



# FRIDAY NOTICE

26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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## What's happening in Term 1:

<b>March</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Year 6 students to Grip Leadership Conference
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Ride to School Day
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kinder Environment Day
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3/4 Middlies Environment Day
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market (3pm – 3.30pm)
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1/2 Middlies Environment Day
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	P/1 Littlies Environment Day
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market (3pm – 3.30pm)
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1/2 Middlies Bike Day
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3/4 Middlies leave for camp
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	3/4 Middlies camp
<b>April</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	3/4 Middlies return from camp
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kinder Environment Day
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	5/6 Biggies leave for camp
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Bravehearts Show parent info session @ 1:30pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Bravehearts Show (Kinder – Year 3 inclusive) @ 2:00pm
	<del>6<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Wednesday</del>	<del>Garden Market (3pm – 3.30pm) – CANCELLED</del>
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	5/6 Biggies return from camp
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Last day of Term 1

## Term dates for 2016:

**Term 1** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April (Easter falls during the term March 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Term 2** – ~~Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July (Please note **NEW** start date)~~

**Term 3** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Term 4** – Tuesday 11 October to Thursday 15 December

## From Steve:

This week we introduced the value of STEWARDSHIP.

- Stewardship is looking after our environment.
- Stewardship is being sustainable.
- Stewardship is connected to personal health and well being.

This morning I was delighted to see Amy and Gabrielle picking up some litter that had been blown into the school and actually using the term stewardship. Also to hear some other Littlies who wanted to talk to me about keeping the planet clean. So why not keep the conversation going at home. Maybe do an audit on resources used in the home and how this can be managed. Or talk about the bigger issues (not to create negativity) but to discuss genuine options that can be actioned.

Cyber safety is akin to locking your car doors when you park in town. We do it because we know that there are people out there who will take advantage of those who aren't vigilant. However, with all the safety nets available, there can still be a genuine mishap. A genuine mishap occurred this week when a teacher entered a children's maths web site, only to be confronted with a pornographic video. As a mature person, the teacher was able to deal with the situation and as a result we have notified the police, Google, Children's E-Safety Commissioner and Independent Schools Tasmania. But what about your children? Are they always using the internet in full view of a parent or are they using it in their bedroom or another isolated area? Do you ask your children to share their websites with you and take an interest in what they're

accessing? Do you occasionally review the history tab to see what type of content they are accessing? And perhaps very importantly, have you had a discussion with your children about what you would like them to do if a genuine mishap occurs?

At the Committee meeting on Wednesday, the discussion of shared lunch was discussed and as a result I am able to pass on information, which should allay some current confusion. Morning fruit time is where children bring fresh fruit, vegetable or cheese (not yoghurt please) to be placed on a platter from which children self select. Lunch time is where children bring food that suits their own palette and dietary guidelines and which conforms to the Healthy Food Policy and aligns to the Australian Healthy Food Pyramid. Children eat their own food in a community setting supervised by a teacher. Mondays is where the whole school enjoys a cooked lunch that incorporates some small amount of foods that may be outside of children's regular palette and experience. In Kinder, we have a child who has an allergy to dairy products. However, in consultation with her mum, dairy will not be banned from the school. Instead, we are providing education and risk management strategies to Kinder and whole of school. So in Kinder we have requested no yoghurt (as it is prone to splatter and difficult to remove) and no grated cheese for the same reason (whole cheese is fine). Garden market has labeled their foods as dairy and non-dairy. Children in other classes are alerted to the risks of the kinder student coming in contact with dairy. Later in the year, all children will receive some first aid training from St Johns, which will include anaphylaxis.

And finally some advance notice of a change of date for the start of Term 2. In the previous diary the date for children to return was Tuesday 26 April. Committee has given approval for that date to be changed to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. With Monday 25<sup>th</sup> being a public holiday, this will allow the Tuesday to be utilized as a professional learning day and for the staff to once more engage with the Innovations Unit from UTAS as we build our knowledge and skills around human design thinking. We believe this work to be very important and which positions us as a leader in education.

**Golden Handshakes:** This week's recipients are :-

*Steve:* For putting time and effort in the 3/4 Bike Day

*Daniella:* For her assistance in setting up the Middlies 1/2 classroom – unprompted!

*Rowen:* For extra effort on maths and literacy tasks at home

*Bella W-B:* For persisting with her pedalling on Bike Day when she was exhausted

*Bill:* Who calmly, cleverly and patiently helped Hugh climb down from the tree in which he was stuck

*Tarquin:* For extra effort at home on Literacy activities

*Nick R:* For some outstanding number crunching

**It's Ride 2 School Day:** next Friday 4th March. In the past we have had a great response to riding, skating, scooting or walking to school on this day. Hope you can join us this year.

The following areas are our starting points. We will be **leaving at 8.15am sharp** so please arrive in time for your child to get ready.

1) Sunshine Tennis Courts (near the Shoreline)

2) Car park at the South end of Bellerive Beach (Clarence High end).

3) Montagu Bay Park (below Montagu Bay School)

Any questions please speak to Georgie

**Family Jobs:** Just a reminder that if you are unsure about what your job entails or where things are kept, you will need to ask Alison Clyne (Hamish Lachlan's mum) and not the teachers or aides. You can catch her at drop off and pick up or email her at [admin@aclick.net.au](mailto:admin@aclick.net.au)

NB: If you haven't received your job yet, check your junk mail folder to see if it is there! Alison HAS emailed the jobs to all families.

**BUPA KidFit Triathlon Series is on:** Triathlons provide an opportunity for children to participate in a personal fitness challenge at their individual level of fitness through a healthy, active and social event. These events are totally focused on participation, fun, getting children active and providing an individual challenge in a safe environment. It would be great to see some Cottage School children involved.

Please see details below:

Lauderdale Sunday 28th February/Blackman Bay Sunday 6th March

Age: 7 - 15 year olds Cost : \$10 Start time : 10 am sharp

Distances

Age	Swim	Cycle	Run
7 & 8 yrs	25m	1km	400m
9 & 10 yrs	50m	1.5km	600m
11 & 12 yrs	75m	2km	1km

For more information the website is: <http://www.kidfitseries.com.au>

**Garden Market Cancellation 6<sup>th</sup> April:** With lots on that week and because the Biggies will be at camp, Gabrielle won't be at school that day, the previously advertised GM won't go ahead.

**Fair/Craft Stall:** Do you have any sewing or crafting supplies you no longer need that you would be happy to donate to the craft stall makers please? We're open to any usable donations, but in particular: Quilting, cotton, linen, stretch fabrics (large or small pieces), felt, buttons, cotton sewing threads, rope off cuts, wooden dowel (any width), bells, ribbons, elastic, bias binding, any woollen jumpers/blankets (even if they have holes!). We look forward to seeing the interesting items you are able to spare. Happy to receive items in the Kinder room before school starts, or at school pick up. Many thanks, Mel Thurling

**What's On:**

**Super Tuesday - 1 March 2016:** Super Tuesday is Australia's biggest visual bike count and its happening this coming Tuesday 1 March between 7am - 9am. Super Tuesday provides reliable, annual figures about bicycle commuters and their movements during morning peak-hours across Australia. So if you are a 'sometimes' bike rider this Tuesday is a great day to ride to work or school & 'be counted'. There will be people counting all over Hobart, look out for them in their blue t-shirts & wielding clipboards and give them a cheery wave & hello.

More information @ [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/for-government-and-business/3060](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/for-government-and-business/3060)

**Attachments:**