



THURSDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 1/2:

April

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
27 th	Monday	First day Camp Grades 3/4
30 th	Thursday	Last day Camp Grades 3/4

May

1 st	Friday	No school Grades 3/4 Campers
4 th	Monday	Start first week swimming programme Prep/1
12 th	Tuesday	NAPLAN starts – concludes Wednesday 14 th
18 th	Monday	Start second week swimming programme Prep/1

From Steve: Today brings us to the end of Term 1, a total of 41 days of student attendance. That's not many days in the scheme of things in which to set up a new classroom culture, develop accepted group norms, achieve curriculum outcomes, and provide a diverse range of experiences that align with our school philosophy. It's a credit to the entire community that we have achieved all of the above. Not that we are going to sit on our laurels, because at this week's staff meeting we reflected on the term and determined where and how we can continue to make improvements to the overall service that we provide. I would personally like to thank everyone for your support, encouragement, smiles and feedback during my first term as School Leader. It has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for me to date, and as I continue to grow into the role I know that this will continue to be the case. I've already heard from many of you as to how you plan to spend the holidays with your family and I'm sure that there are many plans afoot. Enjoy the remaining autumn weather and time together, and we'll see you all with fresh faces and recharged batteries ready for Term 2.

School Leader's Report: The Committee has requested a report for each meeting from Steve as the school leader in place of what used to be the coordinators report. This now includes reports from the class teachers/coordinators. As you will see a lot of work has gone into the reports, so we thought that should be acknowledged and shared with the whole school community. This will be known in the future as a School Report, and will be prepared for committee meetings but shared with you with the newsletters. Thanks again to the staff for this useful information. The report is attached.

Fair (Sat 7/11/15) Update: Attached with today's notice is a preliminary Stall allocation for this year's Fair. A few of you I haven't managed to speak to yet, particularly several of the new families, however as the "A" stalls are keen to start planning, we are putting out a 'first draft'. If anyone wants to change, please let me know via email or sms over the holidays. I aim to finalise the allocation very early in Term 2 and as it's a lengthy process, I'd prefer that there were no changes, to people's choices, after the final draft is out, so please consider carefully. For those newbies wondering what Fair entails exactly, please read the attached document ("School Fair- What's Involved"). For all of those who haven't chosen yet, please do so and let me know over the holidays. Other than the "A" Stalls (Craft; Gourmet Foods; Plants; Cakes/Bakery...who always need additional help), not all stalls have room for new members, so following gives an idea where there is space (if you don't want to choose an "A" Stall as your main stall). Stalls already FULL are: ALL of the Second Hand Stalls; Milkshakes and Ice-Cream (although help on the day with serving is needed for I/Crm). All other stalls have availability. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me. Have a great holiday break.

Cheers Elisia (Fair Coordinator)

Family Jobs: Thanks to those people who have started on their 'new' family job and also thank you to Alison Clyne who has organised all the jobs this year. I still have a few jobs to be handed out and may email the rest of them during the holidays if Alison or I don't get a chance to give you your job description in person. Each cottage will have a weekly 'sign off' sheet for you to sign when your job is completed. Thanks

Poetry from Concert: Yes, you were right audience members, it was very difficult to hear some of the Middlies great poems at the concert. So for interested parties, we are attaching a copy of their poems and the models we used to read at your own pace and volume! Kate

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

What's On:

Autism Awareness Family Fun Day: This is an event to raise community awareness of autism.
Date: 12th April from 11am - 2pm at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. All activities are free

School of Cartoon & Artistry: Wednesday 15 Thursday 16 and Friday 17 April:
SCHOOL OF CARTOON ARTISTRY CARTOON INTENSIVES @ Cooper Screen Academy
131 Macquarie St, Hobart. Ages 9-14 from 10am – 2pm \$40 Spaces limited to 12 students / wkshp
Draw Til You Drop! Cartooning Day:
FRI APR 10 and/or SAT APR 11 From 10am - 3pm Ages 9 – 14
At the NEW MOONAH ARTS CENTRE, 27 Albert Rd, Moonah

Hosting – An Experience for Life: Would you like to host an overseas student?:
Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home
Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home
www.studentexchange.org.au 1 300 135 331 (cost of local call)

Attachments: *Middlies Poetry from last week's concert, 2 attachments regarding the School Fair, School Leader's report.*