



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

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What's on in October / November:

October	24 th	Wednesday	Bike Day K - 4
	25 th	Thursday	SHOW DAY - NO SCHOOL
	26 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL
	29 th	Monday	Start first week Swimming Programme P - 2
November	2 nd	Friday	Marimba Mania (Biggies)
	5 th	Monday	Start second week Swimming Programme P - 2
	7 th	Wednesday	Environment Day K/P/1/2
	10 th	SATURDAY	COTTAGE SCHOOL FAIR 9am - 1pm @ PCYC
	14 th	Wednesday	Bike Day (Biggies)
	19 th	Monday	Start Camp for Prep - Grade 4
	22 nd	Thursday	End Camp for Prep - Grade 4
	23 rd	Friday	No School for Prep - Grade 4
	28 th	Wednesday	Environment Day Biggies

Grade 5/6 Students: The Community Assist Schools Triathlon Challenge is on again this November with the Primary School event taking place on Thursday 22 November. All students in Grade 5 & 6 will be given an opportunity to participate in this fantastic event as either an individual or as part of a team. Cost for entering is \$10 per person

Distances: Individual - 100m Swim / 5km Bike / 1 km Run - Team - 200m Swim / 6.5 km / 1.5 km Run

I would suggest that students start doing some training. Please note that all individual competitors and cyclists in teams must provide their own road worthy bike and wear an approved helmet. They also need to transport their own bike to Bellerive Beach on Thursday 22 November.

More information about the event can be found at: www.schoolstriathlonchallenge.com Georgie

Mayfield Camp: Could the Grade 2 parents come and meet me in my classroom next Thursday afternoon (1st of Nov) at 3 pm to have a quick chat about Mayfield camp. If you aren't able to make it at that time, can you try to catch up with me before camp week. Thanks, Hana

Re-enrolment Forms : Just a reminder that ALL re-enrolment forms need to be returned to Annette by NEXT WEDNESDAY Thanks

Biggies/Marimba Mania: On Sat Nov 3rd some Biggies will be joining in Marimba Mania at the Parliament House Gardens We will be performing with a huge group of Primary Students from various schools to the Salamanca crowds. The sound of all these instruments together is fantastic! Performances will be at 12.00pm and 1.15pm so if you are in the area do come and have a listen.

NB: For Biggies Parents - Sorry about the form below the previous Marimba Note (I edited my Kingston Primary note and forgot that was on the bottom.) You don't need to print it out and sign it. Just let me know via your children or email on shona.hunt@education.tas.gov.au Thanks very much, Shona

Swimming Prep/1/2: The first week of Littlies swimming will mean that lunch will be later than usual. So for this week could the Littlies bring their own snack to have at break time. Please keep this within our food guidelines. We will continue to have shared fruit as well. Children will need their own swimming caps and a plastic bag to put their wet bathers/towel in. Could the children wear clothes and footwear that are easy to put on. It also helps if girls could have long hair tied back, plaits are even better when it comes to putting swim caps on. Thanks, Margie and Georgie

Biggies Camp: For the first time, Cottage School joined forces with another school for camp and it was a raging success! It was a wonderful opportunity to mix with children of the same age and like-mind. The email addresses and big hugs that were exchanged on our last day together were testament to the bonds that were formed over the five days. Thanks to those parents who provided much appreciated equipment and to those who came and helped with camp. A special thank you to Lee for being an integral part of the planning (almost 12 months) and realisation of this project. Thanks also to Sam and Steph for their extra commitment to our extended camp. Kath

We received a lovely email from John Marsden that we would like to share with the school community:

"Well well well, what can I say? I don't think I've ever seen students arrive back in such a state of ecstasy! As the bus pulled into school, Ethan opened the window and yelled at his father "It was awesome!" That was all I needed to know!"

This morning the kids did a presentation to the rest of the school about the camp, showing slides, including some hilarious ones of the kangaroos at the wildlife sanctuary, and some beautiful ones of Wineglass Bay, and then sang the sideburns song and Wilson's infamous song. I thought it was wonderful that they were unselfconscious enough to do that. As I followed them up towards the bus – I'd sent them up to clean it out; talk about the Augean stables! – I reflected that I don't think I've ever seen this group so together, so happy, so trusting of each other. And they loved your kids.

It was a fabulous experience, and our staff were full of praise for the good-natured, good-humoured, generous and friendly approach of the adults from your school community. They have said that you are interested in maybe bringing a group over here next year? If so, we'd be delighted to host you – there's a Scout camp up the road, but it may well be feasible for us to pitch tents for you at school...

Thanks so much.

All the very best,

John"

Committee: The next Committee meeting is Tuesday October 30 at 7.30pm.

PLANT STALL UPDATE: The plant stall team has been busily growing and potting through the winter and now the spring weather is giving a lovely pre-Fair boost to all our plants. We'll be having a pricing session on **Wednesday 31st October** (the week before the Fair) at Anne's place. This is an opportunity for plant stall families to get some advice on pricing their plants and for us to make sure all our pots are consistently priced and labelled before Fair Day. Plant stall families please come along if you're free and bring a sample of your plants so we can price them. This is also the time and place to collect your price tags (millions of icy pole sticks). If you can't make this time please contact Maura to arrange to bring a sample of your plants to school for pricing as we definitely cannot price plants on the day of the Fair. It's also important that donations of plants from non-plant stall families are priced before Fair Day, so if you have plants to donate and are not sure how much they should be sold for...please call Maura.
ALL PLANT STALL ENQUIRIES please call Maura

What's On:

Seafarer's Festival – Sunday 28 October Bellerive Boardwalk from 10.30am to 4.00pm.
A free festival for everyone, with a gallery full of activities for the whole family.

Kickstart Arts Presents – Teaching Artist in Residence Program: Mapping your World – Illustrative Map Making for 8 – 12 year olds – no prior knowledge required:

This specific workshop for primary school artists, aged 8-12 years, will inspire them to explore new worlds through map making. By using techniques such as drawing, ink, collage, paint and printing, kids will make their own unique (illustrated) maps exploring what a 'sense of place' means to them.

Thursdays November 1,8,15,22,29 from 3.30 – 5pm. Cost \$75 for the full course.

Kickstarts Art Centre, Building 1831 South – St Johns Avenue, Newtown.

Booking Essential: contact Andy@kickstart.org.au

For more information see the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage.

Attachments:

Minutes from committee meeting September 25