



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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### What's happening in August/September:

August	17	Sunday	Manure Dig at Bothwell
	19	Tuesday	Middlies 1/2 Environment Day (am only)
	20	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	20	Wednesday	Terrapin Puppet Theatre Performance (pm)
	21	Thursday	Biggies Environment Day
	25	Monday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day
	27	Wednesday	Biggies Environment Day
	27	Wednesday	Garden Market from 3 – 3.30pm
September	1	Monday	Middlies 3/4 & Biggies Swimming starts for two weeks
	10	Wednesday	Biggies Environment Day (am only)
	10	Wednesday	Garden Market from 3 – 3.30pm
	13	Saturday	Working Bee (starting at 9am)
	15	Monday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day
	17	Wednesday	Kinder and Littlies Environment Day
	18	Thursday	Biggies to performance at Montagu Bay Primary School
	24	Wednesday	Open Day
	24	Wednesday	Garden Market from 3 – 3.30pm
	25	Thursday	Concert Day
	26	Friday	Last Day Term Three

**Fees 2015:** Tuition fees will increase in 2015 by the Hobart CPI for the 2013/14 period (which is 2.8%). Fees for 2015 are:

Kinder \$1,597.00 per term

Primary \$1,689.90 per term

Camp fees \$95.00 per camp

Please find attached a copy of the re-enrolment forms for you to fill in and return to school by **31<sup>st</sup> August**.

You can return them to me via email ([newsletter@cottageschool.tas.edu.au](mailto:newsletter@cottageschool.tas.edu.au)) or there is a folder on my desk for people returning hard copies. Alternatively, see me if you would like take a hard copy to fill in. Also attached is the 'Information for New Families' document if you would like to 'refresh your memory'. Once the re-enrolment forms are returned, we can make decisions about group structures for next year.

Thanks, Annette

**Re-registration:** At the Committee meeting this week, we were joined for dinner and the first part of the meeting by Heidi Bush from Independent Schools Tasmania. Heidi has been providing quite some support and guidance for the Cottage School's re-registration process. At the meeting, Kath expressed her appreciation to Heidi for her assistance. Heidi has supported us through this significant process—which has helped the school in ways beyond meeting the requirements of re-registration.

Heidi strongly expressed her belief in the school and in the unique way it provides education. She said she believed that Cottage School sets an example to all schools, calling it 'one of a kind'. Heidi expressed her view that Cottage School children are very lucky to be attending the school. She said the education offered at Cottage School is so much deeper than 'doing' maths, literacy, history' etc.—rather that the children acquire a lifelong love of and ability to learn, and that they clearly understand that the ideas, things and experiences they are learning about have relevance for their lives and their future.

It was pretty amazing to hear this from someone who the teachers clearly admire. I wanted to pass this onto the whole school, so we all hear from an independent source about the great job all the staff and the broader school community are doing and that the education our children are receiving is exceptional.

**The Futures Project:** I also want to provide a brief update about the futures project. In our original timelines for the project, we had planned to be further through the process, and to have provided further information about the issues and ideas being considered. We have been delayed in continuing this work by a few things, but we are also comfortable with the timelines for the project given the decision to appoint a temporary School Manager. Our plan is to continue with the next stage of the project, which is to create a discussion paper, that provides good background about the current status of the school, the current structure, budget sustainability etc. That discussion paper will then help us consider if and where changes could be made in the school, and assist us to consider different models and directions. The committee believes that the temporary School Manager to be employed next year will be an important part of the Futures Project. Our timelines for the overall project now include waiting for their appointment, which will enable us to take a more considered approach to the longer term sustainable future of the school. The work to collate the background information we require can continue, but can occur over the remaining months of the year. We'll keep you informed further about the ongoing work in this project.

Thanks *Jonathan* (President) Jonathan Bedloe [jbedloe@gmail.com](mailto:jbedloe@gmail.com) 0429 581 095

**Cottage School Sheep Poo Dig:** Thank you to all of the families who have already contacted us, keep your replies rolling in. For families new to the school, the annual manure dig and consequent sales are a traditional fundraiser for the school contributing significantly to total fair sales. Similar to the Working Bees the dig day provides the opportunity for community members to meet, renew acquaintances and develop friendships.

This year we return to John and Di Fowler's property near Bothwell. John and Di are grandparents of Anders Gale in Kinder and we appreciate their generosity in donating their facilities to the school.

Time: 0900hrs – we hope to leave Bothwell early to mid afternoon, transporting manure to Acton Park for storage

**Directions - Bothwell is one hour north of Hobart**

- Travel north from Hobart along Midland Highway
- At Melton Mowbray (about 55Km north of Hobart) turn left off highway onto the Highland Lakes Road (A5)
- Bothwell is 20km along road

**Bothwell to shearing shed (5 minutes)**

- Heading west from Bothwell, Turn left onto Arthur Crescent, (first left after intersection with A10 in central Bothwell). Arthur Crescent turns into Logan Street.
- Logan street ends at a Y intersection, go left onto Schaw Street
- Take first left onto Meadsfield Road
- A large shearing shed will become obvious on the left side of the road.

**What to Bring - forecast is looking promising...fingers crossed**

**Equipment**

- Shovels, rakes and buckets (please label with your name or distinctive marker)
- Gloves,
- Eye protection
- Something to sit on, ie blanket, chair
- We will provide dust masks, but BYO if you have your own

**Clothing**

- Warm clothes, rain coat, beanie etc
- Change of clothes if wet
- Gumboots or solid work shoes

**Food**

- Cup and plate
- A plate of goodies to share at morning tea
- Something for the BBQ
- Tea, coffee, sugar, Milo, milk, bread and tomato sauce will be provided

**RSVP**

- Andrew Wells – [andy@contractresources.com](mailto:andy@contractresources.com)
- Lesley Gardner – [lesleygardner@iprimus.com.au](mailto:lesleygardner@iprimus.com.au)

Look forward to seeing you on Sunday brimming with enthusiasm for a fun and successful day, please NO Dogs  
Andy and Lesley

**What's On:**

PJ AND PIZZA READING HOUR    **Friday 22 August** from **5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

Wear your PJs or onesie, listen to stories and enjoy some yummy pizza!

Rosny LINC  
Bligh Street, Rosny  
Ph: 6165 6448

Bookings essential as places are limited

Please note: If your child has special dietary needs, please bring along snacks from home.

KIDS ART CLASSES

After school art classes at Lindisfarne Bay Art School

Contact Gaye on 0400844179 [lindisfarnebayartschool@gmail.com](mailto:lindisfarnebayartschool@gmail.com)

**Attachments:** Re-enrolment forms for 2015, Information for New Families.