



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

May	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	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	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	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	16 th	Thursday	NEW DATE! Committee Meeting @ 7pm
	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
	27 th	Monday	3/4 Environment Day
	29 th	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
29 th	Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)	
July	1 st	Friday	Last day of Term 2

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: In what has been the coldest week so far this year, our Year 3/4/5/6 students commenced their swimming program at the Aquatic Centre. For those who have been able to swim this week, I would like to acknowledge how well they have represented the school in a public place, and this has been supported by the positive comments from the instructors. Having established some initial groupings of swimmers, instructors are now focusing on stroke technique correction. This correction is important as it develops correct muscle memory and allows the swimmer to travel further for less effort. Once a student can demonstrate proficiency at their current level, there is a likelihood that they can progress to another group. Unfortunately the timing of the swimming program and sick children and teachers couldn't have been worse. There's obviously a pretty nasty virus going around and parents have done the right thing by keeping their children at home until the virus is over.

Members of the Committee met on Wednesday night to complete the 2016 Strategic Plan. This document will be presented at the next full Committee meeting.

Today concludes the practicum experience of Emma Wassen in Tom's class. We value greatly the opportunity to provide the experience of an alternative to mainstream education, and in return, value the current knowledge and understanding that students bring to the teaching profession. Thanks Emma.

Our Working Bee on Saturday will once again provide us with an opportunity to refresh and replace some of the ageing or broken infrastructure. I'm also excited to announce that the synthetic surface on the Green

Space is to be replaced later in the year. The finance to do this will be as a direct result of the fundraising achieved at this year's fair, and as such will provide us all with the extra impetus to make it yet another successful fundraiser.

The Mid-Year reports were originally planned to be given out on the last Friday of this term. However, we have given some careful consideration to the timing of this and have taken into account the following points: at the beginning of the year there is always a settling in period; due to the Easter break falling within the Term 1 period and in conjunction with the other public holidays, there was a reduced time for student and teacher contact. To deliver a report at the end of this term requires a process that begins within the next couple of weeks and before units of work and associated assessment has been completed. So in order to provide a report that is truly reflective of the achievements that individual students have attained, we have postponed the delivery of the Mid-Year report until the first Friday of Term 3 (22nd July). Parent/Teacher meetings will be conducted in Weeks 2 & 3 and booking sheets will be available in each class in the first week. By taking this decision, we feel that reports will be more accurate without undue detriment to students and parents.

Change of date for Committee Meeting: The next committee meeting has changed from Wednesday to Thursday 16th June?

Anyone with an agenda item should email Selendah at secretary@cottageschool.tas.edu.au for an agenda item template to fill in. The cut off date for agenda items is close of business on Thursday 9th June. The agenda will be circulated to the school community on Friday 10th June.

2016 Manure Marathon: Well, if you thought conditions were tough on the streets of Hobart for the City to Casino run, it was a very heavy track at Ouse for the running of the 2016, 10 hour Manure Marathon. Despite some late scratchings, nearly half of the current school bloodlines were in the starting gates. The field was a welcome blend of well-known and fresh bloodlines, with the Maning genetics a stand out, with three generations present. In all 26 fillies and colts and a good number of frisky foals at foot made a steady advance.

A new dust mask range accentuated 'Fashion under the shed' and despite the limited colour selection, overall positive feedback was received! Despite the variable conditions under foot and tyre and intermittent visibility due to wind, rain and dust, the hurdles (mounds of sheep manure) remained extensively dry. 1300 bags of correct weight manure was bagged, ringed, loaded and cautiously transported back to Acton Park in time for a twilight finish and celebration.

So to conclude, the race stewards would sincerely like to thank all of the runners for their hard racing and sportsmanship, in particular those from the Neyland (Mark) and Ward (Nathan) stables for their assistance on Saturday in setting up the course. We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Russell Fowler for allowing us to use his facilities.

If you noticed any issues trackside that could be improved for the 2017 race we would really appreciate any feedback and/or suggestions. Please email or call either Andrew or Lesley.

Thanks again, Lesley and Andrew.

Garden Market: With the cooler weather the supply of garden produce has slowed a little but it was replaced last market but plenty of delicious home cooked & healthy muffins, slice, biscuits, still warm scrolls and of course the ever popular (even in winter!) icecreams! Thank you very much to all the contributors and especially for cooking that caters to different dietary needs (dairy free, gluten free etc).

With eggs no longer being an allergy risk (which is wonderful news for Lachlan & family) we can now include these in garden market eg eggs for sale and/or eggs in cooked foods. Please note that the **no nuts** policy still applies. Also please list **all** ingredients in any cooked food and especially make it clear if the food contains any dairy products.

We always welcome contributions and are open to ideas. They don't have to be sweet treats, soup, papadams, bread/rolls, pasta or rice dishes have all been hungrily devoured at past markets. We have a supply of reusable plastic mugs & spoons for serving.

We are always looking for helpers with Garden Market and at the moment another person or two who could help serve would be wonderful. There will also be a need for some one or some people to lead Garden Market into 2017 and beyond as I (Gabrielle) will be handing over the reins (and apple peeler/cashbox/tablecloth!). I am very happy to chat to anyone about what is involved (it's not onerous & it's a lovely school tradition) so catch me at school or on email gbalon@tassie.net.au

See you all next **Wednesday 1 June** and let's celebrate the start of winter in style!

Thanks from the Garden Marketeers

Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Program: Grade 3 - 6 will be continuing their swimming program on **Monday 30th 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. Children may need extra fruit/sandwich to have after swimming.

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.

What's On:

Attachments: