



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in September/October:

September	26	Friday	Last Day Term Three
October	13	Monday	STAFF MEETING (STUDENT FREE DAY)
	14	TUESDAY	NB - First Day Term Four for Students
	23	Thursday	Show Day
	24	Friday	NO SCHOOL

School Leader: The teachers and committee met again yesterday to finalise decisions regarding the planning and preparation of our School Leader position. This has been a significant process for the school with many hours of discussion between committee members and staff. We have now agreed that the position will be called the School Leader. The tasks of the position have been agreed and will be as per the below dot points, with the approximate allocation of time generally being according to the percentages in brackets:

- Support the teachers to implement the curriculum and school program according to the philosophy of the school (40%)
- Manage the physical, financial and human resources of the school (40%).
- Lead and facilitate the School Futures Project (20%).

The time allocation to each area is an estimate and will be over a longer period of time, not per week. The role will be between 0.8 and 1.0 of a Full Time load. Thanks to all staff and committee who have had to put extra time in again to make sure we have the best plan possible. Thanks especially to Tim Phillips who has written a fantastic position description and selection process, and Tom and Kath who have carried the energy, concerns and passion of the staff to ensure that the teachers views are kept high in the minds of committee.

There is still some minor details to be completed, but the position will be advertised on Saturday 4th October.

Open Day: The Open Day was a great success!! Approximately 16 families were shown through the school, some spending several hours here while their children took the opportunity to play and explore. Not all the visitors had school age children but they were very impressed with our school – hopefully they will spread the word! Our students were a credit to the school. One of the visitors expressed his amazement at the children's consistent focus on their learning, despite having visitors in the classroom and another was keen to enrol her daughter immediately. Overall the feedback was very positive. Thanks to Kate Neasey, Anne Patel, Annette Wilson and Lee Cody for being our informative tour guides. Thanks also to the school community for displaying and distributing fliers and postcards; they were seen by lots of people. A huge thank you goes to the advertising subcommittee for coordinating the promotion campaign, especially to Lesley Gardner who has been the driving force behind the marketing committee; coordinating the various aspects of the campaign, distributing fliers to child-care centres, placing road signs and advertisements. Thanks to Kristina Nichols for the art work for the road signs, fliers, cards and newspaper advertisements and to Anne Knibbe for retrieval and storage of the road signage. This campaign would have cost the school a significantly greater amount of money were it not for the commitment and drive of individual families.

Thank you.

Golden Handshakes: There were a number of Golden Handshakes at the gathering yesterday. They went to :-

Migali – for doing such a good job of organising the Monday cooked lunch jobs. You have treated everyone with respect, helping where you could and been very efficient and organised.

Tate – for his Alphasmart expertise

Bill, Bethany and Bella Petrusma – for showing courage during the swimming program.

Bella Wells and *Cameron* for helping Rachel sweep the Green Space on Monday afternoon.

Adelaide for maintaining the compost and helping friends in need.

WHS: Workplace Health and Safety is an area of the highest importance to the school, and one which the Committee regards very seriously. There was a recent WHS issue at the school around food allergies, which has subsequently been dealt with, but this event has highlighted the need for vigilance from the whole school community around all WHS issues, communication and process.

Although the school has policies around banning certain foods, we cannot completely guarantee that such foods will not enter the school, and so the staff are informed about allergies that children have, trained to be aware of allergies and what to do in the event of allergies being experienced.

As a school we must do our best, of course, to minimise potential for such situations to occur, but importantly, also learn from such experiences to ensure we have the best responses and processes in place.

The committee and staff met recently to review the situation in detail, as is good practice, to ensure our response was as good as it could be. We have made some minor changes in how we handle such incidents. One of the areas we realised we could be improved was timely communication, and we have now refined how we communicate about such situations. This requires the help of everyone in the school. With this in mind, the Committee would like encourage the whole school community - staff, parents and students - to report any incident or risk that you think needs to be addressed, no matter how small. Please be proactive and advise Penny, another member of staff, or Committee of such issues at the soonest possible time. Please be upfront in providing details, evidence and accurate information directly.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the safety and wellbeing of everyone in the school.

Jonathan and the Committee

Thank You: The staff and Committee would like to extend their thanks to Cat Potter who has been relief teaching in the Biggies during term 3 while Lee was on leave. Cat stepped into the role at short notice and fulfilled it admirably. Cat will hopefully return to school in a relief capacity again in the future.

Afternoon tea: Thanks also to the social sub-committee, who organised a lovely afternoon tea after our fantastic circus performances from the children on Thursday.

Wednesday Book Choosing Time: 3-3:30pm: All students are welcome to come to the main library in the Biggies Cottage every Wednesday after school to browse the selection and choose two books to take home. Each student will have two cards in an envelope in their class set. These are put into the books they borrow and the card that was in the library book with the book's title, goes into the envelope with the students name on it. So come along and have some reading fun. At the moment there aren't cards for the Littlies and Kinders but we are happy to make some if they want to borrow from the larger library. These groups are always welcome to borrow books from their classroom and their rooms have library cards made up.

Love to see you there! Sarah

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards: The poems that the Biggies created with Kate Neasey in term one this year were entered into the national Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. The awards attract thousands of entries from all over Australia and we would like to congratulate Migali Ennis-Short for receiving a 'Commended' award for her poem, *Bound to Nature*. The judge's comments were:

'I really liked the understated message in this poem and the repeated line 'feel nature's pull' was used perfectly. The final line speaks volumes.' Well done Migali!! Here's Migali's poem:

Bound to Nature
Feel nature's pull
Through the water sleek dolphin
Feel nature's pull
Through the buzzing bees
Feel nature's pull
Through the snuffling echidna
Feel nature's pull
Through the flitting parrots
Feel nature's pull
Weaken for every step towards a city

JUST A REMINDER THAT FAIR ITEMS NOT BE LEFT IN THE CLASSROOMS or OFFICES – Check your Stall Information (which was emailed to all families a couple of weeks ago) for the relevant person to leave them with.

Fair – Children's Second Hand Toys: If you are having a sort-out over the school holidays, please have a look out for any donations to the toy stall. We are especially keen to have things to suit older children as there were many Middlies and Biggies looking for a bargain last year. Could you check that the toys are not broken or have parts missing? Toys can be dropped off to Pat or Alan (Nathan Arnett's grandparents) at pick up after school any day or on Monday mornings (they are doing family job). If you would like to arrange a pick up, please send an email to darnett@mackillop.tas.edu.au (Deb Arnett).

Fair – Second Hand Clothes: We are looking for donations of quality washed items to sell at the fair (November 8). So if you have some good clothes (including shoes and accessories) for any age group that you would like to pass on, please contact either [Sarah sloughhead@inet.net.au](mailto:Sarah.sloughhead@inet.net.au) or [Kristina kegn@bigpond.net.au](mailto:Kristina.kegn@bigpond.net.au) to arrange a time for pick up at school, as we are not at school every day, please call to find out when we are. Alternatively, you can drop direct to Sarah's house (front door please) at any time. Also, I will be in the library every Wednesday afternoon for Book Choosing time, so please feel free to chat to me then.

Cheers, Sarah (Lani and Yvie's mum)

Found: I have a pair of 'arnette' brand sunglasses which were left by someone at the working bee last weekend. They are on my desk if you think they belong to you.

Happy Holidays Everyone
See you all for the first day of term on
Tuesday 14th October
NOT MONDAY☺

What's On:

BRIXHIBITION: Do you love LEGO? ,

Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. is proud to present Brixhibition Hobart 2014 at the Grandstand Hall, Hobart Showgrounds from 9:30am - 4:30pm Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th October 2014

Entry: Gold Coin Donation per person.

Bring your RoboPet to Brixhibition

You could win a Lego MINDSTORMS education EV3 Kit
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Completions with prizes to win

Attachments: