that more input is required this year for meaningful planning. Therefore, the deadline for the parent satisfaction survey has been extended to **31 October 2013**.

There are 2 versions of the survey attached. You can either print the pdf, fill it out and return it to Penny, or save the Word version to your computer, complete it on your computer (it's a bit clunky - your cursor must be in the grey spaces for it to work properly), save it and return it by email as an attachment.

Mystery Deposit: On 2 August a considerable sum of money was transferred into our account with no reference details. Could this be your transfer? Please contact Penny if you think it may be yours.

Committee: The Committee meeting scheduled for 17th October has been postponed until 21st October. Everyone is welcome.

NAPLAN: The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the national tests in May this year that were due to be sent home during the week beginning Monday 16 September have been delayed.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified an error in the reporting format for Years 5 and 7. This has required the reprinting of Year 5 and 7 student reports with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports (including Years 3 and 9 which contain no errors). ACARA apologises for the delay and we will provide advice to you when we have confirmed the date for the distribution of reports.

Your child's report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests. For students in Years 5, 7 and 9 the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since the 2011 NAPLAN testing.

Class Groupings: The teaching staff are aware that there are ongoing conversations between children and parents regarding the placement of children within the different learning groups in the school. Decisions around the placement of each child are based on the professional evaluations made by the teachers. These evaluations are made taking a number of factors into consideration, not just academic abilities:

- literacy and numeracy levels
- social and emotional development
- the personal benefits which come with being an older member of a group in terms of confidence and leadership
- date of birth
- size of groups
- friendship groups

No matter which group your child is in, it is the role of the teacher to ensure that academic, social, emotional and physical learning takes place at the child's level of readiness. It is important to recognise that moving children on before they are ready does not necessarily meet their developmental needs and can be detrimental to them in the long run.

In light of the fact that children are coming home to parents with comments about the different groups within the school, it is vital that parents reinforce the above understandings with your children. In this way you are supporting the school's philosophy of catering to the unique needs of every child, supporting the professional judgements of the teachers and supporting the children and their learning.

Marc Armitage Seminar at Cottage School: Marc Armitage is an independent UK Playworking consultant (ie playground guru) who is currently presenting seminars and workshops in Australia. Hana has organised for Marc to present a seminar at Cottage School. This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for the school and we're hoping to 'pick his brains' for ideas for our playground.

The seminar is Tuesday 22 October 3.45pm – 5.15pm and is \$64 per person. Please let Penny know asap if you would like to attend. Places are limited, so first come, first served.

Policy Précis: EXCLUSION PERIODS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE CASES

There is an extensive list of infectious diseases and their exclusion periods on the website. The most common diseases follow:

Chickenpox and Shingles - Exclude until all lesions have crusted, there are no moist sores and the person feels well. In chickenpox, some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion. Exclude until fully recovered from shingles.

Conjunctivitis - Exclude until a doctor treats the eye – readmit when discharge has ceased

Diarrhoea - Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 48 hours

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease - Exclude until all blisters have dried

Head Lice (Pediculosis) - Exclude until day after appropriate treatment has commenced and all eggs have been removed

School Sores (Impetigo) - Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Any sore on exposed surfaces should be covered with a dressing

Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Fifth Disease) - Exclusion is not necessary because the most infectious period is before the rash appears

Vomiting - Exclude for 48 hours after vomiting ceases

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - Exclude for five days after starting antibiotic treatment. Exclude un-immunised household contacts aged less than seven years from school for 14 days, or until they have been on antibiotic treatment for at least 5 days of a minimum 14 days course of antibiotics. Notify the school

Pregnant women should avoid direct contact with someone with:

- A potentially infectious rash
- Chickenpox
- Shingles
- German measles (rubella)
- Slapped cheek disease (parvovirus B19)
- Measles
- Whooping Cough (pertussis)

IMPORTANT!: Re-enrolment intentions for 2014: All forms must be returned by **THIS FRIDAY** please!

Except for those students going on to high school, I need forms for all other students who are currently enrolled at school, regardless of your intentions for next year. Annette

First Day Term Four: The first day of Term 4 will be on Tuesday 15th October NOT 14th as previously advertised. Monday 14th October is a Student Free Day. Thanks

End of Term Concert: Don't forget the end of term concert this Friday at 2pm. All Kinder families are very welcome to come along – see you all there ☺

End of Term Afternoon Tea Update: Don't forget the afternoon tea (on the Green Space) immediately following the concert. Please bring along a plate of food to share and a thermos of hot water if you would like a hot drink as there will be no access to the classrooms. If you bring food along please remember **NO EGGS, NO NUTS, NO SESAME SEEDS**. Any queries contact Vanessa or Thierry.

Social Committee

FAIR UPDATE: 7 ½ WEEKS TO GO!!! Please find attached (finally) the FAMILY STALL ROSTER for Fair 2013. Some people may have their names assigned to 2 stalls, so please read carefully (and maybe print off) so you have it handy when you need to know who's responsible for all those QUALITY second hand items...after you've all cleared your cupboards of unwanted toys, clothes & books over the holidays! When we resume school in Term 4 there will only be 3 ½ weeks before FAIR, so if you specifically NEED help (ie the school to purchase) with ingredients or supplies, please let me know by **8TH OCT....YES**, I know, it's during the Holidays...but with the tight time frame after we resume, there isn't enough time to chase around people.

If anyone has any questions, please direct them to your relevant stall manager & if they aren't able to help, to me. Keep your eye on the weekly newsletter, as there will be plenty of updates as we approach the FAIR (SAT 9/11/13).

Cheers Elisia

Spring Cleaning for School Fair: Holidays are a great time to do some spring cleaning. For the fair this year we need quality books, magazines, toys and good second hand clothes. You could also ask your relatives or friends to donate for the fair. See the attached Family Stall Roster to see who you should give your donations to.

Thanks.

Bag of goodies left in the Biggies: Does anybody own a bag of soap/shampoo/conditioner samples (maybe from hotel stays)? It is in the Biggies kitchen and looking for a home.

Thanks, Kath

Missing: Hana's new white fruit tray has gone astray. If you have seen it could you please return it to Hana's room.

Thanks

Pre Fair Sheep Poo Sale:

Date: Saturday 21st (this Saturday)

Time: 9 am – 3 pm.

Address : 904 Acton Road, Acton Park

Directions - If coming from Cambridge, drive along Acton Road, passing the Acton Grocer on your left, continue to the little round a bout where you need to go right up the hill. 1 km further on there is a 90 degree left hand bend in the road, 904 Acton Road is on the top side of this bend.

If anyone is free and would like to come and help 'person the mound' for an hour or so, that would be lovely.

Refreshments will be supplied.

Lesley

What's On:

Backyard Project Update! Owing to the very strong response we have had to some school holiday get togethers in our backyard we have had to push the date of our fund-raising dinner out. We will now be serving up the lamb kofta's on Saturday November the 30th. On Wednesday October the 2nd we are having an 'Art and Fun and Guinea Pigs' day in the yard and all young people from the cottage school are welcome. If you are interested call Megan for details.

HOBART BOOK SHOP invite you to join them for the launch by Melissa King of Lian Tanner's *Ice Breaker* (The Hidden series book one). Time/Date: 11am Sunday October 27th 2013
The Founders Room, Salamanca Arts Centre (entry via Wooby's Lane). Free event, all welcome!
Want to dress up? Come as one of the crew of the ancient icebreaker 'Oyster'. Or bring a penguin (stuffed, drawn or painted) to help decorate the icebergs.

St Johns Catholic Primary School is Celebrating 170 years with a Family Fun Fair –
Sunday 20th OCTOBER 2013 11am – 3pm ALL WELCOME
Fun games, face painting, temporary tattoo's, cakes, slices, preserves, plants, craft.
Hot food, coffee, wine & cheese platters, Valhalla Icecream
Baby farm animals to pat, kids make and do craft stalls.
Peddlers parade, chocolate wheel, silent auction.
Zorb balls, laser tag and jumping castle
Entertainment on and off all day, as well as second hand books and white elephant stall.

Table Tennis at Montagu Bay

The Eastside Table Tennis League invites people, young and old, to make use of our venue located in the Clarence Sports Centre, Loinah Crescent, just behind the Clarence Swimming Pool.

The emphasis is on having a good time, no previous experience is required.

Friday evenings [7.00pm – 9.00pm] are family nights, cost \$2.00 adults, \$1.00 juniors. Equipment is supplied if needed and a Ball Machine [lots of fun and an excellent training facility] is available.

Tuesday nights [7.00pm – 9.00pm] are for adults, cost \$5.00. Again, it doesn't matter if you don't know how to play, we will teach you.

For **further information** contact

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