FRIDAY NOTICE
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What’s happening in February/March:

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Golden Handshake: This week’s golden handshake recipient was Migali Ennis-Short for being helpful with the Kinder children.

Percy Street Car Park: There is no pedestrian crossing in the Percy Street Car Park. The remnants that you see there were hand-painted by a frustrated car park user. We requested a crossing when the car park was upgraded but a crossing in a car park does not comply with council rules. We don’t own the car park, so we cannot control what happens there. Please supervise your children carefully when crossing the road in the car park.

Committee: Michelle Folder has resigned from the 2014 for personal reasons. Michelle has served on Committee for six years, two of which she served as President and three as Vice President. The current committee thanks Michelle on behalf of the entire school community for her dedication and commitment to the Committee and to the school and look forward to seeing her return to committee in the future.

Committee Changes: Lesley Gardner has accepted the position of President and Tim Short has agreed to stay on in the Committee for another year. The position of Vice President is now vacant, so please forward your nominations to Jonathan or Penny.

Camp: Parents wishing to be camp helpers MUST have completed a good character check prior to camp. All it involves is completing 2 forms and providing some ID evidence. The school pays for the police check and you get to keep your certificate. Please see Penny for the forms.

Dogs at School: It is unusual for a school to allow dogs in the playground because of the risk involved. However, we believe that since dogs are part of our culture, children, dogs and their owners must learn to co-exist. The Committee has developed some guidelines for dog owners:

- Dogs must be on a lead at all times
- Dogs must be attended by an adult – please don’t tie up your dog and leave it unattended and please don’t allow children to lead your dog around the playground
- Keep your dog away from classroom doors and high traffic areas – remember that some people are frightened of dogs
- Please bring a doggie-bag (and use it!)

Additionally, we will be running a Dog Safe Program for the students so they understand appropriate ways to behave around dogs. These guidelines will require compromise from some and have been developed in the interest of making all community members feel comfortable in the playground. The Committee welcomes all feedback. You may also be interested to view the following links:

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1071097/
Garden Market: The tables were literally groaning for our first Garden Market of the year... there was so much wonderful garden produce and delicious kitchen delights. Thank you to all the generous contributors and also the helpers who set up, served & packed up. Let's do it all again this coming Wednesday 5 March, see you there!

Food: An interesting response from Heather Bickford about eating ethically, the level of processing in food and the origins of food, following on from a parent discussion earlier in the year –

Did you know that farmers and growers receive less than 10c of every dollar you spend on food? Did you know that eating locally is the most effective thing you can do for the environment? Community Supported Agriculture is a term which covers many strategies seeking to encourage direct relationships between what we eat and where and how it is produced. Community gardens and Farmers Markets are well known examples. Less known is a Herdshare, where participants pay a share of the upfront costs of raising or caring for animals, and receive a share of the resulting meat, milk, or even eggs...rather like a lay-by. The Swineherd CSA is offering free-range raised Berkshire pigs as a Herdshare, beginning at the end of February. Berkshire pigs are a heritage breed famous for their excellent meat and their ability to thrive outdoors. Contact Andrew at theswineherdcsa@gmail.com for more information.

National Ride2School Day: Only 3 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

What's On:

Polar Science Open Day: What's it like to be a polar scientist? Come along to meet our polar scientists, listen to their unique experience and play polar science games to understand the science we do and why it's important. Presented by the Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre and the International Glaciological Society.
Sunday March 9, 10.30am – 2pm
IMAS Waterfront Building
20 Castray Esplanade
Hobart
More information at http://www.acecrc.org.au or see flyer on Noticeboard outside the White Cottage