



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 4:

October	17 th	Saturday	Final 2015 Working Bee 9am – 2pm
	21 st	Wednesday	Garden Market at 3pm
	22 nd	Thursday	Royal Hobart Show long weekend (no school)
	23 rd	Friday	Royal Hobart Show long weekend (no school)
	28 th	Wednesday	1/2/3 Environment Day
	30 th	Friday	40 th Celebrations at school
	31 st	Saturday	40 th Celebrations evening event (adults only)
November	4 th	Wednesday	Kinder Bike Day
	4 th	Wednesday	P/1 Bike Day
	5 th	Thursday	5/6 Bike Day
	7 th	Saturday	Marimba Mania
	7 th	Saturday	SCHOOL FAIR
	9 th	Monday	P/1 Camp info session @ 3:00pm
	11 th	Wednesday	3/4 Environment Day
	11 th	Wednesday	Committee meeting 7:00pm
	16 th	Monday	Prep/1 Camp at Orana starts today
	17 th	Tuesday	5/6 excursion to Parliament House
	18 th	Wednesday	Kinders visit P/1 camp
	18 th	Wednesday	Garden Market at 3pm
	19 th	Thursday	Prep/1 Camp concludes today
	20 th	Friday	No school for Prep/1
	20 th	Friday	Bellerive Triathlon
23 rd	Monday	2/3/4/5/6 Camp at Mayfield starts today	
26 th	Thursday	2/3/4/5/6 Camp concludes today	
27 th	Friday	No school for 2/3/4/5/6	
December	2 nd	Wednesday	Garden Market at 3pm
	7 th	Monday	Year 6 Leavers Day
	9 th	Wednesday	School picnic
	9 th	Wednesday	Committee meeting 7:00pm
	10 th	Thursday	Leaver's celebration 11:00-12:00
	10 th	Thursday	School closes at 12:00pm. End of the year.

From Steve: Welcome back everyone. I trust that you're all well and rested and ready to harness your energies for Term 4, because there's certainly a lot ahead of us.

On Monday, all staff engaged with our Innovations Day. The day was led by Stephanie Ward from the USA and supported by Carol Harding and 3 research assistants from UTAS. It was a day of questioning our personal visions for the school, identifying challenges to a shared vision, and formulating research questions that will allow us a way forward over the next two terms to achieve a part of the the vision. It was an exciting day and the feedback from staff has been very positive. Our two research questions for progression are: *In what way can we measure excellence in creativity?* and *How do we facilitate students to co construct their own education?* We will continue to work with Carol and her team into the near future and look forward to sharing our journey with you.

On Tuesday we launched our values program at a Gathering first thing in the morning. Our focus value to kick off with is **RESPECT**. To help deliver a message I told a story about a stonecutter. The elements of the story are: a stonecutter, an emperor, the sun, a cloud, the wind, a mountain and a stonecutter. Why not ask your child/ren if they can recount the story?

Thank you for the prompt response to the fact that we are now all wearing hats again. It's great to see all the

children being able to play in the sun wearing sensible headwear.

This week we also kicked off with our lunchtime clubs of; Mancala, Chess, Chinese and Code Club. My thanks to Xiaoxin, Tom and Simon for giving up their lunch break to allow these clubs to happen.

Family Planning, which is the organization that delivers our Relationships and Sex Education through the Growing Up Program, are conducting a major review of their delivery process and content. A representative has already met and interviewed students and teachers, and last night at Committee met with parents on Committee. A hard copy of the questions to elicit feedback from parents is available on the front desk for the next 10 days, at which point they will be collected back for review. If you would like to have some input to this important aspect of your child's education, please collect a copy and then return it to Annette.

This Saturday is of course our final working bee for the year and I look forward to seeing you all at some stage as we care for the school and tick off some important maintenance issues.

Finally, we can now disclose that next year the Biggies Term 4 camp will take on a new facet as we plan to send our students to Canberra for the week. The planning needs to start now and during this term a meeting for all 2016 Biggies parents will be called to get the ball rolling. Stay tuned.

Welcome: A warm welcome to the Cottage School community to Amia Harback and her parents, Heidi and Adrian. Amia has joined Steph's Kinder group. Say 'hello' if you see a new face or two in the playground ☺

Littlies Environment Day on Monday: Littlies environment day to Waverley Flora Park on Monday 19th October. Leaving school at 9.15 and back at 1pm. Children will need to bring their own lunch as we won't be back in time for cooked lunch. All other details see the Littlies letter emailed out to all class parents.

Regards, Michelle

Grade 3/4 Bike Day: Not many weeks in the term, so we have to hit the ground running or rather pedalling! The grade 3/4's including Hana's 3's are going to have their Bike Day this coming Wednesday the 21st of Oct, the day before the public holiday for the show. If you can grab the bikes out on the weekend, give them a dust off, check the tyres are pumped, the chain is greased and the brakes are functional, then it saves a lot of time, fuss and stress, when we are out on the road. We will leave at 9.00 and return at 3.00, so normal school hours.

We are going to load the bikes on to trailers and transport them down to South Arm where we will gather at the Iron Pot Cafe and then ride down to Arm End, a ride of approximately 8 km. The route is along a lovely coastal bike trail through the bush, which runs parallel to the road. We will follow the same route home.

There are public toilets on the way and the opportunity for the kids to have a swim/ paddle at a wonderful beach at Arm End, so pack bathers and a towel as well as a large drink bottle, lunch, a little extra fruit, a hat, A HELMET and a raincoat. The current forecast is for partly cloudy and a top of 18 C.

Any queries on the day please shoot me an email or give me a call on 0407740958. Any parents that would like to come, we would love to have your company and help.

Thanks Tom

Prayer Flags: As part of our school celebrations all children and past alumni will have an opportunity to draw a memory onto a flag. We are on the search for any community members willing and able to cut out ~100 A4 sized flags next Monday or Tuesday. Please see Michelle or Kath if you are able to help.

The Cottage School 40th Anniversary Evening – Last chance to get your tickets:

WHEN: October 31st, 7.30pm

WHERE: Derwent Sailing Squadron, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay

WHAT TO EXPECT: Speeches, DJ & dancing, canapés, silent auction, great company, cake and complimentary champagne!

100 tickets have sold with only 3 weeks to go!!! Tickets are \$35.00 each

We need to know final numbers by Friday October 23rd....

If you are planning to come along, please find Jane, Lee, Megan or Hana to arrange your ticket purchase.

Don't leave it until the last minute or you may miss out ☹

We'd love to see you there!

Thankyou: Thank you very much to the Clarence City Council for the generous donation of 60 native plants. The plants will be planted around the school at the Working Bee. For the rest of the term, please be gentle with all these new plants as they get established.

Garden Market: A big thank you to all those who helped organise, set up, contribute to and pack up after the markets in Term 3 whilst some of the regular 'Marketeters' were away.

Term 4 is a busy with the School Fair, Orana & Mayfield camps, 40th birthday celebrations and end of year events. We have squeezed in 3 markets amongst all of these things; please see the dates in the 'What's Happening' section above. As always contributions from your garden and kitchen (no eggs or nuts please) are always very welcome as is help to set up/pack up/serve/twirl the apple peeler etc!

Thanks from the Garden Marketeters!

Fair - craft stall: Thank you for all the wonderful items made so far for the fair. Just a call for anyone else who is making items for the craft stall, could you please give them to me (or a sample of one or photo) so that all items can be priced prior to the day please? If possible can I please have them by Friday 20 Oct - you can find me in the Kinder room or at after school pick up each day, many thanks Mel

Family Contact List: Please find attached an updated Family Contact List.

What's On:

Positive Parenting Program: A free event with Jill Shanti at the Brahma Kumaris Meditation Centre, 51 Risdon Rd, New Town. Check the flyer in the Notice Board outside the Littlies Cottage for more information.

Seafarers' Festival! Bellerive Boardwalk – Sunday 25th October from 10.30am – 4.00pm. For more information go to www.clarenceartsandevents.net There is also a flyer in the Notice Board outside the Littlies Cottage.

Attachments: *Updated Family List*