



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

May	9 th	Monday	NAPLAN week Years 3 & 5
	11 th	Wednesday	Year 2 leave for camp
	11 th	Wednesday	P/1 Bike Day
	11 th	Wednesday	Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Biggies Cottage
	13 th	Friday	Year 2 return from camp
	15 th	Sunday	MANURE DIG
	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: Our Health/PE curriculum has certainly been kicking goals this week with the Growing Up Program, P/1/2 Learn to Swim, learning to do the Twist at Jump Start, upper body strength development in daily PE, and the Kinder bike day. I know, it's exhausting just reading about it!

Welcome to Emma Wasson who has started her practicum in Tom's class and whom I'm sure will not only learn a lot but will also contribute greatly to the Middlies program.

With the advent of colder weather we are seeing quite a few discarded jackets at break times after the children have warmed up. In an effort to get these garments back to their rightful owners, clear labelling with names would be greatly appreciated.

Littlies/Middlies1 Bike Day 11th May 2016: Our first Bike Day for the year is fast approaching. As we have a range of bike skills across Prep to Grade 1, Lee and Michelle will take separate groups of children according to their needs. All children will begin at school and ride down to Bellerive Park. We will then ride along the foreshore towards Howrah, stopping along the way depending on needs. Those still using trainer wheels or consolidating skills will be supported along the first section whilst the others ride on to the end of the track at Howrah and then back around the Bluff.

Bike Days are a fantastic opportunity for children to enjoy being outdoors with their peers and to be extended and challenged physically, socially and emotionally. The children learn road safety and develop group-riding skills while building resilience, perseverance and self-belief. Intermediate riders will cycle from school along the foreshore bike track around the bluff where they can undertake a longer, more challenging ride. We are very excited about Hana's Grade 1 children joining us on the day whilst the Grade Twos are away on camp.

It would be helpful if the parents of Prep students could email Michelle with a brief run down of their child's bike skills including an indication of training wheels, balance and ability to brake. Please check your child's bike, helmet, drink bottle and backpack before the day. As the children will need to take their lunch, fruit and all weather clothes could you please make sure that they have a backpack that is comfortable for riding.

Emma Wasson/Prac Student with Tom's class: Hi, I'm very grateful to placement at the Cottage School as I work toward completing my Graduate Diploma in Primary Education by the end of this year. I have worked in the sustainability sector for the past 10 years and am now making a career transition into the teaching profession to continue a similar mission, but in a different way. I have studied part-time over the last three years while working nearly full time for the Wilderness Society first in Sydney and then in Tasmania.

My passion for nature and sustainability stems from growing up in country NSW and having nature experiences as a child such as imagining up adventures in pine forests like that in Winnie the Pooh, catching yabbies in the dam and riding horses each afternoon. I believe early nature experiences are important in shaping and deepening philosophical understanding of our relationship with nature and society.

I am an art lover and am interested in finding creative ways to teach art and through art in integrated ways across the curriculum. This is an area I'd love to explore further. My interest in art, nature and education extends from being a life long learner, and perhaps also from coming from a family of teachers.

Alongside my teaching studies, I am currently learning more about photography using my new 5D Cannon, and a program called Light Room to enhance photos and building a profile as a photographer. I am also a trained yoga teacher and am preparing to teach yoga alongside my studies and build my yoga business. I hope to bring teaching yoga and meditation also into my future classrooms. Emma

City to Casino 2016: The City to Casino Fun Run is on **SUNDAY 15 May**. 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

Committee Meeting: Please find attached the agenda for the next committee meeting which is on this coming Wednesday May 11th at 7pm in Biggies kitchen. All are welcome to attend.

NB: As the committee members will be taking part in an induction session from 7pm – 7.30pm, it is requested that any guests arrive at (or shortly after) 7.30pm.

Thanks

Manure Dig Sunday 15th May: Location – 'Blackwood' 860 Tor Hill Rd, Ouse: Please see the attachment from Lesley and Andy which gives a very detailed description about what is happening on the day.

It's Time to Celebrate: Please join us after school at 3PM on Tuesday, the 31st of May to celebrate Hana as she gets ready for a new life adventure. There will be an afternoon tea provided with yummy food, tea and coffee and we hope you can all join us to say thank you and congratulations to Hana!

Family Jobs: Thank you to all of you that continue to complete and sign off your family job weekly it really is appreciated. The new sign off sheets are now in the Cottages for this term. If you are unsure where your sign off sheet is for your family job could you please send me an email or catch me at school and I can show you.
Alison Clyne

Plant Stall Potting Group: Tuesday May 10th 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)

Working Bee: Please make sure you have the next working bee in your diaries. This term it will be held on Saturday 28 May 8am-1pm. All families are expected to have one person attend for 4 hours, or two people for 2 hours each. If you are unable to attend we also accept grandparents/friends in lieu of your attendance! So long as your family completes 4 hours work to keep our school in good repair. This term we have a few bigger jobs that we really hope small teams of workers will join together to complete on the day - some sleeper replacement around the green space, relaying pavers, digging up and relaying lawn, repairing and repainting the green play equipment and installing a watering system around the vegie beds. As many of these jobs will require pre-purchase of sleepers, dirt, grass seed, etc, please chat with Mel or Gabrielle anytime soon if you think you'll undertake these jobs and you can measure up and prepare your things well in advance. We look forward to some big achievements on the day. PLEASE contact Mel or Gabrielle BEFORE the day if you have a pressing work or family commitment that means you will need a catch up job.

We are so grateful to all the families who made such an effort to attend the last working bee or contact us beforehand to let us know they were unable to attend and needed catch up jobs. Also thank you to those families who were allocated catch up jobs and completed them within the set time period. It makes our job easier and hopefully the whole process more enjoyable for everyone.

What's On:

Attachments:

- *Book List*
- *FBT Books Order Form*
- *Information about the Manure Dig*
- *Agenda for Committee Meeting 11th May*