



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in October:

October	20 th	Monday	Middlies 3/4 Bike Day to Mortimer Bay
	22 nd	Wednesday	Biggies 5/6 Bike Day to Shag Bay
	22 nd	Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day
	23 rd	Thursday	Show Day
	24 th	Friday	NO SCHOOL
	29 th	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2 Environment Day

Welcome: Welcome back everyone for our final term of the year. Doesn't time fly? We also extend a warm welcome to our school community to Akira, Sian and Michael Midgley. Akira started this week in the Kindergarten group. If you see some new faces around the playground, please introduce yourself ☺

A Busy Active Week Ahead for the 3/4 Middlies

BIKE DAY MONDAY and ENVIRONMENT DAY WEDNESDAY: We have a very short week next week with the Thursday and Friday off for the Hobart Show. Graeme Holmes will be starting his 5 week prac on Monday. What better way for him to get to know the kids and the nature of the school by having BIKE DAY on his first day. I would have liked to run the bike day on the traditional Wednesday but this has become undoable at short notice, so we will be running our BIKE DAY THIS MONDAY!

BIKE DAY MONDAY 20th OCTOBER: The 3/4 Middlies will be going down to Mortimer Bay on Monday and riding around the Tangara trails behind the beach. There are great unsealed tracks winding around a 30 acre reserve which the children can explore by bike. There is a terrific bush track running out behind the emu farm to Hidden Valley, which we will also explore. Graeme, Paul and myself will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning for normal pick up time at 3.00pm. The forecast is for a partly cloudy day and 16°. Bring a jumper, a raincoat, fruit, lunch, a drink, a helmet and a working BICYCLE! We will be loading the bikes into trailers and conveying down to the site. Come prepared!

ENVIRONMENT DAY WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER: We are going to do a walk in the same week to Snug Falls. On Wednesday morning and in the afternoon drive back around via the Longley Water hole for a quick cool off, as the predicted temperature is 27°C. We missed out on this environment day in first term due to bad weather on the day and the kids were really keen to get back for a swim before the end of the year. All the same requirements as the Bike Day, except you don't need the bike and helmet! Please bring fruit, lunch and sturdy outdoor wear including closed in shoes or boots for the walk. **Pack your bathers and towel for the quick cool off at Longley ☺**

For any queries about either of these two events, please call Tom.

Biggies Bike Day Wednesday 22nd October: Biggies will be leaving school at 9.30 on Wednesday and riding around the foreshore track to Shag Bay. We will return to school for a normal pickup at 3.00pm. Please make sure bikes are in good working order before Wednesday. Bring AT LEAST 1 litre of water, a good lunch and fruit and a sun hat and helmet.
Kath

Bogus Emails: Some families have received a bogus email that appears to be from another Cottage School family. The email address is familiar, but the email has not actually come from that address. The body of the email says "Some important information for you" and there is a link. The link opens to information about weight loss. If you have received the email, please be aware that it has not come from the person you thought it did (so don't be offended!). If it's not too late – don't open the link. Attached is some information about email security.

Term Four Calendar: Will be sent out in the next few days ☺

Registration to Work with Children: If you would like to help out in the classroom or on Environment Days or at Camp next year, you are required to register for a Working with Vulnerable People card. This is due to new state legislation, so we can't 'bend' the rules. People without the card won't be able to volunteer in a capacity where they have child contact (even if it's supervised by a teacher). No card = no contact. To apply for the card go to http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children. The applicant is required to take their proof of identity to Service Tas (copies won't be accepted) and be photographed, so the school can't apply on your behalf. You should also be aware that it can take up to 6 weeks to process an application.

Student Teacher with Tom's class: My name is Graeme Holmes, I am a 4th year Bachelor of Education student at the University of Tasmania. I have been extremely lucky to have been accepted by your wonderful school to complete my final teaching placement and final component of my teaching degree. I currently work as a resource teacher with vision impaired students.

I live with my wife and two children on a hobby farm south of Hobart. We have 3 horses, 2 dogs, 2 cats, chooks, a platypus that lives in our creek and many families of sugar gliders that live in our forest.

I love camping, bush-walking, windsurfing, kayaking, snow skiing, horse riding and working (playing) on our property with excavators and tractors. I have a genuine love for learning and teaching. I look forward to providing your children with enjoyable and engaging educational experiences.

Tom will be my supervising teacher so please come and say hello as I would love to meet you all.

Thank you, Graeme

TRIATHLON5 weeks to go..... it's time to training for your swim, bike ride or run. Students in a team should aim to have 2 trainings a week (1 on the weekend and 1 through the week). Individuals should aim to practice 2-3 of the areas each week.

Distances:

INDIVIDUAL

Grade	Age	Swim	Bike	Run
3 & 4	8/9/10 yrs	50m	2.5 km	500m
5 & 6	11/12 yrs	100m	5 km	1 km

RELAY TEAMS

Grade	Age	Swim	Bike	Run
3 & 4	8/9/10 yrs	100 m	5 km	1 km
5 & 6	11/12 yrs	200 m	6.5 km	1.5 km

For more information: www.schoolstriathlonchallenge.com

Georgie

Wednesday Book Choosing Time: 3-3:30pm: Just a reminder that this will happen every Wednesday after school. Come to the main library in the Biggies Cottage every Wednesday after school to browse the selection and choose two books to take home.

Love to see you there! Sarah

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 – Book Stall: Please look through your bookshelf for quality/near new second hand books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, Posters etc. Contact Xiaoxin (Li) for picking up your books, or during morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups. If your friends or relatives kindly offer donations for our school fair book store, please contact Xiaoxin (Li) at lixiaoxinwb@gmail.com Thanks everyone!

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 Loughhead** (sloughhead@inet.net.au) or **Kristina Nichols** (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 34 Stratton Avenue, Lenah Valley 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)

What's On:

MILO T20 Blast Program

If you would like to play exciting games of T20 cricket just like the KFC Big Bash League, then MILO T20 Blast is for you!

It's a fast, fun and exciting program for eight to twelve year olds, with music, lots of big hits, classic catches and everyone gets an equal go!

You wear the colours of the Hobart Hurricanes and with all your friends playing matches on the one oval at the one time, it creates an action packed, fun atmosphere where everyone is involved.

Instead of sitting to bat, there's a skill zone with fun games and activities to help you improve your cricket skills.

To find a local club to join, along with further information head to **www.t20blast.com.au**

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun skill based program for boys and girls aged five to eight to get a taste of cricket!

The entry level program involves fun, safe activities that teach kids the basic skills to play cricket, in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

The active, inclusive program allows kids to make friends, develop social skills and team work.

The program is run by trained volunteers and each participant receives a pack containing a MILO backpack, hat shirts, bat, ball and lots more!

To find a local program or more information visit **www.in2cricket.com.au**

Cooper Screen Academy: So many exciting things happening at COOPER SCREEN ACADEMY...and many of them so big they have to stay hush hush!

Find a TWO for ONE offer for our next INTRO TO SCREEN ACTING workshop at our website, join us in Term 4 and see yourself on the BIG SCREEN at VILLAGE CINEMAS for our End of Year Ceremony, or have your school contact us about a FREE IN SCHOOL WORKSHOP.

Also, FREE information sessions held monthly at our inner city venue.

Ever wanted to be on the screen? Now's your chance.

All details at www.cooperscreenacademy.com

Zip and Zen Yoga Play is an opportunity for children to explore the joy of yoga through drama, dance, music, arts and craft in a supportive, non-competitive environment. It is active and fun! Yoga poses are learnt through imaginative play. We use lots of toys, costumes and props to explore movement, breathing and relaxation. Everyone can do yoga and at Zip and Zen Yoga Play we celebrate the uniqueness of every child, starting from where they are at and helping to nurture their creativity, confidence and connectivity to their own body and mind and to the group. Please contact georgie@zipandzen.com.au. Term commences on October 15th 2014 – booking essential.

Living Well in Clarence: The Living Well in Clarence event is about all things fun and healthy and is a great opportunity for residents to get connected with the many activities happening around the City. Living Well in Clarence will showcase a range of activities and information so residents can choose from a number of ways to get involved in the community.

MC Peter West will lead the visitors through a day filled with music, garden giveaways, a free BBQ and healthy treats, activities for the children, and interesting displays and information. Take a moment on your Saturday morning to drop by and check it out.

The event will be held at Rosny LINC on Saturday, 1 November from 9.30am to 12.30pm. For more information contact Suzanne Schulz on 6245 8664 or sschulz@ccc.tas.gov.au.

Positive Partnerships Free Two Day Autism Workshop for Parent and Carers of School Aged Children:

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming two day workshop

Dates: Wednesday, 5th November and Thursday, 6th November 2014

Venue: Sorell RSL, 45 Cole Street

Cost: Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Please find attached the flyer for the upcoming workshop. Could you please; place on your noticeboards, Face book page, include in newsletters, share with your networks and pass the information on to families.

This workshop is for parents and carers only.

If you have any questions or a parent/ carer has questions please contact me on 0434 55 8096 or email:

nkeane@autismspectrum.org.au.

Full details and online registration at www.positivepartnerships.com.au

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.