



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in Term 2:

June	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day (ALL Year 3's)
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Biggies 5/6 Environment Day
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Futures Workshop 7:00-9:30
	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	
July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Circus concert
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Last day of Term 2

**From Steve:** This week has seen all classes participate in an emergency evacuation practice. I'm pleased to say that everything went smoothly and according to our guidelines. It's good to know that in the event of a real situation, we know what to do and how to do it.

As term 2 marches on, minds start to turn to the mid-year reports and parent/teacher meetings. This year, the decision has been made to issue the reports in the first week of term 3 with meetings to take place in the following weeks. This decision will allow for the reports to be truly representative of the first two terms of work and assessment, as well as allowing teachers during the term break to truly focus without interruption on writing the reports.

Having earlier missed out on a suitable bus purchase due to being half a day too late, this week I headed out to Manheim Auctions to bid on a very suitable vehicle. Unfortunately the opposition was determined and had a larger purse than I. So once again I've come away empty handed. It was obviously meant to be and I am still searching for our new bus. I'm absolutely confident that it will be in the driveway before too long.

It's been amazing to see the kids playing after school and parents taking the time to catch up and have a chat. I am very happy to see this happening and the smiles on everyone's faces. So just a reminder that the end of day duty finishes at 3:20 and that children who do not have a parent or carer present by that time, will be taken to the front office where they can wait safely to be picked up.

And my last inquiry today is; do we have anyone who works for Telstra or a near relative? Telstra grants are available for innovative kids projects, but the first step is to be nominated by a Telstra employee.

**Absentees:** If your child is going to be absent from school for the day could you please let the school office know via email or telephone please. It would be great if we can account for everyone by 9.15am each day. I'm happy to pass your messages on to the relevant teacher. Thanks, Annette

**Committee Meeting:** Please find attached the minutes from the last meeting. Just a reminder that the next committee meeting is on Wednesday 10th June for a 7pm start - all welcome. Can all agenda items and any subcommittee reports be passed on to Jonathan or Selendah by Thursday 4th June.

### **Middlies – Hana’s Grade 3 and Tom’s 3/4 Environment Day to Mortimer Bay on Wednesday:**

Time to rug up and get out there! We are heading down to Mortimer Bay to take the Tangara bush trail as far as we can towards the South Arm neck. There are some terrific spots to build cubbies. Plenty of fossicking too on the foreshore, so bring a container for those special finds of shells and pebbles, flotsam and jetsam. A cold day is forecast 11C! That’s a maximum folks so you’ll need :- gloves, scarves, jackets, plenty of layers, as well a raincoat, a lunch box full of healthy food for the trail and a couple of pieces of fruit. Plus, don’t forget a drink bottle and your sturdy shoes. Thanks, Tom

**Working Bee: 9am – 2pm, Saturday 13 June 2015:** For each Working Bee, families are expected to contribute 4 hours work (eg 1 adult x 4 hours or 2 adults x 2 hrs). It is a very social day and there is real sense of satisfaction to see the school looking so well cared for at the end. Working together strengthens our school community and the Working Bees have a direct financial benefit – without them fees would need to increase to pay for this maintenance.

A list of working bee jobs will be emailed out with next week’s Friday Notice. A hard copy of the list (including the usual few late addition jobs!) will be placed on the wall of the White Cottage on Friday 5 June. Please choose a job and write your name next to it.

To make the working bee as effective as possible please take ‘**ownership**’ of your job, take time to find out what is required (ask one of the Working Bee coordinators) before the day and then bring any tools/equipment that you will need to complete it. Please name all tools/equipment that you bring to ensure they go home with you at the end of the day!

Working Bees are not ‘optional events’ – they were part of the deal when you signed up for the Cottage School. While it is possible to do ‘catch up jobs’ after the day, these are time consuming to arrange/follow up and it is often not as efficient as if they were done on the day.

If you are **genuinely** unable to attend the Working Bee due to work commitments or personal reasons please let one of the Working Bee coordinators (**not Annette**) know in advance and an arrangement will be made. Otherwise you are expected to be at school bright-eyed and bushy-tailed on Saturday 13 June. If you are unable to attend and you are allocated a catch up job these will need to be completed within 4 weeks the working bee ie by 13 July or you will be invoiced for the standard working bee payment of \$120. In fairness to all this will be strictly enforced this term.

Children are welcome at working bees however please be aware that:

- You are responsible for the supervision and safety of your children. Please bear this in mind when you are choosing a job to make sure you are able to supervise them appropriately.
- Children should remain inside the school grounds at all times unless they are in the company of an adult.
- Children are not allowed inside the buildings unless they are in the company of an adult. Classroom resources (computers/stationary/games etc) are not to be used on the day.

All working bee participants (both adults and children) need to be aware that on the day the school will be a worksite with various tools being used, large objects/equipment being moved around etc. This requires extra vigilance to ensure that we all remain safe.

**Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.** For those people working into the afternoon a light lunch will be provided.

Thanks from the Working Bee Coordinators –  
Gabrielle Balon (mum of Lily)  
Mel Thurling (Kinder Aide and mum of Amy and Georgia)

**Golden Handshakes:** This week’s recipients are :-

Biggies: Matt – for always giving a hand

Littlies: Phoebe – for working really hard on her writing

Littlies: Wellington – for always helping clean the classroom

Middlies 3/4: Arki – for making sure Alex was okay

Kinder: Poppy & Laura – for enthusiasm and independence on Environment Day last week

### **Garden Market**

It was another busy & bustling market on Wednesday. We shared garden produce, smiley-faced biscuits, plus the ever popular ice-creams and date balls and some hearty barley soup cooked by the Prep/1’s. Thank you to all those who contributed and helped out.

Proceeds from recent Garden Markets have funded aspects of the Amazing Adventure (fruit for morning tea and entry into the Shot Tower for 2 participants/team) plus an Engino Mechanical Science and Technology set for the Biggies to use during Choosing.

During Term 3 Megan Graham (mum of Paris and Violet) has kindly agreed to take on the GM helm whilst some of the GM crew head off travelling & skiing. Thanks Megan! Contributions from your kitchens and hands to help out on Market days will be **especially** welcome over this time.

Thanks, from the Garden Marketeers

**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 soon 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.

**Found:** A ring has been handed in to the office – have you lost one?

**What's On:**

**Hobart City Council Bush Adventures Winter Program 2015:** The City of Hobart Bush Adventures program offers activities in local bushland reserves for specific age groups from 2 year olds to adults. Follow the link to see what is on. There is also a hard copy in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage.

[http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Recreation/Bushland/Bush\\_Adventures](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Recreation/Bushland/Bush_Adventures)

**The Baby & Kids Market:** is the perfect place for parents, grandparents, carers and parents-to-be to find quality preloved goods by great brands at bargain prices. The next Market will be held on Sunday 31st May at Aurora Sports Stadium, Creek Road, New Town from 9.00am to 12noon - \$3 entry and kids are free.

**Square Pegs Dyslexia Support:** Grab a Coat....Square Pegs invites all our members and friends to a fun, free family BBQ.

Saturday 20 June 2015 at Mount Nelson Oval from 3.00 – 5.00pm. Sausage sizzle provided, BYO drinks.

RSVP: for catering, [admin@dyslexiatas.org](mailto:admin@dyslexiatas.org) or 0417 946 341 by 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Free Cool Kids Anxiety Group Programs:** The University Psychology Clinic is running free Cool Kids® and Cool Little Kids® group programs for managing anxiety in children in August – November 2015. Please see the flyer and information sheets for both programs in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage. Clients are able to self-refer for these programs by registering online at [www.utas.edu.au/psychology-clinic](http://www.utas.edu.au/psychology-clinic) or phoning 6226 2805 Monday – Wednesday.

Registrations close on 1 July for Cool Kids® and 5 August for Cool Little Kids®.

**Attachments:** *Minutes of May Committee Meeting*