



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in July/August:

July	28	Monday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day @ Waverley Flora Park
August	4	August	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day @
	17	Sunday	Manure Dig
	29	Tuesday	Garden Market from 3-3.30pm

Welcome: A warm welcome to our school community to Greg and Jane Upton and their children Banjo, Toby and Mollie. Banjo and Toby have joined the Biggies and Mollie is in Tom's group.

Calendar: Keep an eye out next Friday for your Term Three Calendar ☺

Parent-Teacher Meetings: Timetables for parent-teacher meetings have been posted in each cottage. The meetings will run over a two week period and the teachers have allocated twenty minutes for each meeting. We ask that you respect this time frame in order that other parents are not kept waiting for their meetings. Teachers would appreciate it if only one parent-teacher meeting per family is required. Please bring your child's report and portfolio along to the meeting. Coordinators

3/4 Middlies Environment Days: Hi all and welcome back crew! In an effort to ensure that we really get out and about on Environment Days this term, our group are going to take Mondays! That's a bit different so pop a note on your calendars! Our first one is this week, Monday 28th July. It's only a half day; back at 12.30 for cooked lunch. We are going to see if there are any tadpoles in the ponds at the Waverly Flora Park. The other Environment Days are full days. The following Environment Day on the 4th of August is a great walk along Stringy Bark Gully and up long the hill crest towards Cambridge on the Meehan Range (a beautiful walk amongst some very rare trees). We are going to set a geocache course for the Biggies while we are on the trail. **Please ensure your children are well rugged, waterproof, suitably well heeled, watered and enough food for the winter conditions!** It does mean that we miss a few cooked lunches, sorry! Please don't forget to pack lunch for these days! Tom

3/4 Middlies Choosing: We are making roboticles. Robot sculptures made from pulled apart electronic equipment and mechanical part e.g. old speakers, keyboards, clock radios which we screw and screw together. Have any throw away items? Donation would greatly be received. We'll leave a box on the table just inside the downstairs door in the Green Cottage. Thanks, Tom

The Loft: Children may not go into the loft without a teacher's supervision. If you go up to the loft, please ask your child(ren) not to go with you. Thank you

Garden Market - Tuesday 29 August 3- 3.30pm: Come & celebrate in the winter sunshine (hopefully!) at our first Garden Market of Term 3. If you have any produce from your winter gardens, a few early spring flowers or something delicious from your kitchen (without eggs or nuts) that would be hugely appreciated. See you on Tuesday! Gabrielle

Working Bee - Saturday 13 September, 9am-2pm: Please mark this in your diaries now (if it isn't already!) and more information will follow shortly. This will be a great chance to give the School a 'Special Spring Spruce-Up' before the school re-registration inspection the following week so we will need all hands on deck please. Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators

Green Waste Bins: The School has purchased 2 green waste bins that will be emptied monthly as part of the Clarence City Council waste management program. Please use these bins only for material that can't be composted eg larger woody branches, weeds that have seed that is likely to spread or weeds likely to germinate from fragments.

Littlies & Hana's Middlies Swimming Programme: *These details were emailed to the two groups earlier in the week but this is just in case you missed it!* The Littlies & Hana's Middlies will be starting their swimming programme next week. The programme will run for two weeks with a week's break in between. During the programme students will work on water safety skills, stroke refinement, stroke development and water confidence, depending on their individual level of skill.

Details are as follows:

Venue: Oceana

Dates: Week 1: Mon 28th July – Fri 1st Aug (1.30 – 2.30 pm)

Week 2: Mon 11th Aug – Fri 15th Aug (1.30 – 2.30pm)

Children will need to bring:

Bathers

Towel

Swimming cap (pool requirement)

Goggles (optional)

Plastic bag for wet gear Slip on shoes - if possible

An extra sandwich or piece of fruit for them to have after swimming (packed separately).

Please dress your child in clothes that they are able to manage themselves, so it makes getting dressed easier. Children will be transported to and from the pool.

Any questions please contact Georgie.

The Great Book Swap: We would like to participate in the indigenous Literacy Foundation's Great Book Swap again this year. It will take place at school on Wednesday 3 September 2014. More information is available at <http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/great-book-swap-for-schools.html>, and we will send more information home as the date nears; this is just a 'head's- up' to think about books that you/your children may like to donate to this worthy cause.

Jump Start: Are any parents interested in running the Thursday morning jump-start program? We are looking for people who could run a yoga, zumba, aerobics, line dancing or folk dancing session to last approximately 15 minutes. Teachers would of course be present and supporting you. If you're keen, please contact one of the class teachers.

Thank you

The IT Crowd: The IT Subcommittee needs a convener. The people in the IT Crowd have lots of expertise, but not a lot of time. If you could help with organising meetings/information etc, please let Penny know.

Thank you

Working With Children Check: Legislation has been passed requiring all adults working with children, whether paid or volunteers, to have a Working With Children Check conducted by the Department of Justice. The checks are being phased in over a 3 year period and one of the first groups affected is Kindergartens. From 1 October 2014, anyone assisting in Kinder (eg classroom help or Environment Days) will need to have a Working With Children check. The checks take 6-8 weeks to process, so you need to apply NOW online at http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children. The legislation will apply to primary schools in 2015, and applications open to families of primary children on 1 October 2014. I will place a reminder in the Friday Notice closer to the time. If you have any queries, please contact Penny.

What's On:

FREE one day workshop for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum Workshop: 2014TASPC4 Location: New Norfolk

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?

As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
 - advocate for your child
 - support your child's participation at school
 - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
 - information about your local school system's processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details

Venue: Junction Motel

Cnr Lyell Highway & Pioneer Avenue, New Norfolk TAS 7140

When: One day workshop – Wednesday 13 August 2014

Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)

Saver Plus: Saver Plus aims to improve families' financial skills, knowledge and confidence. Participants save over 10 months and at the end savings are matched, up to \$500 for educational expenses such as uniforms, books, sports, music, computers, school trips, tools, supplies and equipment to support studies. etc. During the 10 months, we run some informal workshops (MoneyMinded) to share ideas about saving, budgeting, setting goals, general tips for improving family financial wellbeing. No costs or fees are involved.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Coneswsion Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself. For more information see the flyer in the noticeboard outside the white cottage.

Or contact Nicole Hacker, (03) 6223 7264/0448 428 043 or nicole.hacker@thesmithfamily.com.au

Attachments: