



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 1:

March	23 rd	Monday	Growing Up program starts
	25 th	Wednesday	Kinder Bike Day
	25 th	Wednesday	Garden Market (3-30pm)
	27 th	Friday	End of term concert
	27 th	Friday	Devonshire Tea
April	1 st	Wednesday	P/1/2 Bike Day
	1 st	Wednesday	Committee Meeting at 7pm – All Welcome!
	2 nd	Thursday	5/6 Bike Day
	2 nd	Thursday	Last Day Term One
	20 th	Monday	Student Free Day
	21 st	Tuesday	First Day of Term Two for Students

From Steve: Yet another week where I got to engage with new experiences at the school as well as the continued collaborative work that is being achieved with teachers. On Monday I had the pleasure of covering Steph in Kinder. We had a great time writing postcards to a dear one, reading a story about a child's dream, making some wire objects, and finally choosing time.

On Monday afternoon I joined Tim Phillips and Elly Audet for a Futures Project meeting (yes folks the project is alive and well), where together we further explored formats for strategic planning, which provided us with ideas, and theories that we can progress. Elly and I have met again since then and now it is time to involve you the school community. Today you will receive a hard copy of a SWOT analysis for you to complete and return by Monday. With the recent excellent return of camp feedback (*see attachment for the complete feedback data*), we have expectations of a high rate of return. This is the first of our varied forms of communication with you, but at the end of the day it's really up to the individual as to how much they want to be involved and how their views are to be expressed (preferably not after the event when it's too late).

On another community note; could we please try harder to complete the parent jobs and do them well? If you haven't had a job allocated to you yet, don't wait to be asked, simply ask Annette what needs doing and take it from there. Remember low fees = high parental involvement.

The 3/4 Middlies Bike Day at New Norfolk was heaps of fun and to say the day was packed with fun and adventure is an understatement.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of working with the Littlies P/1 and continued the work that Lee has been doing with *Time*. This provided Lee and Michelle with some important planning time together and gave me an opportunity to see some behaviors and learning attitudes among the students.

Today I am off campus at a School Business Managers meeting at Sacred Heart College. I'm hoping to not only create a network but also to further my own knowledge on all things to do with budgets.

There have been a few enquiries as to the impending *Working with Children Registration* and what it means for people working at the school. I've put together a couple of information packs from relevant web sites which I hope will provide you with the answers that you may be looking for (please see attachments).

Anyone requiring a *Working with Children Registration* will be reimbursed for costs by the school.

Have a great weekend everyone and don't forget to return the paperwork!

Kinders Bike Day: The Kinders will leave school at 10:00 on Wednesday and walk their bikes down to the Bellerive Beach bike track. Children need to be prepared as for Environment Day.

- Drink flask with water
- Sunscreen (applied)
- Lunch and fruit
- Helmet (correctly fitted)
- Bike in good working order (Can you please check that your child's bike is in good condition - brakes, height, tyres etc.)

Ride2School Day: What a wonderful start to the day we had with the annual Ride2School Day last Friday. There was a record number of Cottage School students, parents and siblings bike riding, scooting and skateboarding. Thank you to all staff & parents who join in to help promote the physical and mental benefits of being active. We joined thousands of other schools around Australia to make riding, skating and walking a feature of our schools culture. It is wonderful to see the increasing number of families who are riding to school. Looking forward to doing it all again next year. A reminder if you are riding to school to always dismount before entering the school grounds for safety reasons. Georgie

Whole School Devonshire Tea: This year we have an enthusiastic bunch on the Social Sub-Committee including the likes of Vanessa, Elisia, Megan, Ali, Angie, Selendah, Tanya and Rachel. We are kicking off what will be an exciting year with a Devonshire Tea served straight after the end of term concert next Friday. We would be super chuffed if Cottage families would stick around for half an hour and enjoy a natter over a scone and a cup of tea. We will also provide fruit for the kids. A special shout out to those new families including those in Kinder, please come along, we would love to meet you. Please be mindful of your responsibility towards looking after your own children though, the staff may be there to enjoy a scone but they are not there to supervise our kids. Rachel

Lost at Camp: Arki has lost a bright blue (size 8) Hurley rash vest. In the lost property from camp which is in the Biggies library, there is a blue rash vest with 'Surf Groms' on the front which is similar to Arki's. Did someone accidentally pick up the wrong one? Please return to Arki if you think you may have accidentally grabbed the wrong one. Thanks

Committee Meeting: The next committee meeting is on Wednesday 1st April at 7pm in the Biggies kitchen. All parents are welcome to attend. The deadline for agenda items for that meeting is next Friday 27th March.

Give Away: After the end of term concert there will be a pile of give-away clothes on the green space, mainly in sizes 8-10. Anything left over will be donated to charity so please feel free to rummage through and take anything you find to be useful home with you. All clothes are of good quality. Rachel

Family Jobs: I have had a couple of offers of help for the family jobs so hopefully they will be well underway by the beginning of term two. Apologies for the lateness – learning Penny's job (it is a very busy office) has forced lots of my other admin jobs from last year to be put on the back burner. Thank you to those people who have kept on doing their jobs from last year and to the new families in the school....we haven't forgotten you 😊

Minutes: The minutes of the last committee meeting are attached.

What's On:

Attachments: *Minutes of 12th March Committee Meeting, Working with Children Registration (2 attachments), Wayatinah Camp reflection data.*