



# FRIDAY NOTICE

## 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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### What's happening in February/March 2014:

<b>February</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>First Working Bee</b> for 2014 (9am – 2pm)
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm

**Working Bee - Saturday 15 Feb 9am -2pm:** We are looking forward to seeing you all bright eyed & bushy tailed tomorrow morning! The forecast is for 23 degrees, with the chance of an isolated shower so that should be ideal.

Please bring some **fruit to share** for morning tea. For those who work into the afternoon, a light lunch will be provided.

Remember to bring tools required for your job/s (plus any others you think may be handy if you can). Don't forget to clearly name all tools so they go home with you!

Children are welcome at working bees however please be aware that:

You are responsible for the supervision and safety of your children. Please bear this in mind when you are choosing a job to make sure you are able to supervise them appropriately.

All working bee participants (both adults and children) need to be aware that on the day the school will be a worksite with various tools being used, large objects/equipment being moved around etc. This requires extra vigilance to ensure that we all remain safe.

Children should remain inside the school grounds at all times unless they are in the company of an adult.

Children are not allowed inside the buildings unless they are in the company of an adult.

Classroom resources (computers/stationary/games etc) are not to be used on the day.

Thanks from the Working Bee coordinators

**Dogs:** We welcome dogs on school grounds as long as they are on a lead at all times. Please remember that some children are very frightened of dogs. We ask that dogs not be tied up near the Kinder area or other school entrances. Thank you for your co-operation. Steph

**Kinder Forum:** Kinder parents are warmly invited to a parent forum on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30 in the Kinder room. Could you provide a packed lunch for your child. The Kinder children and any siblings can eat their lunch with Brydie in the garden. Refreshments will be provided for adults. I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Steph

**Kinders:** The Kinders will have 'Show and Tell' on Monday mornings. Items of interest that all children can learn from are appreciated and can often lead to great discussion and further investigation. Some great things to share from the environment are: - feathers, gum nuts, sea stars, shells, skeletons, family memorabilia. Please support us by not allowing the children to bring toys or trinkets. Children don't always need to bring something. We don't want them to hastily grab something as they leave home. 'Show and Tell' is also a time when children talk about their weekend. Thanks, Steph

**Middlies 1/2:** Middlies 1/2 will be going on Environment Day on the 19th of February to a waterhole on the North-West Bay River. This is a location that we have visited before.

After a walk through the forest from the Sandfly Oval car park, we will find ourselves a spot by the cliffs down by the river. Here the children will have the opportunity to build dams, paddle in the river, build cubbies and look for fresh water invertebrates.

We are hoping for good weather and the children will definitely need a hat and some sun cream (please send a bottle but also it would help if you could apply some at home before school).

Please pack fruit, and lunch and a big drink of water( please note that food packed for environment days should follow the school's nutrition policy which has been sent out by email by Annette).

There may be the opportunity to have a swim so please pack bathers, a towel a rash vest and a plastic bag for wet clothing. Please be aware that we are aiming to leave school as close to 9am as possible on the day. We will return to school before 3 pm. Please contact me via email: [hana182@hotmail.com](mailto:hana182@hotmail.com) or catch me after school if you have any questions.

**Donation:** An ex student has donated \$4,000 to the school. Teachers are considering ways that the donation can be used that would benefit current and future students in the spirit of philanthropy demonstrated by the donor.

**Guitar:** Di Perry is currently in hospital and at this stage is unsure whether she will be able to teach guitar this term. She will find out more today, so we'll keep you informed.

**Thank you:** Thank you to parents who have been so welcoming and friendly to new families. It makes a big difference for families starting at a new school.

**Family Contact List:** Next week I will send home a family contact list to all families. This is a great way for parents to be able to contact each other if you want to car pool, invite children to play at weekends, etc. etc. If you would like your details kept private please let me know. Thanks, Annette

**Garden Market - Wednesday 19 February:** Welcome back to another year of Garden Markets. For those families new to the school Garden Market happens (almost!) every second Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon during term from 3-3.30pm. Look out for the dates in the Friday notices. Children, parents, grandparents and friends gather to contribute and buy a wonderful selection of fresh garden produce, flowers, preserves, plants, craft, plus healthy snacks and food.

Garden Market is coordinated by parents. Families bring along produce from their home gardens and kitchens, and children bring veggies harvested from the school garden. Healthy snacks are likely to include savoury muffins, popcorn, papadams, fruit bread and sometimes yoghurt & fruit icecreams.

Children get to spend their pocket money and fill hungry stomachs, adults get to chat (and fill their hungry stomachs!) and the money raised goes towards projects around the school. In past years we have purchased sports equipment, playground equipment, tools and plants to help the school garden grow and cooking equipment for use in the Choosing Program.

We warmly welcome contributions to Garden Market. Gardens and fruit trees are in peak production at the moment and produce is always eagerly snapped up. If you are cooking treats please remember **no nuts, eggs or sesame seeds**. We also try to keep sugar out of the equation or to a minimum. If you have any questions about contributions please ask Gabrielle (Lily's mum) at school or [gbalon@tassie.net.au](mailto:gbalon@tassie.net.au) We also really welcome helpers to serve/set up/pack up etc so don't be shy!

See you on Wednesday 19th!

Gabrielle for the Garden Marketeers

**Craft Mornings:** hi everyone, this year a few of us have decided that it would be nice to get together on a regular basis and "do craft". We thought we would start by getting together this coming Tuesday morning, February 18. We will meet on the green space at 9ish and move on from there. Everyone is welcome even if you think you can't craft! Please contact Gillian, Vanessa or Angie if you would like more information.

**What's On:**

SIMPLY MUSIC: Play piano now! Breakthrough approach. Play great sounding music from your very first lesson. Contact Cathy Walker (Certified Simply Music Teacher) Ph: 0439 554 606. [www.simplymusic.com](http://www.simplymusic.com)  
See notice board outside White Cottage for more information.

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE: Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. A three-session program for parents and carers at Anglicare Tasmania, 18 Watchorn Street, Hobart. Mondays, 17 Feb, 24 Feb and 3 March. Mornings 9.30 – 11.30am or evenings 6.30 – 8.30pm. Visit [www.anglicare-tas.org.au](http://www.anglicare-tas.org.au) for more information or freecall 1800 243 232. See flyer in noticeboard outside the White Cottage.

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS PARENT COURSE: Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems. A three-session program for parents and carers at Anglicare Tasmania, 18 Watchorn Street, Hobart. 6.30 – 8.30pm, Thursdays 6,13 and 20 March. 9.30 – 11.30am, Firdays 7, 14 and 21 March. Visit [www.anglicare-tas.org.au](http://www.anglicare-tas.org.au) for more information or freecall 1800 243 232. See flyer in noticeboard outside the White Cottage.

**Attachments:**