



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

May	12 th	Tuesday	NAPLAN starts – concludes Thursday 14 th
	12 th	Tuesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
	13 th	Wednesday	Littlies P/1 Environment Day
	13 th	Wednesday	Committee meeting @ 7:00pm
	16 th	Saturday	MANURE DIG
	17 th	Sunday	City to Casino Fun Run
	18 th	Monday	Start second week swimming programme Prep/1/2
	20 th	Wednesday	Biggies 5/6 excursion to TMAG
	24 th	Sunday	Cottage School Amazing Race Adventure
	21 st	Thursday	Kinder Environment Day
	27 th	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
	27 th	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
June	3 rd	Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Environment Day (ALL Year 3's)
	4 th	Thursday	Biggies 5/6 Environment Day
	9 th	Tuesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
	10 th	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	10 th	Wednesday	Littlies P/1 Environment Day
	13th Saturday		Working Bee 9am – 2pm
	15 th	Monday	Start of Biggies 5/6 camp at Murrayfield
	18 th	Thursday	Last day of 5/6 camp
	19 th	Friday	No school Grade 5/6 campers
	19 th	Friday	Middlies 1/2/3 excursion to Sustainability Centre
	24 th	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
	24 th	Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Drama production
24 th	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm	
26 th	Friday	Year 6 to Alliance Francais @ Hobart College	
July	2 nd	Thursday	Circus concert
	3 rd	Friday	Last day of Term 2

From Steve: Did I miss an announcement or am I right in saying that we're still in autumn? It's hardly been weather conducive to going swimming, but well done to the P/1/2 students who have without complaint attended their first week of swimming. And already there have been comments about improvements that have been made and we still have another week in which to build further skills.

My congratulations to the Biggies who instigated a rather novel fundraising idea to support the children in Nepal who have been affected by the recent earthquake. Through their idea and the efforts of the school population, they have raised an impressive \$714.25!

Next week the Years 3 and 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN tests for; Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The scheduled dates are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and provision is made for those who miss a test to do a catch up. On an individual level, these tests provide information for each student as to how they are progressing against a national minimum standard within their own year group. At a school level, these combined results are not so useful, especially when the results are used to compare with other schools. When the cohort of students is small, one or two poor performing students can dramatically skew the overall results. This is not so evident in larger schools where the averaging out of results provides a truer comparison. Our own recently introduced regime of testing is far more accurate, informative, school wide and annual as opposed to bi-annual. It is of course envisaged that the in house testing and subsequent teaching that occurs from the analysis of results, will ultimately impact positively on future NAPLAN results.

REMINDER: THE AMAZING RACE/ADVENTURE FAMILY FUN DAY: on Sunday 24/5.

****An early entry has already been received by some of our teachers, going by the team name of "Get Staffed" & I think that, judging by their speed to enter, that they could be the ones to watch out for on the day! So come on everyone, get your team/family together and register. For those of you who have other commitments, but have children who may wish to participate, then perhaps ask other school families, if they have space in their car. Hopefully, come Monday morning, the whole playground will be a-buzz with what fun we've all had the day before...so let's not have anyone miss out. There is no cost to school families to participate. Past families are also welcome, but **MUST REGISTER ALSO**. For those who can't make the event, but who would like to perhaps come along to the picnic at the end, please give Elisia your name & she will advise the location on the day. We have included a copy of all of the details again, in case you missed them in the Friday notice.

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 an hour's drive of Hobart CBD. We estimate most teams will have arrived at the final "PIT STOP" by around 1pm. 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!

To help us be effective with all our resources for this event, teams **MUST** (please) register your team name (with a key contact name and number of participants, including children) by FRI 15th May: Rachel Pender (Rupert's mum) or Elisia Ennis-Short (Tate's mum)

Committee Meeting: Just a reminder that the committee meeting is next Wednesday 13th May for a 7pm start, in the Biggies kitchen, and all are welcome.

Thankyou: Thanks to Henrik's dad Stephen for putting my new desk together in record time. The instructions said it would take about 1 ½ hours but he managed it in just 40 minutes! ☺

The City to Casino 2015 Fun Run: Only nine days to go!! HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET???

Details:

Enter online: www.citytocasino.com.au

The password is: cottageschool

Race details below:

Distance for primary students: 2.7 km

Venue for 2.7 km: Salamanca Place to Wrest Point Casino

Start time: 9.00 am

Cost: \$15/runner

Parents can enter in the same event to run with their child. Cost \$15

Fair - Craft night: - this Monday 11th May at 44 Tilanbi St Howrah from 7pm. We had a really fun session last week and hope to see more keen crafters with ideas and enthusiasm. Also thank you to those who've donated excess craft supplies, they will be put to good use. We'd still love more though! If you have any spare buttons, small bells, fun quilting fabric, ribbon, or any other craft supplies we'd be very grateful. More details contact Mel in the Kinder room. Thanks, Mel

Sheep Manure Dig (10 sleeps to go!): Date: Saturday May 16th

Time: 0900 - we hope to leave Apsley early to mid afternoon, transporting manure to Acton Park for storage. Thank you to everyone who has contacted us, we look forward to hearing from others...don't be shy. Proceeds from the manure dig are an integral part of the school fair. Similarly to the fair, it is anticipated that families come along with their enthusiasm and make it a fun and successful day. The more, the merrier and the sooner we all get home!

This year we return to the property Apsley Park, where Sarah and Steve Barrington with their two boys Max and Harry are looking forward to seeing us. The shed has a 5 star luxury status! Well above head height, lots of room, easy access, great BBQ and crib room and Andrew and I will be spending this Saturday preparing the poo for easy bagging. **No dogs please!**

Directions – Apsley Park, 610 Highland Lakes Road, Apsley

- Apsley 61 km and 50 minutes north of Hobart
- Travel north from Hobart along Midland Highway
- At Melton Mowbray (about 55Km north of Hobart) turn left off highway onto the Highland Lakes Road (A5)
- The farm Apsley Park is on the right hand side of the road, 5.5 km from the Melton Mowbray turn off. We will put some balloons on the gate.

What to Bring

Equipment

- Shovels, rakes and buckets (please label with your name or distinctive marker)
- Gloves,
- Eye protection
- Something to sit on, ie blanket, chair

We will provide dust masks, but BYO if you have your own

Clothing

- Warm clothes, rain coat, beanie etc
- Change of clothes if wet
- Gumboots or solid work shoes

Food

- Cup and plate or picnic set
- A plate of goodies to share at morning tea (as this is an official CS event please no nuts or eggs)
- Something to put on the BBQ for lunch

We will provide Tea, coffee, sugar, Milo, milk, bread and tomato sauce

Transport and RSVP

- Can you please let us know before Wednesday 13th May
 - If you can or can not make it,
 - If you can bring a trailer or ute to transport bagged sheep poo back to 904 Acton Road, Acton Park
- It would be good to get as many trailers as possible so we don't have to hire a truck.
- It would be great to get a good turn out
- Andrew Wells – andy@contractresources.com
- Lesley Gardner – lesleygardner@iprimus.com.au

Andy and Lesley

What's On:

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Attachments: NAPLAN information, Manure Dig WHS Policy