What's happening in Term 3:

**August**
- 24th Monday: 3/4/5/6 swimming every day this week
- 26th Wednesday: 1/2/3 Environment Day (a.m.)
- 26th Wednesday: Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm

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

31 October 2015 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron:
COTTAGE SCHOOL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Ticket sales are limited
To get yours, email Jane at 40years@cottageschool.tas.edu.au

From Steve: Hard to believe I know, but we’re now at the half way mark of Term 3!

A warm welcome to Jaclyn Rogerson who today started her Teaching Practical Experience in Hana’s class. Jaclyn will be with us until the end of the term and we look forward to her contribution in the school.

Please note that a Futures Workshop will be held on Thursday 3rd September and a flyer can be found with this newsletter. I hope that we have a similar turn out to the last workshop that allowed you as a community to have a high level of input and influence the direction of the Futures Project.

A reminder that teaching time officially starts at 9:00am. Many students and parents are getting to school well after 9:00am, and some on a regular basis. Late arrivals affect everyone: the individual, the class group and the teacher. The school is open for drop from 8:30am and children are called to class at 9:00am prompt. Please make every effort to make sure that your child is going into class at 9:00am and not missing out on valuable information and disturbing the learning of others.

**Garden Market**: Garden Market will be held next Wednesday outside the Kinders. A big thanks to Caroline for all her help while the Garden Market Master (Gabrielle) is away. The amazing Cathy will be making dairy free ice creams from coconut yoghurt and rice milk! We welcome families to contribute to our garden market. Don’t be shy! Baked goods (nut and egg free) or goodies from your garden or pantry are always welcome.

Thank you in advance! Megan

**Found**: A gold bracelet with cat charms on it was found in the playground last week. See Annette if you think it belongs to you.
Futsal Referee Wanted: Georgie is looking for a referee for the Futsal competition on Tuesday 1st September. Is there a parent, sibling, Uncle, Aunt, old scholar in the school community who is able to help? The competition is at the Moonah Sports Centre. First game is at 9.10, finals are at 2.30. Please contact Georgie if you are able to help.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation – The Great Book Swap: It’s book swapping time again. We’ve run very successful book swaps in the past and as always, our school community has generously participated. It’s been a real pleasure to watch the children and adults swap books, find new favourites and discuss past faves!
Can you imagine going through life with the literacy skills of a six year old? Sadly, this is a reality for many Indigenous Australians living in remote communities today. Being able to read is fundamental to learning and opens doors to the future.
Our school can help buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities by being involved in the 2015 Great Book Swap Challenge. The Challenge is supported by The Children’s Book Council of Australia and National Literacy & Numeracy Week.

What is it? It’s a fundraising event. Participating students/adults bring along a gold coin and a book they've read and enjoyed to swap for a ‘new’ book.

When is it? Thursday September 3rd on the Green Space at 3.00pm

What you can do now: Discuss the reality that many indigenous children don’t have access to books and what it means to not be able to read and write.
Begin discussing books that your child would like to pass on to someone else, sacrificing a favourite book in order to gain a new favourite.
Any books that don’t get re-chosen will be donated to the fair. We will need some willing workers in order for this to run smoothly. Please let Lee know if you’d be able to help on the day. Cheers, Lee
What's On:
*The Smith Family/Saver Plus: Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition! Matched dollars cannot be used towards payment of school fees.*

To be eligible you must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full time, seasonal or ad-hoc employment.

For more information call or SMS Nicole, your local Saver Plus Worker at
The Smith Family 6223 7264/0448 428 043

*Water Polo:* The Club water polo season will begin in mid September. Training for many of the clubs will begin soon. Below are some club details for those interested in playing. All four clubs enter teams in every age group. I can give you as much information as you need about the University Water Polo Club - for any of the other clubs, please contact club representatives.

**University Water Polo Club** Contact: **Tom Reale** - 0488 992 740  tom.reale@shc.tas.edu.au
**Wet Magic Water Polo Club** Contact: **Sue Saunders** - 0409 704 201  sue.saunders@education.tas.gov.au
**Sandy Bay Water Polo Club** Contact: **Dean Wright** - 0418 128 122  greenwoodpine@bigpond.com
**Clarence Water Polo Club** Contact: **Gina Aitken** - 0439 387 250  gina.aitken@ths.tas.gov.au

**Attachments:** *Updated School Futures Project Flyer*