



# FRIDAY NOTICE

4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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## What's happening in Term 1:

<b>March</b>	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)
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Biggies Cottage
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Middlies 1/2 TMAG visit
	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
	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Garden Market (NEW DATE!!) (3-pm – 3.30pm)</b>
	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
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Biggies Cottage
	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 our Year 6 students took another step in their acquisition of leadership skills by attending a Student Leadership Conference at the Grand Chancellor. The feedback from students on their return was extremely positive and they were able to articulate some of their thinking about the topics that were discussed. The student leaders will present their new found knowledge at the next Gathering and will further explore their thoughts and understandings at the next student leadership meeting.

While the Year 6 students were at the conference, the Year 5 students participated in a day long focus of cooperation which ranged from theory to practice. By the end of the day they had collectively remodeled the school vegetable garden and created a specific area for the mud garden. Learning is a lifelong experience and it's fair to say that working cooperatively is a quality that is built over time and not in a single day. I know that several classes are keen to get their gardening program up and running as a result of the Year 5's endeavors.

The panel; Tom, Hana, Selendah and Steve has reviewed the Temporary Teacher applications, and the top four applicants have been shortlisted for interview. All applicants have been notified of the panel's decision.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Ride to School Day, and our thanks to Georgie and the staff for making it all possible. At a time when government is looking at the current traffic crisis in Hobart, I think it helps to send a very clear message.

I have managed to acquire copies of the booklet *Talk Soon.Talk Often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex*. It's a very well put together resource that provides information on how to introduce the topic from birth onwards. A number of copies will be available in each class for parents to take and return at leisure, and extra copies are available if the class runs out. It's also available to read on the below web site: [http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/HealthyWA/Original/Sexual-health/TSTO\\_V2.ashx](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/HealthyWA/Original/Sexual-health/TSTO_V2.ashx) or simply search for Talk soon Talk often.

**Please remember that as part of our Anaphylaxis risk management strategy, products containing nuts or eggs should not be brought onto the school site. Both of these products have the potential to be life threatening to one of the students in Middlies 1/2, and may have an effect on other students too.**

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

*Mahli* – for hard work and persistence in PE

*Reily, Ashleigh, Cameron & Georgia* – for listening to their classmates read and supporting and encouraging them

*Nathan* – for constructive and positive contributions during teamwork activities in PE

*Akira, Ella, Amy, Michael & Remi* – for good listening and participation in PE

**Fair/Craft Stall:** Thank you to those who have donated fabrics etc already, I really appreciate your generosity. Always love more if you come across felt, fabric, buttons, elastic etc over the year. Also, this Sunday 6 March at my place (10am-12noon) I will host a social crafting session. I'll have a group project to work on if you're without one. Feel free to bring all ideas too! Kids welcome. Byo fruit or similar to share for morning tea. The next one will be Sunday 3rd April. Mel

**Garden Market:** The Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Garden Market which was cancelled has been rescheduled to TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> (3pm-3.30). Please bring along items like :- lemons, herbs, vegies, flowers and snacks for hungry children. **Remember – no eggs, no nuts, low sugar!**

**Committee Meeting:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Biggies Cottage. All welcome. Please find attached the minutes from the February meeting and the Agenda for the March meeting.

**Ride2School Day:** Check out the Cottage School Facebook Group for videos and pictures of today's ride.

**What's On:**

**Hobart City Mission – The Great Southern Pram Push: *Free entry for Cottage School Students and Staff***

***It's all about building hope and creating futures for Tasmanian girls and women...***

In Tasmania, young Mums who don't have a family that is able to support them need help to look after themselves and their baby.

Without help, they may become homeless or have their child taken away.

The Hobart City Mission saw this need and decided to do something about it.

We created a way to help girls and young women find a happier future for themselves and their child. It's called the Small Steps Program.

Small Steps provides a home, support, education and hope for a brighter future.

Small Steps has 13 housing units for young Mums, with caring people onsite to give them around the clock support.

The units are a safe and secure home for the Mums and their babies

At Small Steps, life skills education classes and learning how to be a Mum helps girls gain practical parenting skills and how to find a way back to the community with self-confidence and future job hunting skills.

**But we need your support to keep Small Steps Program helping young Tasmanian Mums**

**The Great Southern Pram Push** sponsorship event will raise funds to support the work of the Small Steps Program. It's on:

20 March 2016  
10 am to 3 pm  
Cornelian Bay Oval

It'll be a great family fun day.

Register your entry online - seek sponsorship for your entry - bring your wheels!

More info on the website and Facebook

[www.smallsteps.org.au](http://www.smallsteps.org.au)

Or phone Hobart City Mission on 6215 4200

**Attachments:** *Minutes from Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, Agenda for March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.*