



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in May/June:

May	26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Middlies 3/4 Overnight visit to Saltworks
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Biggies Environment Day
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Working Bee 9am – 2pm
June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	First Day Camp Spring Beach Grades 2/3/4/5/6
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Last Day Spring Beach Camp
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	No School Grades 2/3/4/5/6
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Littlies Environment Day
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2 & Biggies Environment Day

**Working Bee Saturday 31 May 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 notice. A master list of jobs will be put up on the wall of the White Cottage (near the outside toilets) today. 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. Please write your name on the master list ie don't email Annette/Penny/Gabrielle/George & ask them to put you down for a job; the master list is 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 23 June 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

George Underwood E: [george@watchit.com.au](mailto:george@watchit.com.au)

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**Can you help please?:** For the working bee we need to borrow:

**A trailer:** For doing a tip run. Ideally this trailer would be delivered to school (at the Percy St carpark wooden gates ) 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.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with a Disability:** In line with all schools across Australia, we are taking part in a national data collection on school students with a disability. The aim of the data collection is to have better information about school students with a disability in Australia. This will help teachers to target support and resources to benefit students so they have the same opportunities to learn as students without a disability. Teachers will be consulting with parents to collate the necessary data in time for the school census on August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Kath

**Kinder Environment Day:** Kinder Environment Day to the Botanical Gardens has been changed from Tuesday the 27th to Wednesday 28th. Can parents ensure that their child is equipped with warm clothes and raincoats please.  
Thanks, Steph

**Garden Market Tuesday 27 May:** Our next market will be on a Tuesday (sorry Kinders!) to enable people who can't make our usual Wednesday markets to participate (we aim to do one Tuesday market per term). All contributions (nut and egg free) will be gratefully received and enthusiastically devoured!

**Donations of succulents (plants or cuttings) for the Working Bee:** The pots between the Gold and White Cottages are going to be given some TLC at the next working bee and we are seeking donations of a range of succulents to put in them. The idea is to incorporate a range of interesting textures and colours. Do you/your family/your friends have some succulents that you would like to share? If so please bring them along on the day of the working bee or pop them in containers with some water in them to keep them fresh and leave them between the white and gold cottage.  
Thank you.

**Term Dates 2015:** In 2013 we had 3 weeks holidays at the end of term 3 and ended term 4 at the same time as government schools. It was agreed that in 2014 we would trial 2 week holidays after terms 1, 2 and 3 and end term 4 one week earlier than government schools. As we need to set term dates for 2015 now, the trial will continue for 2015. Committee will seek feedback early in 2015 regarding a longer break after term 3 or finishing term 4 earlier. Term dates for 2015 are:

Term 1 Tuesday 3 February – Thursday 2 April  
Term 2 Tuesday 21 May – Friday 3 July  
Term 3 Tuesday 21 July – Friday 25 September  
Term 4 Tuesday 13 October – Thursday 10 December

**Fun Run News:** Well done to all the City to Casino runners last Sunday. In perfect conditions we had 20 students (a quarter of the school!) and 10 parents run the 2.7 km course, from Salamanca to the Casino. It was a beautiful morning with children from prep to Grade 6 all finishing with a smile.

For those who are keen to do another fun run this weekend, details are below:

**Kingston Beach Fun Run**

Date: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May  
Venue: Kingborough Sports Centre to Kingston Beach (shuttle buses will return runners to the start)  
Distance: 5 km (all downhill)  
Cost: \$10 Children, \$20 Adult & \$40 Family  
To register go to: [www.kingstonbeachfunrun.com](http://www.kingstonbeachfunrun.com)  
Registration close Friday (tomorrow) night.

Georgie

**Thursday Jumpstart:** Bravo everyone for tackling our French Folk Dances. We started with “La Guimbarde” and a group of Middlies girls has perfected that with skipping ropes. Now we are working on a “Cercle Circassien” and hoping to move onto a new dance next week.  
Kate

**What's On:**

**Attachments:** Working Bee Job List for 31<sup>st</sup> May