



WEDNESDAY NOTICE

6th February 2013

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What's on in February:

February:	7 th	Thursday	Special General Meeting 7.15pm
	7 th	Thursday	AGM 7.30pm
	16 th	Saturday	WORKING BEE 9am – 2pm
	19 th	Tuesday	School Garden Market 3 – 3.30pm

Welcome: Welcome back to school for Term One 2013. This year there will be four terms for the first time. Haven't the holidays just whizzed by!!!

Just a quick reminder about the term dates for this year :-

Term 1 – First Day Monday 4th February – Last Day Friday 19th April
Term 2 – First Day Monday 6th May – Last Day Friday 5th July
Term 3 – First Day Monday 22nd July – Last Day Friday 20th September
Term 4 – First Day Monday 14th October – Last Day Thursday 19th December

We would especially like to welcome all our new families to Cottage School: -

Cesare, Kate and Stefano (Cesare [Ces] has joined Tom's class).
Olivia, Stacey and Nic (Olivia is also in Tom's class).
Nathan, Debbie and Steve (Nathan has joined Hana's class).
Arki, Jeannie and Phil (Arki is also in Hana's class).
In the Littlies (Michelle's class), we welcomed Rowen and his parents, Jeni and John.

Welcome also to our Kinder group for this year :-

Amadeo (Arrigo's brother), Harrison (Eliza's brother), Phoebe (Oliver's sister), Violet (Paris' sister), Reily (Leo's brother), Alexander (Seb's brother), Lachlan (Hamish's brother), Sierra (Skye's sister) and Bella (Grace's sister).

Our new families in Kinder are Cameron and her parents, Andrea and Simon;
Henry and his parents, Caroline and Malcolm and Ashleigh and her parents, Sandie and Tony;

Finally...a big welcome to our new staff members this year: - Pamela (Kinder teacher), Michelle (Littlies teacher), Brydie (Kinder Aide) and Simon (Biggies Aide).

Family Jobs: Planning the family jobs is a huge task and we are still finalising the job list for 2013. Could families continue on with their jobs from last year until the new list is circulated please? Thanks

Family Contact List: For those who don't know, at the beginning of the year we circulate a 'Family Contact List' throughout the school. This list has students' name, address, parent's names and phone numbers on it. It is the best way for people within the school community to be in touch with each other. Car pooling arrangements and after school get togethers are easy to organise. If you are running late, a timely phone call to another parent in your child's class will also avoid time consuming communications to the office. If you would like any of your details kept private can you please let me know. Thanks, Annette

Lost Property: Last year Jett left a blue 'Hurley' hoodie at school. If you find it, could you call her please?

Working Bee – Saturday 16 Feb 2013: Our first Working Bee of 2013 will be on Saturday 16 February from 9am – 2pm. All families are expected to contribute 4 hours work (eg 1 adult x 4 hours or 2 adults x 2 hrs). It is a very social day and there is real sense of satisfaction to see the school looking so well cared for at the end. Working together strengthens our school community and the Working Bees have a direct financial benefit – without them fees would need to increase to pay for this maintenance.

A list of working bee jobs will be emailed out with next week's Wednesday Notice. A hard copy of the list (including the usual few late addition jobs!) will be placed on the wall of the White Cottage on Wednesday 13 February. Please choose a job and write your name next to it. To make the working bee as effective as possible please take 'ownership' of your job, take time to find out what is required (ask one of the Working Bee coordinators) before the day and then bring any tools/equipment that you will need to complete it. Please name all tools/equipment that you bring to ensure they go home with you at the end of the day! Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. For those people working into the afternoon a light lunch will be provided.

Working Bees are not 'optional events' – they were part of the deal when you signed up for the Cottage School. While it is possible to do 'catch up jobs' after the day, these are time consuming to arrange/follow up and it is often not as efficient as if they were done on the day.

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 know in advance and an arrangement will be made.

Otherwise you are expected to be at school bright eyed and bushy tailed on Saturday 16 February.

If you are unable to attend and you are allocated a catch up job these will need to be completed within 4 weeks after the working bee ie by 15 March or you will be invoiced for the standard working bee payment of \$120. In fairness to all this will be strictly enforced this term.

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.
- Morning tea and lunch are provided primarily for the workers on the day. There will be some food available for children but you will need bring extra supplies as children get very hungry!
- 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 16 February!

Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators

George and Gabrielle

Please remember – NO NUTS

What's On:

Details of the MILO T20 Blast Program are as follows:

Location: University Cricket Ground

Date: Friday 1st February – Friday 12th April 2013

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Cost: \$99

To sign up you can simply register and pay online by clicking the following link, and clicking on the "click here to register"

<http://t20blastreg.cricket.com.au/pages/clubfinder.aspx?mode=26&stext=university&pcode=>

Or you can simply show up on the 1st of February, 2013 at 5:30pm and we will take care of the registration process then.

Participants will be entered into teams either of their own choosing, or based on their skill level. This process will be done in consultation with both yourself and your child. Should you wish to bring along friends and make your own team of 8, please do not hesitate to do so.

The registration fee is not due until after the first two weeks of participation, however completing the registration process at the first session will cover your child's insurance for the initial weeks. The first two weeks of the program are designed to provide a no obligation taste of the program to ensure both you and your sons will enjoy at MILO T20 Blast experience.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me

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