



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in Term 2:

<b>May</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Cottage School Amazing Race Adventure
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Kinder Environment Day
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
<b>June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day (ALL Year 3's)
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Biggies 5/6 Environment Day
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Littlies P/1 Environment Day
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Committee meeting 7:00pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Working Bee 9am – 2pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Start of Biggies 5/6 camp at Murrayfield
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Last day of 5/6 camp
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	No school Grade 5/6 campers
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Middlies 1/2/3 excursion to Sustainability Centre
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Cottage School Winter Solstice
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Drama production	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Year 6 to Alliance Francais @ Hobart College	
<b>July</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Circus concert
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Last day of Term 2

**From Steve:** Our thanks to Lesley and Andrew for the organization (there's a lot to be done) of the poo dig, and to all the families who participated. The poo dig is an example of the commitment that everyone signs up for when making the decision to enroll at Cottage School. The fruits of their labor will be evident at the Fair. Some advance planning has also taken place by Gabrielle and Mel in readiness for the next Working Bee in three weeks time. This day is not only a way of keeping fees at a minimum, but it also supports the notion that we are a supportive community who work together for the common good. Congratulations to the P/1/2 students who have now completed their two weeks of Learn to Swim. The skills that they have developed during this intensive program will no doubt be evident when you next see them in a pool or at the beach, and is an important aspect of the school curriculum. Next week we welcome Eva Bitterova to the school as she undertakes her Practical Experience 3 in Tom's Middlies. Having a student teacher in the school can be a very positive experience for both parties as the cross fertilization of ideas and knowledge takes place. It looks as if the Social Committee have organised some terrific weather for the Cottage School Amazing Adventure and I hope that everyone keeps safe on the roads and has a lot of fun.

**Golden Handshakes:** This week's golden handshakes go to Henry Maning and Nicholas Roberts for being helpful in PE (carrying bags and equipment) and being organised at swimming and helping others to get changed.

**Freezer Space for fair items:** Does anyone have any deep freezer space to store some prepped and frozen apricots and plums for school fair?  
Contact Rachel

**Fair:** Craft Night - NEXT WEDNESDAY 27 May at my house. Love to see you there. Also, do you have any broken crayons we could melt down?  
Many thanks, Mel

**Biggies Poetry:** Last Friday Cottage School welcomed local poet Liz McQuilkin who ran a poetry workshop with the Biggies. Liz read several of her own poems, including "How to Build an Ocean" and "Kermit's Smile". She also talked about Margaret Atwood and Margaret Scott and read selected poems, including one about the memorable day it snowed in Tasmania in 1986 and she introduced many new inspirations for writing. This week Liz sent us a lovely card that included these sentiments:

"Thank you for inviting me to share poems and ideas with you. I enjoyed our time together immensely and was impressed with your enthusiasm for writing poetry and your undeniable creative abilities. I felt privileged to hear such a range of excellent material in the making. ... Poetry knows no bounds so give reign to your lively imaginations, discover new ways to say what you want and, above all, enjoy reading as well as writing poetry. I shall look forward to reading your poems."

**Poo Dig:** Thank you to everyone who came to the manure dig on Saturday. Twenty eight adults and many children, from fifteen school families had a busy and sunny day in the Southern Midlands on Saturday. In 5 hours we managed to bag and load around 900 bags of manure, by 5 pm the majority were unloaded and stacked at Acton Park. A fantastic achievement that creates a win/win for both the farmers (Sarah and Steve Barrington) and school.

We would really appreciate any feedback and/or suggestions on how to improve the manure dig.

Thanks again to everyone who came and look forward too seeing everyone again next year.

Lesley and Andrew

**SOCIAL CLUB EVENT THIS SUNDAY 24/5:** IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!!! We have 15 teams already registered and weather looks good for Sunday too.....So, come and participate in a few hours of clues, adventure and discovery, ending up at the PIT STOP for lunch. This location has a playground; some shelter (we will also take the school's gazebo if the weather is inclement) and BBQ facilities.

Teams will receive their Adventure Pack at the event briefing at the school at 9.30am. The Race/Adventure start time is 10AM SHARP. Teams will then travel by CAR, following their set of clues, to find their first destination. There will be lots of clues to solve and each team will visit around 8 mystery locations during the event. At each location, you'll receive your next set of clues. There will be a couple of fun tasks to complete along the way (nothing embarrassing or particularly strenuous, we promise).

This event has been designed so that there are things for most ages to do, so hopefully everyone, no matter how small or how 'big', will feel like they are participating.

The Social Committee will provide a simple morning tea stop, mid-way through the 'stages' (mystery destinations). After that, teams resume the RACE/ADVENTURE, solving a few remaining clues, visiting the final mystery locations, before being guided to the PIT STOP for lunch. BYO food; drinks (remember the School's NO NUT; NO EGG Policy please); frisbee/footy etc.

The PIT STOP will be less than 45 mins drive to Hobart CBD. We estimate most teams will have arrived at the final "PIT STOP" by around 1.30 pm. Careful the last Team to arrive may be 'eliminated'!

No particular skills are needed to enjoy the event...just a sense of adventure! So, we'd love you to join us, to make the most of the glorious Autumn weather and get out for some shared family fun...You never know, you might even win a prize! We'd love the support of the whole school community, as events like this involve lots of time and effort by the Social Committee.

To help us be effective with all our resources for this event, please register your team name (with a key contact name and number of participants, including children) by Saturday (tomorrow), if possible. We will accept entries on the day, but would prefer to know ahead ideally. We are trying to figure out catering, so having an idea of numbers ahead is great...if there's not enough cake for you late-comers...please don't blame us 😊

Rachel Pender (Rupert's mum) or Elisia Ennis-Short (Tate's mum)

**Winter Solstice:** The Social Committee invites you to enjoy an evening under the stars, warmed by winter soups, mulled wine and a bonfire to boot at the annual Cottage School Winter Solstice.

More details to come next week but save the date of Friday, 19th June.

This year we are asking for a small donation of \$10 per family to cover some of the costs of food etc and we will also provide each child attending with a lantern making kit included in that price.

If anyone can donate some clean, empty tin cans preferably without a sharp top edge, there will be a plastic box for collection outside the Littlies cottage kitchen.

**What's On:**

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER:** Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us 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**, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**Attachments:**