



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in November/December:

December	8 th	Monday	Grade Six Leavers Day
	8 th	Monday	NO COOKED LUNCH
	10 th	Wednesday	Whole School BBQ lunch and afternoon games at the park
	11 th	Thursday	Leavers Ceremony and School Concert at 11am
	11 th	Thursday	End of Term Four – HALF DAY ONLY – SCHOOL ENDS 12.30pm
	12 th	Friday	EVERYBODY HAVE A BIG SLEEP IN ;)

A few items from the president:-

The Fair: The Cottage School has again had a highly successful year at the Fair, with just under \$21,000 raised. Thanks to everyone for a fantastic effort all around, and course for Elisia and Vanessa for their leadership. We heard at Committee how much our supporters have appreciated the extra cakes and jams we have given to say thank you, so that extra effort is a very worthwhile and helps to maintain good relationships with our supporting businesses. Great job everyone!

2014 draws to a close - Good luck grade sixers! It has been another big year at the Cottage School. Once again the time has come to say farewell to our Grade six students and to wish them all the best with their coming adventures in new schools.

Thanks Mary: We also say goodbye to our long time teacher's aide, Mary Patterson who has contributed many years to the school. Mary's involvement with Cottage School goes all the way back to 1994, when her son, Nathan, enrolled in Kinder, and later when she began working at the school in February 2000. Thanks Mary for your great contribution to the school - and especially the students - over these many years. We very much appreciate all you have done and we wish you all the very best for your future.

All the best to the others leaving at the end of 2014: We are also saying goodbye to some families who are leaving the school community, and to Brydie Delphin, the kinder aide this year, who is also leaving at the end of the year. All the best for 2015.

Final acknowledgements: Again, the journey for the Committee has been a significant one this year, with new challenges and learnings for all of us, I am sure. Some big decisions have been made for the school this year, some evolving out of discussions that have taken place over the past several years. I want to sincerely thank everyone for the amazing contributions you have made - not just the main Committee, but also the sub-committees who have provided great support in areas including Marketing, Social and Fundraising, Policy and Procedures, Finance, WHS, Building and Maintenance, Research and IT. Our Fair and Garden Market coordinators have done another great job this year as well - thanks for your tireless efforts once again. These are all important functions of the school, and we offer you our thanks for the time and energy each one of you has contributed. Thanks also to the partners of Committee members who also make thankless contributions through their support and maintenance of homelife, while committee meetings happen - often until late into the night.

Parents across the school of course contribute in a myriad of ways, from cleaning toilets, to reading donated library books and weeding the gardens. All these roles help to create the great learning environment the school gives to our children.

Our gratitude is most importantly extended to the staff of the school - the administrative staff, teachers, aides and our coordinators who continually commit their time and energy to our children, and do so with such passion and enthusiasm. Thank you.

Towards 2015: The year may be drawing to a close, but the work is not done. Early in the new year we welcome our new School Leader who I hope to be able to introduce to you early next week. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming our newest team member to the school and offering our support during the first weeks of 2015, as we all get our heads and hearts around our wonderful school for another year. So, thanks everyone and I wish you all the best for a safe, happy and healthy holiday period. Here's to the new year and new adventures.

Jonathan Bedloe, President - Cottage School

Leavers Ceremony & School Concert on 11th December: The final concert next Thursday starts at 11am. Following this, school closes for the year at 12.30pm.

NO COOKED LUNCH ON MONDAY: Traditionally we don't have a Monday Cooked lunch on the last Monday of term. Instead we have a BBQ lunch on Wednesday and an afternoon at the park. Please make sure your child brings along sandwiches to share for Monday next week.

Tom's 3/4 Middlies: Our class is having a farewell to Graeme on Monday afternoon to thank him for his amazing contributions over the last term especially Environment Days, Camp and a great 'Explorers and Fractions' Unit. Could children bring a small plate of food (as per the food policy of the school and NO NUTS or EGGS) to nibble as we share, chat and reminisce.

Thanks, Tom

Camp observations: Last week I had the privilege of travelling to Mayfield for one night to spend at camp with Migali as it is her last Cottage School camp. I wanted to convey to my fellow parents just how in awe I remain of the commitment our teaching staff make during camps. Cottage School camps are special in anyone's language, even somewhat unique when compared to most other schools. The children are granted a level of freedom and respect by the teachers that actually makes you really proud as a parent to observe. The teachers are on the job 24 hours a day during camp. They are up early and late and all the time engaging with our children and planning what will happen next. And no matter how far the kids roam, three toots on the bus horn and they all come streaming back from behind buildings, out of creeks or from the "wild wood". Camp plays, camp awards and camp food! It's all organised and the kids are invited to contribute to everything. So next time you wave the bus off on its way to camp take a moment to reflect on the adventure our children are on and when the bus comes back take a moment to say "thanks" to the teachers....they deserve it!

Tim Short

Garden Market: This week saw the last market of 2014 & what a year it was! We held 15 markets during the year (whew!) and raised wonderful & very impressive \$2045 (an average of \$136/market!). A huge thank you to everyone who cooked, harvested, served, set up, packed down, cleaned up etc etc. Garden Market is a great thing on so many levels, filling hungry stomachs with healthy home cooked food and produce, catching up with other families, working together etc.

Some of the funds we raised went towards tools for the gardening choosing program, plants for the school gardens, a donation for the Indigenous Literacy Fund (as part of the Great Book Swap), fruit platters at school concerts and ingredients for the Solstice Bonfire catering and more. There are still funds available for suitable projects, so if you think of something that would be good to purchase please let Gabrielle know - catch me at school. The vision for Garden Market is that through its operation it will support/fund the following areas: food, health, well being, family support and our environment. Garden Market funds should not be spent on items considered essential for the operation/maintenance of the school, these must be budgeted for through general school income. Thanks, Gabrielle

Working Bee - Saturday 14 February 2015 - 9am - 2pm

Yes, just like death & taxes there is no escape.....Our first working bee for 2015 will be on Saturday 14 February (how romantic, you can come along and work beside your best beloved!). All the details will follow in the first Friday notice of 2015 but please put this date in your diaries NOW. Remember, working bees are not optional, they are part of the Cottage School 'deal'. It is actually really satisfying to work together, its a great chance to meet & get to know the new families at school and everything always looks so fresh after a dose of Working Bee TLC.

While on the topic of Working Bees there is a special thank you due to George Underwood. George, as Working Bee co-cordinator, has been my partner-in-crime for the last 3+ years. It has been great working with you George, thank you. You will be very much missed.

PS: from Annette (you'll be back though, won't you George??? ☺)

That also means that the school needs a new WB co-coordinator for 2015 & beyond (I am happy to stay in this role but I need a fellow co-coordinator). If you are interested in this as your family job I am happy to have a chat about what it involves/answer any questions you may have.

Thankyou: Thank you to everyone who has supported our family through our recent tough times. We are very appreciative of all the meals, flowers, messages, loans of things, chats etc etc. We are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful community. Thank You. Elly, Bella, Nate, Memphis & Phoenix.

What's On:

TASMANIAN SPORTS CAMPS: Cricket and Soccer – New Town Oval, Main Road, NewTown

WHEN: January 27, 28 & 29 2015

To find out more, check out the information in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage Alternatively go to <http://tas-sport.com.au> or Call 1300 914 368

The Marine National Facility's RV INVESTIGATOR

WELCOME to PORT CELEBRATIONS!

Free entry and lots of great activities (Science, Art, Food Music etc.) See the Flyer for more information which is in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage

DATE: Friday 12th December from 3-8pm at the CSIRO, Castray Esplanade, Hobart

Attachments: Amadeo's Drawing