**What’s happening in Term 3:**

**July**
- 20\(^{th}\) Monday: Staff Only at School
- 21\(^{st}\) Tuesday: First Day Term 3 for Students
- 24\(^{th}\) Friday: Mid Year Reports go home
- 29\(^{th}\) Wednesday: 3/4 Environment Day
- 29\(^{th}\) Wednesday: Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
- 30\(^{th}\) Thursday: P/1 Excursion to TMAG

**August**
- 5\(^{th}\) Wednesday: 1/2/3 Environment Day to Mt Wellington
- 11\(^{th}\) Tuesday: Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
- 12\(^{th}\) Wednesday: 5/6 Environment Day
- 12\(^{th}\) Wednesday: Committee meeting 7pm
- 17\(^{th}\) Monday: 3/4/5/6 swimming every day this week
- 24\(^{th}\) Monday: 3/4/5/6 swimming every day this week
- 26\(^{th}\) Wednesday: 1/2/3 Environment Day (a.m.)
- 26\(^{th}\) Wednesday: Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm

**September**
- 1\(^{st}\) Tuesday: Futsal competition
- 2\(^{nd}\) Wednesday: K/P/1 Environment Day
- 3\(^{rd}\) Thursday: Indigenous Book Swap
- 8\(^{th}\) Tuesday: Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
- 9\(^{th}\) Wednesday: 3/4 Environment Day
- 9\(^{th}\) Wednesday: Committee meeting 7pm
- 16\(^{th}\) Wednesday: 1/2/3 Environment Day
- 18\(^{th}\) Friday: Poetry/Music Concert
- 23\(^{rd}\) Wednesday: K/P/1 Environment Day
- 23\(^{rd}\) Wednesday: Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
- 25\(^{th}\) Friday: Last day of term

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**31 October 2015 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron:**

**COTTAGE SCHOOL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!**

**From Steve:** Welcome back to school and Term 3. I trust that everyone enjoyed the break and feels ready to continue with their schooling and all the challenges and experiences that have been planned. As you read this newsletter, you should have already received the mid-year report from classroom teachers. As I mentioned in the cover letter, there is much to celebrate in these reports, and I hope that over the weekend there will be lots of warm family conversations that highlight the positives and in a supportive manner strategise ways to improve.

Third term can also be tricky in terms of our health. We’re still experiencing short days and cold weather, and with extra demands such as swimming, gymnastics etc. it’s easy to fall prey to colds and tiredness. Keeping warm with suitable clothing, eating healthy foods and getting the required amount of undisturbed sleep are key ingredients to staying well during the winter/spring transition.

On Monday we started to look at timetable options for next year. One of the decisions made was that we would like to offer organised activities for students during the lunch break and if possible, achieve this without adding further duty commitments to teachers. To this end we would be seeking parents or friends to conduct these activities e.g. chess club, code club, gardening club, music club etc. but if we feel that this is a good idea, then why wait until next year? Why not start now and see how it works? So if you or a family member or friend feels that they are able to commit for one lunch time a week to oversee an activity/club, then please contact me with your suggestion and we’ll try to make it happen.
Welcome: A warm welcome to our school community to Sam Parish and his parents Kim and Darrin. Sam has joined Tom’s group this term. Make sure you say hello if you see some new faces around the school grounds.

Term Three Calendar: A calendar for term three is attached. Print it out and stick it on your fridge. That way you will always be up to date with what is happening at school this term. 😊

Music: Would Grade 3 and 4 students in Tom’s and Hana’s class be able to bring their (named) recorders and some sort of named folder on each Friday this term please. A small amount of practise each week between lessons will make a huge difference to progress too! Thanks, Shona

Golden Handshakes: This week’s recipients are:
- Tong Tong: A ‘golden handshake’ welcome to Leo and Reily’s cousin Tong Tong who has returned to Cottage School for six weeks.
- Anders: For keeping a keen eye out and finding Cameron’s bag.
- Nathan: For commitment to doing his best at the start of a new term.

Garden Market: The first Garden Market for term three will be on Wednesday 29th July outside the Kinder room. Any contributions of garden produce or baked goods are welcome. Please remember if you bake something – NO EGGS or NUTS. If you are dropping things at school please include a list of ingredients.

Thanks, Megan Graham

What's On:

Clarence City Council Dog Management Policy Review:

The Clarence Council is currently reviewing our Dog Management Policy. This policy looks at several aspects of how dogs are managed in our community, and includes areas where dogs can and can’t be taken and any rules which apply in those areas. For example, dogs having to be on-lead in some parks, banned in some areas, or allowed to run off-lead in other areas.

As part of this review we are asking some questions and we would love to hear from you. The two aspects which are receiving the most attention are:

- How do people feel about dogs in our beaches and parks?
- Is an emergency after hours service sufficient?

We have a detailed list of proposed and possible changes available and this can be found on our website at www.ccc.tas.gov.au under Community Consultation, or by phoning 6245 8603.

Attachments: Term Three Calendar