FRIDAY NOTICE
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Golden Handshakes: Last week Grace Williams was our first recipient this year of the ‘Golden Handshake.’ Grace received her golden handshake for making such a positive start to her time in the Biggies. She was organised, ready to learn and engage and was very helpful and friendly with the younger students around the school. She also took on her class job with great enthusiasm and willingly helped others. This week our Golden Handshake recipients were:- Eloise, Louis, and Layla for helping Hana to sort wood and boxes at the working bee. Also, Grace Packer, Adelaide and Henry Maning for being strong leaders in the Littlies and showing the new Littlies how to be good learners.

Class Forums in February: Forum dates and times for Lee, Tom and Hana are listed in the “What’s Happening” box above.

Guitar with Di Perry: Unfortunately Di is unwell at the moment so her guitar classes with the Grade 5/6 group will not start until term two.

Working Bee: WOW! What a wonderful turn out we had on Saturday. Everyone was so very fired up and energetic we almost ran out of jobs to do! So, thank you to everyone (& especially the extras - the grandparents and other family members who pitched in), it was a real ‘whole school community’ event. Thanks also to the people who contacted us prior to let us know they couldn’t make it and organise a catch up job. The school really does look especially well loved doesn’t it? There are some extra gardening tools in the green bin area (beside the White Cottage) Please check here if you are missing anything. Also we found a pair of secateurs and lost a (different) pair of secateurs (green handles labelled Neyland) Please see Gabrielle gbalon@tassie.net.au if you lost or found either of these. Thanks again, from the (grateful!) Working Bee coordinators

Littlies Environment Day: 26th February - Waverley Flora Reserve. The children will need a backpack, hat, drink bottle, appropriate clothing and walking shoes. If the weather outlook is bleak a rain jacket will be needed. The children get quite hungry so a slightly larger lunch is recommended along with an extra piece of fruit. No packaged snacks please. We plan to walk up past the frog pond, stop for morning tea and then continue to the top of the hill for lunch and a play in the bush. We will leave school at 9.15am and return between 1-1.30pm.

Thanks, Michelle

Friday 28th Clean Up Australia: The Littlies will venture out next Friday to retrace their 2013 Clean Up steps around the Bellerive foreshore. We are looking for parents to accompany us as we bag rubbish between the slipway and Rosny College Oval. We will leave school at the end of break, 11am and return after lunch around 1pm. Gloves are provided however the children can use their own if they have them. We will take our lunch down to have on the foreshore after we have finished. Please pack as for an environment day - coat, drink bottle, sunscreen, and hat for your child.

We need extra adult support for this excursion: Are you available to help? If you are free to join us in this very worthwhile program please see Michelle.
Kinders Environment Day: 26th February The Kinders will be doing a walk around Bellerive so please ensure they are equipped with comfortable walking shoes. They will need (in their backpack) a raincoat, drink bottle, hat and lunch. Please don’t send along packaged snacks eg: yoghurt, biscuits etc. If you think they need extra; an extra sandwich, piece of fruit or veggie sticks would be great. Thanks, Steph

Committee: Thank you to everyone who nominated to be on the Committee and Subcommittees this year. A list of Committee and Subcommittee members is attached.

Committee Meeting: The agenda for the next committee meeting (Monday 24th February) is attached.

AGM: Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We had a quorum and were able to start the meeting by 7.30pm. The minutes of the AGM are attached.

FOCS: A FOCS Report is attached, as requested at the AGM. The FOCS Policy is also attached.

Policy Précis – Sun Safety
All children must wear hats outside during school hours in terms 1 and 4
Children without hats must sit in the shade under the plum trees
Children must wear sun protection shirts during outdoor water activities
Please provide sunscreen for off-campus activities
Please encourage or assist your child to apply sunscreen before school

Fines: A breakdown of fines paid in 2013 follows, as requested at the AGM:
Parking fine for bus on Environment Day $70.00
Parking fine for staff member attending a school meeting that ran overtime $45.96
Fine for late submission of BAS $340.00 (this was an error in submitting the BAS online – it was the first time I’d submitted online)

Plant Stall March 4th, 1.30-3pm: Hi! Just a reminder for the upcoming Plant Stall Potting session. We will meet in Anne Patel's front garden for a cup of tea, cake and some potting action! All welcome!

Jane (jainpatel@hotmail.com)

National Ride2School Day: Only 4 weeks to go
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH Be part of the fun RIDE • WALK • SCOOT • SKATE
Meeting Spots:
1. The start of the bike track on Howrah Road (near Howrah Primary School) – Bike riders & capable scooters. Meeting time 8.15 am
2. 38 Alexandra Esplanade (Opposite Anne’s House) – bike riders, scooters, skateboards & walkers. Meeting time 8.30 am

Buckets and Mops: Each Cottage has its own colour coded mop and bucket. The Green Cottage has a blue mop and bucket, Littlies have a red set, Biggies have a green set and the cleaners have a yellow set. If you have to borrow one from a Cottage can you please make sure it is put back where it belongs. Thanks

Craft mornings: For anyone interested in contributing to the Fair craft stall, we would like to get together once a month to talk about ideas for the stall, craft together and just have fun. We welcome anyone along, even if you are not formally ‘on’ the craft stall but would like to help out!
If you missed the morning planned for this week… don’t worry you weren’t the only one! So we are running another next Tuesday, 25th Feb. Meet after school drop off (9am ish) at the school gate and we’ll head to the cafe for a cuppa and a chat. Bring any craft you’re working on if it's easily transportable. Any questions, ask Gillian Mee, Vanessa Cueff or Andrea Jackson.

REMINDER:
NO NUTS, NO EGGS,
NO SESAME SEEDS
THANKS!
What’s On:

OKINES COMMUNITY GARDEN: At the last Dodges Market, Sunday 16th March we will have music at the garden for your pleasure… whilst dining alfresco on pizza. Music is inherent in the culture of Community Garden life and hopefully we will soon all just take it in our stride as music becomes a part of everyday community life….

So join us (for Free) from 11-1pm to listen to the tunes of Cygnet Folk Festival band “cuisanere” with the addition of a local fella, Mr Tim Duffy.

And sip on a free cuppa from an assortment of herbal teas from our lovely garden.

National Community Garden Conference
Hobart is lucky this year to be hosting such an event. Claire and I will be attending and we have an extra ticket, so drop us an email back if you want to join us and we will coordinate extras to come. For more information contact the website communitygarden.org.au

As always plots are available for personal hire, produce is available on a pick your own basis, (leave a donation in the door) and any time you need a cuppa, feel free to pop in and say hi.

We, at the Community garden and house are on the lookout for donations of a couple of garden benches and/or picnic tables to put into the adventure playground that lies between the Community House and Garden. We would prefer them to be timber and in good condition. If anyone is about to upgrade their garden furniture and would like to donate their old, please let us know and we will come and check it out.

On that note, the garden has largely been built from hand-me-downs and bits and pieces gathered from around the place, and we LOVE donations. However, we do ask that you inform us of any donations before dropping them off; we may not need what you have to offer and we don’t wish to become a dumping ground.

Yours organically, Gabe and Claire

START TO STITCH:
Beginner embroidery classes for crafters ages 7-12
Saturday March 14th-Saturday April 5th
4 week course 10-11:30am Cost $50.00
For all bookings and enquiries please contact Imogen on 0438703738 OR imogen.photography@live.com
The Craft Hive 147 Liverpool St, Hobart 7000

TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY FAMILY DAY: Sunday 23rd February 11am – 3pm. Join in the water-themed fun, groove to the music and explore the wonders of the museum. See the notice board outside the Littlies Cottage for more information.

BABIES @ PLAY: is a playgroup for parents with babies 0-12 months old offering:
Parenting information
Guest speakers
Social outlet (You get to see grownups)
Support and referral to other services
Where: Playgroup Tasmania, Toy Library, 156 Albert Road
When: Every Thursday 10am till 12pm (during school terms) Cost $2 per family.
Call Playgroup Tasmania on 1800 171 882 for more information.

Attachments: A list of Committee and Subcommittee members. Minutes of the AGM. FOCS Report. FOCS Policy. Committee Meeting agenda.