



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in Term 1:

March	27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	End of term concert
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Devonshire Tea
April	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	P/1/2 Bike Day
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	Committee Meeting at 7pm – All Welcome!
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	5/6 Bike Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Last Day Term One
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Student Free Day
	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>First Day of Term Two for Students</b>

**From Steve:** On Monday of this week, Tom, Mel and myself attended the first of two half day PD sessions for the 1-2-3 Magic emotional coaching program as part of our school wide positive behavior support. I understand that previous teachers had used the format at this school, and having used it myself in my previous two schools, can vouch for its effective application. We will conclude with the second half of the PD next Monday.

I wish that you could have shared our staff meeting on Tuesday, because all teachers presented and shared their focused work on developing confident and competent spellers in our students. The range of skills being taught and the carefully constructed activities to support learning were a credit to them all. Congratulations to the Steph, Mel and Kinder who achieved a successful first Bike Day outing in perfect weather.

Elly and I have continued our Futures Project work and would like to thank the 11 returns of the SWOT analysis. 11 returns out of a possible 58 means that a lot of people aren't providing their opinions about the school's future. We can only be influenced by those who choose to do so. I gave out more forms today at the concert so hopefully that will mean some increased feedback.

**Biggies Guitar:** The Biggies have been hard at work in guitar tuition in Term 1. It is great to be back at Cottage School this year to continue my teaching. Because of Good Friday, would it be possible for parents to remind their "budding guitarists" that I will come in to Cottage School next **THURSDAY 2 APRIL** for their lesson. They will need to bring their guitars and music. Same time, same place!

I would really appreciate if parents who have not paid for this term would settle their account before the end of Term 1. Any queries please contact me.

Many thanks Di Perry (Guitar Teacher)

**Family Jobs:** Hi all, I'm helping out Annette at the moment (as she is a busy little bee) so we can start distributing the family jobs out to families to begin from the start of Term 2. Due to the fact that I'm probably not sure on a few people's faces, I thought it would be best if I can make a 'pick up of job' date & time so I can meet you and you can discuss any concerns there and then with me. I will have jobs on hand outside the Littlies Cottage on Tuesday morning from 9:00am and then again that afternoon at 3:00pm. For anyone that cannot make that time to collect their paperwork please don't hesitate to contact me.

From Alison Clyne (Lachlan - Michelle's class & Hamish - Tom's class Mum).

**Bike Day Reminder for Littlies Prep Students:** Could parents of all Prep students please make sure they have contacted Michelle regarding their child's current bike skills and whether they still require trainer wheels. As this is a Littlies/Middlies 1-2 Bike Day we will have ample teacher and aide support giving parent helpers a day off.

Regards, Michelle and Hana

**Fundraising even for the Vanuatu Cyclone appeal - Cottage School Green Space, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**April 2015, 2.55 pm:** The Middlies 1/2/3 have been looking at the effect that tropical Cyclone Pam has had on the island nation of Vanuatu. The National Library and Archives of Vanuatu are currently running an appeal to collect books to restock the libraries in most of the school across Vanuatu.

The Middlies would like to run a golden mile fundraising event on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. We hope to raise some money to buy a collection of books to send to this appeal. We will begin the "Golden Mile" at 2.55 pm and it will involve children placing their coin donations along a line on the green space to see how far the line can stretch. It would be great if parents can remind their children to bring along a coin or two. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Thanks for your support!!  
Hana and the Middlies  
1/2/3.

**Wood for Woodwork:** Dear Community, Littlies and Kinders are calling out for an assortment of wood to be used for choosing projects. Softwood is ideal, no treated pine, ply, particleboard etc. A range of shapes and sizes would be warmly welcomed.  
Regards, Michelle and Steph

**Coordinators Report 2014:** The 2014 Coordinators report is attached

**City to Casino 2015 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** The annual City to Casino is on again. This has been a wonderful community and family event over the last 10 years for the Cottage School – all ages can participate. Primary School run is 2.7kms. It's 7 weeks away so plenty of time for the whole family to start training. You could start with 2 x 15-20 minute runs (or combine running & walking) per week. Why not start in the holidays or now! For more information [www.citytocasino.com.au](http://www.citytocasino.com.au)  
Information regarding registering in the Cottage School Team will be in next week's newsletter. Georgie

**Fair - Craft Stall:** Are you crafty? Have an idea to make for the craft stall this year? Would like to make something but have no ideas yet? Would like to meet together for a social craft night with others from the school community? Please join me every fortnight (or so) starting in term 2, when I will host craft evenings for anyone in the school community that would like to sew, craft, knit, cut, glue, paint, varnish, draw, inspire or be inspired. Bring along what you are working on, your ideas, or simply your enthusiasm!  
First one will be **Wed 29 April 7pm** onwards at my house. Then:

- Monday 11 May
- Wednesday 27 May
- Wednesday 17 June
- Monday 29 June
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I'm in the Kinder room Mon-Thurs and at school pick-up everyday if you have any suggestions or questions.  
**Also.....** Do you have any of the following in good condition that you no longer need and would be willing to donate to the craft stall to be transformed into things of beauty? Please pass along to me in the Kinder room or after school:

- Buttons
- Socks (single socks fine, so long as they are in as new condition)
- Felt
- Stuffing
- Wooden beads
- Jewelry (that could be used as pirate treasure)
- Fleece fabric
- Quilting fabric/fat quarters in fun, bright colours
- Any other items you think would be useful!

Thanks, Mel Thurling

**Wanted:** Susanne (Tom's class) is after a couple of dozen STRONG coat hangers for the dress up shed.  
Please drop them to her if you have any you can spare.  
Thanks

**Lost:** Johanna has lost a **red rain jacket with Ecko** written in big white letters on one sleeve. May be it got accidentally taken home by someone? If found please pass on to Johanna, or just leave in the Biggies Cottage in her named pigeon hole in the hallway near the toilet.

Thank you! Kerstin

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY  
AT THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS on SUNDAY, 5 APRIL**

## **What's On:**

### OKINES COMMUNITY GARDEN Dodges Ferry:

**Soiree this Friday night** (27<sup>th</sup> March) featuring the sweet sounds of 'Mama Smooth'.

Free family event, bring a picnic or purchase a wood fired pizza (\$10) or sample some rhubarb fizz (\$2).

Volunteers needed to help set up from 3.30pm.

### **GARLIC PLANTING MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March 11am.**

We have a great batch of donated garlic to get in the ground and a bit of work to do before that can happen.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Come along on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, help us in the garden for an hour or two and we will feed you some Garden Tucker (soup and bread). Hope to see you here.

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER:** Give your children the wonderful experience of having an international 'big brother' or 'big sister' by hosting one of our exceptional, carefully-screened international students for a 3, 5 or 10 month program. We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2015 seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international students.

**Attachments:** *Coordinators Report 2014*