



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in March/April:

March	31 st	Monday	Start Grade 5/6 Camp Maria Island
April	1 st	Tuesday	Start Grade 3/4 Camp Far South
	3 rd	Thursday	End Camps 3/4 and 5/6
	4 th	Friday	Littlies & Hana's 1/2 to Mini TSO Concert
	8 th	Tuesday	Parent Information Session @ 9am re: Growing Up Program
	9 th	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep/1 Environment Day
	11 th	Friday	End Term Concert inc. ANZAC Commemoration
	17 th	Thursday	Grades 3/4/5/6 Bike Day & Last Day Term One

An update from the Committee: Early this week, the Committee regrettably accepted a letter of resignation from Lesley Gardner from her roles as President and Committee member. We really appreciate Lesley's initial willingness to take on the role, and thank her for her input in the short time she was able to hold this role.

On Wednesday night the Committee met as scheduled, and discussed the situation. Before declaring the actions taken, I acknowledge that, due to time constraints, I was not able to get an agenda out to the community as is appropriate and standard practice, so I apologise for that. The minutes from the meeting will be available next week, and be distributed with the Friday notice. The Committee agreed that we need to take action urgently to address the governance issues, and as a result, I (Jonathan Bedloe) have offered to step into the President role, and Vanessa Cueff has also stepped up to take on the role of Vice President. Rachel King has stepped into the Secretary role, and the remainder of the Committee continues on as is, with Tim Phillips as Treasurer, Anne Knibbe, Elly Audet, Tim Short as parent representatives, Tom and Kath as Coordinators.

This leaves places for two more parent representatives. The Committee would really appreciate these positions being filled, and requests that anyone who has some small amount of time to give to please express your interest with Penny, or myself. Please give me a ring to have a chat about what is involved. Essentially we are looking at 10 more standard committee meetings for the year, one being a review of the strategic plan. There may be the occasional other meeting, though that is rare, and there will be a few email conversations, and a requirement to read some sub-committee and other reports, review policies between each meeting. We recognise that it is a commitment, but there is reward (you get to spend more time with all of us and eat some nice nibbles!). Seriously though, there is an opportunity to play a significant role and share some skills to support our teachers, and ultimately contribute to the provision of great education to all our children.

We welcome any input and constructive criticism, and request that you make this input through the non-coordinator members of the committee, so as not to add more work to the coordinators.

Thanks for your consideration and here's to the rest of the year. Thanks for your support.

Jonathan Bedloe

Biggies and Middlies 3/4 Phys Ed: Reminder for PE to bring along a drink bottle. Biggies: Tuesday and Middlies 3/4 : Thursday. We leave the school grounds and there isn't access to water. Thanks, Georgie

Illness at School: The dreaded 'lurgy' is still 'bugging' children at the school. Symptoms have included headache, fever, tiredness, diminished appetite and a cough. We are also hearing that it is lingering and symptoms are reoccurring so please keep your child at home until they are completely well. Please also keep in mind our 48 hour spew and poo rule. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, please keep him/her home for 48 hours after the last 'episode'. Thanks

Suggestions, please! Our outdoor 'non-slip' tiles are incredibly slippery when they're wet. Has anyone had similar problems – and how did you fix it? I would appreciate any suggestions! Thanks, Penny

Growing Up Program: Just a reminder that the parent information session about the growing up programme is on Tuesday 8th April at 9am in the Biggies kitchen. It should only go for about 15 minutes.

Craft for the fair: We are keen to get together this year and have some craft sessions that are social and fun. If you are on the craft stall or have it as a 'B' stall then please come along. The idea is that we meet to craft together, share ideas and skills and have cups of tea and a good time as well. Even if you are not sure or confident about what you want to make, we'd love to see you.

The dates for the rest of the term are:

- **Monday 24th March** at Megan Graham's house (refer to family list for address) after 7:30pm
- **Tuesday 8th April** at the Fudge Bar (café across the road from school) at 9am-ish (or after the Family Planning info session if you are planning to head to that)
- **Monday 14th April** at Megan Graham's after 7:30pm

If you have any questions contact Gillian Mee, Andrea Jackson or Vanessa Cueff.

What's On:

ZENTANGLE WORKSHOP: The date of the next Zentangle Workshop has been changed to Sunday 13th April. Same place and times – ie in the Biggies cottage from 10-12 and from 1.30-3.30. For more details contact Gillian Mee on 0407652341 or in the playground

ZIP and ZEN YOGA PLAY: Yoga for children. Classes starting May 2014 at the Lindisfarne Community Activities Centre (Saturdays from 10am – 11am).

For more information call Georgie O'Regan on 0417 996 457

OKINES COMMUNITY GARDEN: Autumn Soiree Friday April 4th 5.30-7.30pm

Pizza for sale and lovely gypsy music from Cuisanere.

Upcoming Garden Gatherings, third Sunday of the month from 10-2pm.

May 18th - A couple of local girls will be "jamming"; (I think that means musically, not actually making jam to eat – however, we do still have some Garden Boysenberry Jam for sale that some volunteers made over a game of scrabble and a bottle of Champagne around Christmas time). At this gathering we will paint the letters to the word community (cut out of marine ply and once painted fixed above the pizza oven). Any kids with a liking for paint, please tell your parents to bring you along. There will be a few odds and sods to do in the garden, a general busy bee kind of thing will be going on. Come for a few hours in the morning and in exchange for your work we will feed you free pizza after 1pm.

June 15th – Weaving with Gwen Egg

We are so lucky to have such a high profile fibre artist in the Dodges Ferry Community. Come along and explore the essence of weaving as we use natural fibres to weave in the walls of the pizza oven shelter. This is a free community event (gold coin donation most welcome), bring along a plate of food to share for lunch. Earlier this year we were nominated for Community Event of the year; for last year's Winter Solstice, which, rightly so is a good enough reason to do it again. Start making your own lantern to join the parade or look out for workshop sessions at the garden to join us in making one of your own.

June 20th - Annual Winter Solstice Soiree and Lantern Parade. Friday 5.30-7.30pm.

Keep these dates close to your heart, or your eyes on the sign at the road.

We are at the Garden most Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, come in for a chat if you would like more information or to help make these events happen.

Attachments: