



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

May	15 th	Sunday	MANURE DIG
	15 th	Sunday	City2Casino Fun Run
	16 th	Monday	Week 2 for P/1/2 swimming program
	18 th	Wednesday	5/6 Bike Day
	18 th	Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	23 rd	Monday	Week 1 of Year 3-6 swimming program
	25 th	Wednesday	1/2 Environment Day
	28 th	Saturday	Working Bee
	30 th	Monday	Week 2 of Year 3-6 swimming program
	31 st	Tuesday	Kinder Environment Day
	31 st	Tuesday	A Celebration for Hana @ 3pm
	June	1 st	Wednesday
7 th		Tuesday	3/4 leave for camp
8 th		Wednesday	1/2 Environment Day
9 th		Thursday	3/4 return from camp
13 th		Monday	Queens Birthday holiday
15 th		Wednesday	P/1 Environment Day
15 th		Wednesday	Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Biggies Cottage
15 th		Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
22 nd		Wednesday	5/6 Environment Day
24 th		Friday	Music/Poetry concert
24 th		Friday	Alliance française @ Mt Nelson (Grade 6 students)
27 th		Monday	Fire education this week
29 th	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day	
29 th	Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)	
July	1 st	Friday	Mid-Year Reports go home today

Term dates for 2016:

Term 2 – Wednesday 27th 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: As you would no doubt be aware, this week has seen the Year 3 & 5 students participate in the NAPLAN tests for Language, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The test papers have been sent off and results will be sent back to us around September/October. At that time there will be much fanfare as to which state has improved and in particular, what is happening with Tasmania. In the meantime we continue to deliver a balanced curriculum in line with the Cottage School ethos, and in October we will gather whole of school data and measure improvement against ourselves, not other schools. As part of this process, the 2016 School Improvement Plan has been formulated and has been shared with Committee. Evidence of our success against the targets set will be recorded and it is the intention that this information will be shared with the whole of the community at the November Committee meeting as well as the AGM at the start of 2017.

Despite the weather, all of our outdoor activities have gone ahead with great success; Middlies 3/4 Environment Day, P/1 Bike Day, and Year 2 Camp at Mayfield.

So if the kids and teachers can get out amongst it, then there's really no excuse for not being involved in this weekend's manure dig (unless like me you're running in the City2Casino). Those bags of little brown nuggets are an essential ingredient to the school's fundraising efforts, and no matter how many bags are filled, it's never enough.

A reminder that next week sees the P/1/2 students back in the pool again for their second week of swimming.

Food and Nutrition Policy: First of all an apology from me (Steve), as much of the confusion around the Food & Nutrition Policy has been due to my communication or lack thereof. In essence, the feedback from teachers at the retreat in January, indicated that the shared lunch concept simply wasn't working and that it was creating unnecessary conflict, competition and disunity. It's not that the concept of shared lunch isn't a good one; it's just that in reality it wasn't working. As you will see in the revised policy, the morning food break is still very much about communal sharing of each other's food because this is still working well. From now on, lunch time will be sitting together and eating your own healthy and nutritious food. The sharing of food at lunchtime will be at the discretion of each of the classroom teachers and will be based on available time, student feedback and staff timetable. It will happen from time to time, but I would ask that you respect the decisions of the teachers as to how and when this occurs. The policy has been attached for your information and I would urge you to read it.

Fees Policy: The Fees Policy has been updated and passed by Committee. As this policy is now in effect, I would recommend that everyone read it and if there's something that you don't quite understand, then please contact myself (Steve), or Annette for further clarification. The policy is attached to this Friday Notice.

School Calendars: Does anyone have a connection to cheap printing of calendars, for the social committee. Any ideas please contact Caroline Ward.

Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Program: Grade 3 - 6 will be starting their swimming program on **Monday 23rd May** at the **Hobart Aquatic Centre** (please note change of venue) and will run every day (1.00 – 2.00 pm) for two weeks. (Mon 23rd May – Friday 3rd June). During the program students will work on water confidence, stroke development, stroke refinement and water safety, depending on their individual level of skill.

Children will be transported to and from the pool. If you would like to collect your child from the Hobart Aquatic Centre please arrive by 2.15pm & notify a staff member that you are taking your son/daughter.

Could all students bring: Bathers

Towel
Cap & Goggles (optional)
Tiebacks for long hair
Plastic bag for wet gear

Some students may need to bring shorts and a t-shirt during water safety activities in the second week.

Any questions please contact me.

Georgie

City to Casino 2016: Last chance to enter the City to Casino on Sunday.....We already have 13 people running for The Cottage School Team.....come along on Sunday morning, it'll be a great way to start your day.....a 2.7km jog followed by a coffee at Salamanca.

We will meet on the Parliament Lawns at 8.45am. If you haven't collected your race number before Sunday please do this at the start line and then come to the meeting spot.

Details: This has been a wonderful community and family event over the last 10 years for the Cottage School – all ages can join in. Any students wishing to participate need to enter online this year:

www.citytocasino.com.au

I have set up a Cottage School team on the website. Any members of the school community (parents, siblings, relatives etc) can also enter as the Cottage School.

Race details below:

Distance for primary students: 2.7 km

Venue for 2.7 km: Salamanca Place to Wrest Point Casino

Start time: 9.00 am

Cost: \$15/runner

Parents can enter in the same event to run with their child. Cost \$15 (Alternatively you can enter in the 7km or 11km events). Parents are responsible for their children.

Any question please contact Georgie or go online www.citytocasino.com.au.

Hope to see lots of Cottage School Children running this year.

Georgie

Manure Dig Sunday 15th May: Location – 'Blackwood' 860 Tor Hill Rd, Ouse: Please see 2 attachments from Lesley and Andy with updated information and a Manure Dig Risk Assessment Sheet.

Plant Stall Potting Group: Tuesday May 17th Potting Session 1-3pm. Potting session will be in Bev's garden, 62 Binalong Rd, Mornington. Just bring your gloves!

PS: The plant stall is looking for a healthy herb garden which we might be able to take some cuttings from. Any leads would be greatly appreciated. Jane (jainpatel@hotmail.com)



What's On: *Australian Sports Camps Winter Holiday Program 2016*

3 Day Sports Camps for boys and girls ages 6-16

AFL Football and Soccer - (12/13/14th July) at Ogilvie High School

For bookings type asc.camp/bookings into your web browser or call 1300 914 368 or

admin@australiansportscamps.com.au

For more information see the flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage.

Attachments:

- *Food Policy*
- *Updated Fees Policy*
- *Updated Manure Dig information*
- *Manure Dig Risk Assessment*