



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 1:

February	1 st	Monday	Staff Only at School
	2 nd	Tuesday	All Students Start Term 1 – Kinder included
	10 th	Wednesday	1/2 Middlies Environment Day
	10 th	Wednesday	Garden Market @ 3pm (outside the Kinder Room)
	11 th	Thursday	Prep/1 Parent Forum
	11 th	Thursday	Cottage School Annual General Meeting @ 7pm
	13 th	Saturday	First Working Bee for 2016
	15 th	Monday	Pre-Kinder starts today
	16 th	Tuesday	P/1 Littlies Environment Day
	16 th	Tuesday	3/4 Middlies Parent Forum
	17 th	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	18 th	Thursday	1/2 Middlies Parent Forum
	24 th	Wednesday	3/4 Middlies Bike Day
	March	1 st	Tuesday
4 th		Friday	Ride to School Day
8 th		Tuesday	Kinder Environment Day
9 th		Wednesday	3/4 Middlies Environment Day
16 th		Wednesday	1/2 Middlies Environment Day
23 rd		Wednesday	P/1 Littlies Environment Day
30 th		Wednesday	1/2 Middlies Bike Day
April	30 th	Wednesday	3/4 Middlies leave for camp
	31 st	Thursday	3/4 Middlies camp
	1 st	Friday	3/4 Middlies return from camp
	5 th	Tuesday	Kinder Environment Day
	6 th	Wednesday	Bravehearts Show parent info session @ 1:30pm
	6 th	Wednesday	Bravehearts Show (Kinder – Year 3 inclusive) @ 2:00pm
	8 th	Friday	Last day of Term 1

Term dates for 2016:

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

Term 2 – Tuesday 26th April to Friday 1st July

Term 3 – Tuesday 19th July to Friday 23rd September

Term 4 – Tuesday 11 October to Thursday 15 December

From Steve: Hello everyone and a very warm welcome to the first term of what I know will be an excellent year at Cottage School. It's been great to catch up with people during the drop off and pick up times and I know that already the coffee shop has seen groups of you catching up after school starts.

During the holidays, teachers attended a three-day retreat, which gave us considerable time to explore the challenges, and possibilities that 2016 will bring to us. The retreat started by continuing our relationship the Australian Innovation Research Centre, University of Tasmania. Zara and Carol worked with us on the topic of school camps and demonstrated some processes that are used in the field of Human Design Thinking. Our objective in this partnership is to equip all teachers with an understanding and skill set by which as a team we can utilize the Human Design Thinking to inform our decision making about challenges as they present themselves. Ultimately, we as teachers will then transfer these skills and processes to the students who can themselves become innovative thinkers. For those of you who may be familiar with the work of Ken Robinson, in his latest book 'Creative Schools', he writes; *"One of the most interesting recent innovations in*

teaching and learning is what has now become known as design thinking. This is an approach that is now used in many organisations and in a growing number of schools too. It draws on the creative and analytic techniques of professional designers in identifying and solving problems and in conceiving of new products and services. Design thinking is usually cross-disciplinary and highly collaborative.”

Other topics covered at the retreat included: sustainability across the school, the 2016 budget, sharing student information for the next teacher, the food policy (more on this in the near future), behavior management, 2015 survey results, and the 2016 School Improvement Plan.

All work and no play makes for an unproductive retreat, so we also managed to fit in some yoga (including laughter yoga), a bushwalk to the top of Mt Misery in a lightning storm, hot outdoor baths, board games and the sharing of good food and drink together.

Just a couple of reminders about how we would like things to run at the school.

- If you're children aren't attending school, we can't teach them.
- If a child is to be absent, you should contact Annette (not the teacher) and explain why.
- The school opens at 8:30am (not before) and someone starts duty.
- Children go into class at 9:00am and to be late is to miss vital information about the day.
- If for some reason a child & parent arrives slightly after 9:00am, the farewell should be made outside of the classroom and the child can enter quietly, put their bag away and join the group. This is not a suitable time for the parent to discuss matters with the teacher as it interrupts the flow of the morning.
- If a child arrives after 9:20am, the child should go to the office and use the sign in book as the attendance has already been taken and given to Annette.
- Pick up after school should be completed by 3:20pm as there will be no-one on duty after this time. Those children without a carer in attendance at this time, will be taken to the Biggies library next to the office to wait to be picked up.

Thanks for your cooperation with these points.

Our value for the start of Term 1 is ENTERPRISE

- Enterprise is being ready to act with courage.
- Enterprise is having the confidence to start something.
- Enterprise is using motivation, initiative and drive.

You might like to ask your child whether they can remember the story that I told on Tuesday and how the story might relate to the value.

Fees 2016: Next week I will be emailing invoices out for the term one fees. For those families who would like to apply for the Low Income Discount, I need to have a copy on file of a current Centrelink concession card (or similar). So I can apply the discount to your invoice, it would be great if you could do this in the next couple of days.

Lost: Silver bracelet, square in shape. If anyone has found it Alison Clyne would love to see it again!

Garden Market: Garden Market usually happens every second Wednesday (or sometimes on Tuesday) afternoon from 3-3.30pm outside the Kinder Room. Dates for Garden Market are put in the Friday Notice & usually a sign is hung on the blackwood tree near the big wooden gates a few days prior.

Children, parents, grandparents and friends gather to contribute and buy a wonderful selection of fresh garden produce, flowers, preserves, plants, crafts, plus healthy snacks and food. Garden Market is coordinated by parents and we are always looking for extra pairs of hands to help set up, serve and pack up. Families bring along fresh produce from their home gardens, children collect veggies from the school garden, sometimes there is a pot of soup made during 'Choosing' and families also bring along home cooked treats. Please ensure home cooked treats are nut and egg free and a full list of ingredients is supplied. We aim to ensure Garden Market food is healthy and low in sugar.

Children love spending their pocket money at Garden Market and filling their hungry stomachs, adults get to chat (& fill their hungry stomachs!) and the money raised goes towards projects around the school. In past years this has included purchasing extra or special sports equipment, classroom equipment, tools and plants to keep the school garden growing, cooking equipment for the choosing program and more.

Our first Garden Market will be on Wednesday 10 February - please come along.

If you have any queries please contact Gabrielle Balon (Lily's mum) E:gbalon@tassie.net.au

Working Bee: Saturday 13 February 2015 8am- 1pm* *Note: new time

A list of working bee jobs is attached and a hard copy of the list has been placed on the wall of the White (Littlies) Cottage. If you need to refresh your memory on all the Working Bee details, I have attached the Working Bee information which was sent out in an email on Wednesday.

What's On: The Clarence City Band has served the Clarence community for the past 20+ years. The committee of the Band recognises that if we are to continue to provide a valuable service then we must provide opportunities for members of our community to learn to play and read music.

The Development Program comprises three Bands:

- **The Beginner Band** is designed to train both wind and percussion instrumentalists to both read music and to play their selected instrument through participation in the Beginner Band. The Band's Beginner Programme is open to any person of 10 years of age or older as well as to any adult who may wish to learn. No experience is necessary. This band rehearses every Thursday from 5 until 7pm.
- **The Intermediate Band** (Second Level Band) follows on from the Beginner Band and is open to any person who has developed basic skills on a wind or percussion instrument and would like to develop them further. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 5 until 7 pm
- **The Advanced Band** (Third Level Band) provides opportunities for players to further enhance their instrumental skills so that they may be more adequately prepared to become involved in whatever community based music group they may choose. It rehearses every Tuesday from 5 until 7 pm

Making music as part of an ensemble is an enjoyable way of learning to both read music and to play an instrument. The structured materials that we use with all of our development groups leads people gently through the stages of reading music and understanding the special technical features of the instrument.

An information evening specifically related to the Band's 2016 Beginner Band will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday 23rd February at Lindisfarne Citizens' Activity Centre, Lincoln Street, Lindisfarne

Should you would like any further information then please contact the our Musical Director, Tom Goninon on 0418 123 296 or email to musicedirector@clarencityband.com.au

Attachments: *Metro Information, Working Bee Jobs List, First Working Bee information*