



# WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in Term Four:

December	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep 1 Environment Day
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market @ 3pm
	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Committee Meeting @ 7.15pm</b>
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Music Concert – starts at 2pm
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Leavers Day
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Whole School Barbeque and Games (PM)
	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4 – School finishes at 12.30</b>
February	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 1 - 2014 (Prep – Grade 6)</b>
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	First Working Bee for 2014 (9am – 2pm)

## Dear School Community,

Committee met last Thursday 28 November to continue its discussion on the present issues facing the school and in particular to make a decision about the requirements for the:

- imminent school registration process,
- implementation of the new teacher performance framework; and
- the ongoing integration of the national curriculum into The Cottage School.

Committee wishes to acknowledge the many viewpoints it has received on this important issue and the time taken by many parents to come to the additional meetings that have taken place.

As a result, Committee has resolved to adopt an interim arrangement to help the school move through this important period.

The arrangement will be that Kath will not teach in class for terms one and two next year and her teaching time will be undertaken by Lee. Kath will instead focus on the above three tasks with the assistance of specialist advice from the Curriculum Development Officer from Independent Schools Tasmania who has been offered to the school free of charge. While again it is not ideal that the school has to take a senior teacher away from teaching, the reality is that these tasks have to be undertaken by an experienced member of Cottage School who has a strong understanding of the school and its philosophy and the Australian National Curriculum. In making this decision the Committee has taken account of:

- The urgency in needing to have an approach in place for the beginning of 2014
- The offer of free external expertise to assist the school
- That it is only taking a teacher 'away from' teaching for two terms as opposed to the previous model
- That undertaking Kath's teaching role could be filled through existing Cottage School teaching staff.

It is important to reiterate this is only a temporary measure and the whole school needs to have a discussion in 2014 about where we are headed. In the face of increasing administrative and compliance requirements committee is of the view that all school families need to engage in a discussion about the school's future. As a result Committee will be working on a framework that will allow for a process for everyone to have a 'say' in 2014 on what the school should look like in the future.

The next Committee meeting is tonight (**Wednesday 11 December at 7.15pm**). Committee will be continuing its discussion in respect of this future visioning framework. If any parents have comments or ideas on the *process* of visioning and how to best engage the whole school during 2014 then we would be really pleased to hear from you. Should anyone wish to discuss the Committee's decision please feel free to contact any member of Committee.

**Committee Meeting:** The Agenda for tonight's meeting is attached.

**Gates:** We really need your cooperation with shutting the gates. All the gates must be kept shut during school hours. Please help us by closing the gate after you go through. This is especially important at this time of year as next year's Kinder children come to spend some time with the current Kinders as part of their orientation. If you see someone leaving the gate open, please give them a gentle reminder. Thank you

**Music Concert.** The music concert to be held this Friday will begin at 2pm. The weather forecast doesn't look promising so it may be held in the Biggies Cottage. We encourage the children to be good audience members and so request that they sit with their class groups and not with parents, so that they are all together, ready to perform. We also request that no dogs are brought to the concert, as they can be quite distracting during a performance. Thank you.

**Final Day of Term.** On Thursday 19th the leavers will perform their 'leavers song' and the leavers speeches will be made. This will take place outside the Green Cottage (weather permitting, otherwise in the Biggies Cottage) and will commence at 11.45am. School finishes for the year at 12.30 on this day.

**Middlies 1/2:** Hana's group set about to fundraise for the Philippines in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan. They learnt about the Philippines, natural disasters and the key factors for survival that are needed in response when natural disasters occur. We are pleased to announce that we have raised \$128.40 to contribute to the Unicef relief effort. Thanks to all who donated. Hana and the 1/2 Middlies

**Enrolment Campaign for 2014 and beyond:** The school will be embarking upon an enrolment campaign in the coming weeks as we currently have a few places across all classes for 2014, but in particular Kinder and Grade 1. It is important for the school community to know that while the school is currently in a sound financial position, increasing the student population beyond 2015 is vital to maintain current school practices. The proposed advertising campaign will include posters, street signs, post cards, the Mercury's education supplement in January and the development of a new official Cottage School FB page, which we would appreciate your contributions to. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to chat to one of the Committee members. Thank you, Committee

**First Working Bee of 2014:** Ok, time to get those 2014 calendars/diaries/planners out.....The first working bee for 2014 will be held on Saturday 15 February (ie the second Saturday back after school starts), usual time 9am - 2pm. Put it in your dairies now & see you there!

Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators

**Term Dates for 2014:** There have been a few queries about the term dates for next year. Here they are listed for Prep – Grade 6. Kinder families for next year will be notified when their children will start.

Term 1: Tues 4 Feb – Thurs 17 April

Term 2: Tues 6 May – Fri 4 July

Term 3: Tues 22 Jul – Fri 26 Sep

Term 4: Tues 14 Oct – Thurs 11 Dec

## **What's On:**

### CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARTS ACTIVITIES

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Circus Skills with Andrew Brassington. Dive head first into juggling, manipulation, diabolo, spinning plates, clowning, pyramids, poi, acro balance and a lot more....

10am – 3pm      Ages 7 + - Cost \$10 per child

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – T-Shirt Printing. T-Shirt printing and design workshop with Eve Smith from Sea Urchin Design. Have fun designing and creating your very own piece of wearable art. Parent/child workshop – Eve can cater to all ages however little ones will need to be accompanied by an adult.

10am – 12pm      Cost \$10 per child – materials supplies but bring your own light coloured T-shirt to print on and a smock or old shirt.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR WORKSHOPS:** Call Tracey, Sarah or Dane on 6245 8740 or email [schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au)

### HOBART OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB School Holiday Program

Where: Montrose Yacht Club

Dates: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Time: 9am – 12 noon

Cost: \$30 per child, per session

Ages: 8 – 16

All participants must be able to swim. PFDs will be worn by all.

For bookings or enquiries call, Tamara – 0439 919 204 or Scott – 0417 526 579

### RHYTHMIC DANCE CENTRE Warrane Studio Please join us in 2014

**2014 TERM 1 Begins:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014

9 Years & Under: 3.15pm - 10 Years & Over: 4.15pm

Classes go for 45mins and are \$10 per week. Boys and girls of all ages welcome.

Students will have the opportunity to perform in the RDC concert in July.

Located at Warrane Primary School Hall – 213 Cambridge Road, Warrane TAS 7018

For more information, please contact Anita Wheeler [anita.wheeler94@gmail.com](mailto:anita.wheeler94@gmail.com) or 0429 068 159

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**Attachments:** Agenda for 11<sup>th</sup> December Committee Meeting