



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

June	19 th	Friday	No school Grade 5/6 campers
	19 th	Friday	Cottage School Winter Solstice
	23 rd	Tuesday	Littlies & Middlies 1/2/3 to TSO Concert
	24 th	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
	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

SAVE THE DATE: COTTAGE SCHOOL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS! 'an evening event' 31st OCTOBER 2015

From Steve: It was great to see everyone at last Saturday's Working Bee, and the impact of the day was significant. Thanks to everyone for the part that you played in the day and for the way that you care for the school.

On Tuesday I was fortunate enough to be able to visit the Biggies at their Bruny camp and share their experiences for the day. I know that a more detailed account of the camp will be forthcoming from the Biggies, but for me it was the opportunity to engage with them in activities that provided a heightened experience combined with learning opportunities that were relevant and age appropriate, that made this type of camp a point of difference within the school and certainly in contrast to other Primary Schools. For those students who will be in the Biggies next year, stay tuned for an announcement of something that takes camp to yet another level!

Once again, your response to the surveys has been fantastic and has allowed us to review some of the data previously collected, but which may have been corrupted due to the type of question asked, or the notion that an answer had to be provided. The values responses will be combined with the student's choices and a process will be undertaken to create a values education program within the school.

On Thursday, I attended a Code Club Teacher Training day in Hobart. Australia is only the second country in the world (Britain started a few years ago) to introduce coding as an option for students in Primary Schools. Coding is the mathematical instructions put into place when developing apps, online games etc., and is being seen as a technological imperative for the future. With this initial training undertaken, the objective later this year, is to start a Code Club within the school for those students who may be interested. As I look outside, it's a blue sky, a weak sun and no sign of rain. If the weather holds it will be a perfect day for the Winter Solstice, so I look forward to seeing you there.

Littlies & Middlies 1/2/3: The Littlies and Hana's Middlies will be attending a TSO Concert on Tuesday 23rd June. The Concert is "The Beat of Your Feet" and will be a musical adventure based on a story book called "Stan and Mabel" by Jason Chapman. Children will participate with songs and actions as music loving animals go in search of the greatest orchestra in the world. It promises to be a special treat for all to enjoy! Don't miss it!

Thanks, Shona

Grade 3 & 4 Recorder: A reminder that G3 and 4 students need to bring their recorders to school on Fridays this Term. They also need to bring some kind of folder with their Recorders so they can practise at home. PLEASE name these items. There are a few recorders at school but it is preferable for children to have their own (hygiene!). If you need to buy one, I can sell for \$14.00 with a cleaner.

Thanks, Shona

Golden Handshakes: This week's recipients are :-

Grace – for being a good friend when needed;

Holly & Yvie – for their achievements in maths online

Nate – for keeping on going and persevering in his maths work;

Arrigo – for being open minded and trying new ways in his maths work;

Paris – for being a good friend.

Working Bee: Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday and cooked, cleaned, gardened, fixed, built, dug, hoed and more! As always the school looks fantastic after this big dose of TLC. It was very satisfying to see all that was achieved on the day and it was also a great chance to meet new families. An especially big thanks to those families who stayed the entire time, well and truly meeting their '4 hours per family' obligations! A few loose ends:

- We will be in touch with those people next Monday who requested catch up jobs to make arrangements for completing these (if we have not already done so).

- **a few families have not been in contact regarding their inability to attend last Saturday. Can you please contact Mel or Gabrielle by MONDAY 22 JUNE** to receive catch up jobs. Chasing up families for catch up jobs is the least enjoyable part for the working bee coordinators, and is especially hard as putting pressure on fellow parents is not enjoyable. If you are unable to attend please talk to us as we are *really* understanding :) **Please remember that those who do not complete their 4 hours (or make other arrangements with Mel or Gabrielle) will receive an invoice for \$120 to cover the costs of a professional in lieu of your participation.**

- All catch up jobs and those jobs that need to happen after the working bee (for various reasons) need to be completed by Tuesday 21 July please (first day of term three). If for some reason this is not possible please see the Working Bee coordinators asap.

- If you have any receipts that you need to claim reimbursements for (eg materials purchased for the WB, tip fees etc) please give these to Gabrielle or Mel by Friday 26 June. Please write your name on the receipt so we know who to give the \$\$ to.

- The next (and last) working bee for 2015 is Sat 17 October. Please put this in your diaries now as every family is expected to contribute 4 hours of their time to each working bee.

Thank you once again for a tremendously productive working bee - Gabrielle and Mel (WB coordinators)

What's On:

Become a ready buddy.....help a child to gain confidence and self-esteem.

Every child has the right to learn. But no teacher, school or family can do it alone. Square Pegs support a community-wide solution that ensures people have the skills and connections to sustainably support and nurture these bright minds.

To this end, Square Pegs is raising funds to offer FREE training by Karen Starkiss, Director Learning and Development at SPELD Victoria to parents and community volunteers in how best to support children with a learning difference.

This programme will suit:

- parents of a child struggling with reading;
- current 'reading help' volunteers who would like to learn more;
- people interested in volunteering to help kids improve their reading - using evidence-based strategies.

At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest only - this does not commit you or guarantee a place in the training - but we would like to get an idea of potential interest in various localities.

Participants will:

- gain an enhanced understanding of how to make the best impact by supporting the needs of students with learning difficulties in class, in small groups and individually through our volunteer training program;
- gain skills they can use at home with their own children or grandchildren;
- gain greater knowledge and connections with practitioners, services and support groups helping kids who learn differently;
- receive ongoing support and mentoring from Square Pegs; and
- help a child gain confidence and self-esteem.

Training is pencil booked to run in early November. For more information or to express your interest, please email Amelia and Gina at admin@dyslexiatas.org or phone 0417 946 341.

Rosny Barn School Holiday Activities:

Crazy Coloured Collage – July 9, 101m-12pm, Schoolhouse Gallery. Come and join our ever popular tutor Caroline in this fun workshop. All materials supplied (Ages 6-12)

Print Your Own TShirt – July 15, 101m-12pm, Schoolhouse Gallery. Design and create your very own piece of wearable art. A parent/child workshop, Eve can cater to all ages however little ones will need to be accompanied by an adult. Materials supplied but bring your own light coloured T-shirt to print on and a smock or old shirt to cover up.

Workshops are \$10 per child. Information or bookings please call 6217 9606 or email schoolhouse@ccc.tas.gov.au. See the flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage.

Mid-Year Holiday Music Classes:

Discover music fun these holidays! We have group classes available in Piano, Guitar, Ukulele, Bass Guitar, Drums and Vocals! Classes are 45 minutes each day, come for one week, or both!

Week 1 (Monday July 6 – Friday July 10) \$80.00

Week 2 (Monday July 13 – Friday July 17) \$80.00

Includes all the music materials you'll need. Classes available for absolute beginners, as well as those who've done some music already.

Check the flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage for more information.

Attachments: Save the Date Poster