



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in March/April:

March	18 th	Tuesday	Garden Market 3 – 3.30pm
	19 th	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep/1/2 Bike Day
	19 th	Wednesday	National Ride 2 School Day
	31 st	Monday	Start Grade 5/6 Camp Maria Island
April	1 st	Tuesday	Start Grade 3/4 Camp Far South
	3 rd	Thursday	End Camps 3/4 and 5/6
	4 th	Friday	Littlies & Hana's 1/2 to Mini TSO Concert
	8 th	Tuesday	Parent Information Session @ 9am re: Growing Up Program
	9 th	Wednesday	Kinder/Prep/1 Environment Day
	11 th	Friday	End Term Concert inc. ANZAC Commemoration
	17 th	Thursday	Grades 3/4/5/6 Bike Day & Last Day Term One

Kinder/Prep/1/2 Bike Day – Wednesday 19th March 2014: We will be holding Bike Day at the Bellerive Beach Park. The Kinder children will meet Steph and other staff in the park at 10am with their bikes (if this meeting time does not suit, please negotiate with Steph prior to Wednesday to drop your child off at school as per usual). Kinders can be picked up from the park at 12.30 or return to school for the normal afternoon program. The Preps, grade ones and grade twos will complete a helmet check and brakes test on the green space between 9:00 and 9:15. Capable riders will ride with Hana and Michelle to the park. The children who are still consolidating their skills will put their bikes onto a trailer and will walk down to the park with Steph. The Children will need the following with them on the day:

- Lunch, fruit and a drink
- Bicycle (checked for any last minute repairs)
- Helmet
- Sunhat
- Raincoat

Michelle and Steph have a list for helpers to add their names to. Hana will be riding on from the park and will need some extra adults for supervision and to ride with them. If you are able to help Hana, please contact her at school. Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to participate on Bike Day can you please write your name on the Bike Day Notice in the Littlies cottage or outside Kinder. If you have any question or relevant information about cycling skills, please contact your child's teacher.

Thanks, Steph, Michelle and Hana

Family Jobs: Thanks to all those who have continued with their jobs from last year while Kath and I sorted this year's 'list'. This year we are trialling a sign off sheet. Each Cottage will have a weekly sign off sheet for you to initial once your job is done. Yesterday I emailed all families with their new job description – or the same old one!! The sign off sheet for the outdoor, library and garden jobs will be on the wall in the staff resource room (Littlies Cottage). If, for any reason, you are unable to do your job, can you please let me know so I can organise someone else to step in if necessary. We have also, for the first time, allocated jobs, taking family situations into consideration as much as possible. Fingers crossed ☺ Thanks everyone for your patience. Annette

Buckets/Mops/Brooms/Rakes: Just another reminder about the buckets and mops. There is a 'colour coded' set in each building. Because they need to be used daily for family jobs etc. it is really important that they are **not** moved from the buildings. **Blue** – Green Cottage, **Red** – Littlies Cottage, **Green** - Biggies Cottage and the **Yellow** set belongs in the Cleaner's cupboard. For the family jobs to work properly, people need to have access to the right equipment and often don't have time to go searching for them! The same applies for brooms (indoor & outdoor), rakes etc. Thanks

Garden Market: Thank you once again for all the generous and delicious contributions to last Market. The return of the much loved yoghurt ice-creams was especially welcome by small and big people alike. Bettina & Callum Donaldson, who sadly left Cottage School last year and who had been GM stalwarts for 4 years, began the yoghurt ice cream tradition. Bettina & Callum have kindly handed their 'secret recipe' over to Andrea Jackson who has stepped in to fill the void (and ice cream molds!) Thanks Andrea.

The Garden Market bank account is in a pretty healthy state at the moment so if you can think of ways to spend some of the money please let Gabrielle know gbalon@tassie.net.au or catch me at school. Garden Market funds are available for items that are considered 'extras' ie not things that are essential for the operation/maintenance of the school. In the past Garden Market funds have been used to purchase extra sports equipment, playground items, materials to help the school garden 'grow', additional equipment for the cooking/cooked lunch program etc. All suggested items for purchase with Garden Market funds require Committee endorsement.

Just to mix it up we will have our next market on TUESDAY 18 March (sorry Kinders). We will schedule one Market a term on a Tuesday as Wednesdays don't suit everyone. Thanks & see you at the next Market!

Sickness: There are a number of children who have been absent this week and last week because of illness. Symptoms have included headache, fever, tiredness, diminished appetite and a cough. We are also hearing that it is lingering and symptoms are reoccurring so please keep your child at home until they are completely well. Let's try and knock this on the head!!!

Cottage School Running Group: Are you after a little bit of early morning exercise to get the mind and body active? Why not get along to the Cottage School Running Group every Tuesday morning @ 8am at the Blundstone Arena end of Bellerive Beach. This is open to all students from years 3 to 6 and as it is outside normal school hours we do require parents or family members to join us on our jog. All fitness levels will be catered for and everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you all this Tuesday, Simon and Tom

Growing Up Program: Just a reminder that the parent information session about the growing up programme is on Tuesday 8th April at 9am in the Biggies kitchen. It should only go for about 15 minutes.

Working Bee dates for 2014

To help with forward planning we have set the working bee dates for the year. The two remaining working bees will be held on:

Saturday 31 May

Saturday 13 September

Thanks from the Working Bee coordinators

National Ride2School Day: NEXT WEDNESDAY 19TH 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:

ZENTANGLE WORKSHOP: The date of the next Zentangle Workshop has been changed to Sunday 13th April. Same place and times – ie in the Biggies cottage from 10-12 and from 1.30-3.30. For more details contact Gillian Mee on 0407652341 or in the playground

Bike Week - 13-23 March 2014: There are lots of great activities planned for Bike Week this year, check out the attachment for a full program. You can join bike maintenance courses, treasure hunt rides for the whole family, 100km rides, social rides, learn to ride rides, relaxed rides, womens rides, family rides, a film festival and of course Ride to School day... there is no excuse, get on your bike!

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR 2014: These sessions are specifically designed to provide information to all students that may be interested in going on an international exchange program, their parents, and local families that perhaps are interested in **hosting** an international exchange student should also attend.

The free **HOBART** session will take place on Tuesday 25 March at 7 pm at the Rydges Hotel, 393 Argyle St , North Hobart

The free **LAUNCESTON** session will take place on Wednesday 26 March at 7pm at the Hotel Charles, 287 Charles St, Launceston

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