



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in Term 1:

February	14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Working Bee 9am – 2pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Parent forums (3.15pm) - Tom and Steph
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Hana's 1/2/3 Environment Day
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Kath's parent forum (3.15pm).
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder & P/1 Environment Day
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Market Garden
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Clean Up Australia Schools Day
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Strategic Planning meeting
March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	3/4/5/6 camp at Wyatinah
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Public holiday
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Market Garden
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	P/1 Environment day
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Ride to School Day
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1/2 Environment Day
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	3/4 Bike Day
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Growing Up program starts
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Kinder Bike day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Market Garden	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	End of term concert	
April	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	P/1/2 Bike Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	5/6 Bike Day
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Last Day Term One

**From Steve:** Well what a great start to the school year it's been and I'd like to share with you some of the highlights so far. At last week's Gathering, I was given a lovely introduction by Grace and Lily A by way of an interview, which allowed me the opportunity to share some personal information about myself with the students (due to lack of research, I cannot as yet confirm that I have a lineage to Robin Hood). The interview was followed by a "Golden Handshake" which made me feel rather special while at the same time gave me a real feeling of being welcomed into the school community.

On Wednesday I joined Tom, Kath, Simon and the students on their Environment Day at Longley. This gave me a first-hand opportunity to have a lived experience of Environment Day, as well as developing relationships with the students and adding to my slowly developing bank of known names (a work in progress). The day certainly lived up to expectations and the water was beautiful!

Teachers and I are now meeting on a regular basis once a week to discuss the needs of students in their respective classes. By providing these opportunities for professional discussions, we are working collaboratively to provide opportunities for the personal needs of individual and groups of students to achieve established goals and outcomes.

I look forward to meeting more of you on Saturday at the working bee and to experience another of the important cultural aspects of the Cottage School.

**AGM and Thanks:** Thanks to all who attended last night's AGM, and to all the various people who have put their hand up for various committees. It is great to have such good numbers on so many committees. As I mentioned at the meeting we will provide some time for people to have a look at the financial reports of the school and to pose questions to the committee. We'll send them out with the minutes from the meeting next week.

I neglected to acknowledge the contribution of a few people last night, particularly outgoing committee members. Most on the committee have decided to stay on from last year, but I want to thank Xiaoxin for her

contribution last year, and in particular Tim Short who has contributed for several years and in various capacities including vice-president and staff liaison person. Thanks Tim, we really appreciate your calm, methodical support, suggestions, and contributions to all that we have been doing.

Thanks - Jonathan Bedloe (President)

**Working Bee:** Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Working Bee tomorrow. Please remember to:

- bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea
- name any tools that you bring so they go home with you

**Working Bee dates for 2015:** Just to help with forward planning in our busy lives we have 'booked in' the following dates well in advance so you can book them in too! So, get those diaries/planners out now.....

The remaining two working bees for the year will be held on:

- Saturday 13 June
- Saturday 17 October

**Baby sitting request - chest freezer:** Does anyone have space to babysit a chest freezer please? The freezer is used to store donations of fruit and other items for making jams etc for the school fair. Currently it is jammed into the cleaner's cupboard which makes it very awkward to get at (& so it isn't very useful & it is taking up much needed space). At the working bee tomorrow we will have muscles and a trailer to move it to a new home so if you do have space in a garage can you please let me know asap? Thanks, Gabrielle

**Garden Market:** Wow, what a bumper market we had on Wednesday! Beautiful garden produce - fresh dug potatoes from the school garden (thanks Littlies!) lots of zucchinis, plums, apples and more! And a wonderful array of delicious and healthy treats from home kitchens... date balls, raw food 'hearts', popcorn, yummy muffins and of course the much loved yoghurt and fruit ice creams (thanks Cathy). We will hold markets every fortnight on a Wednesday this term. In Term 2 we will throw a few Tuesday's into the mix for people that can't make Wednesdays.

The Garden Market is a wonderful chance to gather as a community and enjoy yummy healthy food and buy great fresh produce. The children love the chance to choose and buy a treat or something to take home to cook for dinner and the profits raised get put back into school to buy 'extra' equipment for the classroom or playground, plants for the school garden etc. It is a winner on so many fronts! But all of this doesn't just magically happen - Garden Market does need **your** support to keep it thriving. You can help it thrive by:

- contribute some fruit or veggies or flowers from your or a relative's garden
- help with set up/pack up/serving
- bring a plate of healthy (egg and nut free, low sugar) food
- take turns helping with a 'regular' job eg making icecreams, popcorn etc

This doesn't have to be every week (tho that would be lovely!) but if each family made some kind of contribution to Garden Market twice a year (not a big ask) it would really spread the load.

If you want to chat about how you can help out, recipe ideas, other questions please catch Gabrielle at school.

Thanks from the Garden Marketeers

**Middlies 3/4:** We are currently looking at the works of an artist Amedeo Modigliani, we have started on some self portraits using his style. On Monday afternoon in our art session the children will need a photo of a family member, a parent preferably, a face shot as large as possible to base their next Modigliani piece. Tom

**Welcome:** A warm welcome to Cottage School to Leo and Reily's cousin, Tong Tong Wang. She is visiting from China and will be spending three weeks in Hana's class. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

**Jump Start:** It was great to see so many participants at Jump Start yesterday. A reminder that Jump Start will be held on the Green Space every Thursday morning at 8.45am and EVERYONE is welcome!

**Family Jobs:** Just a reminder to keep doing your family job from last year until the new job list is organised please. Thanks

**Family Contact List:** Please find the list attached. If any of your details are incorrect can you please let me know. Thanks, Annette

**Term Dates 2015:** The term dates for this year are as follows:-

Term 1 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Term 2 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Term 3 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – TBA

**What's On:** Introducing the: HOBART CHILDREN'S CHOIR – starting soon!

For children from ages 6 years to 16 years.

Location: Bellerive Uniting Church, corner of Cambridge Road and York Street, Bellerive.

Time: Wednesdays 4.15 pm to 5.45 pm during school terms

This is an exciting opportunity for children to join a new choir. No auditions required, just a desire to sing and perform with others. Bookings essential.

For enquiries and bookings phone 0419 312 041 or email: [sally\\_vance@hotmail.com](mailto:sally_vance@hotmail.com)

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**Attachments: Family Contact List**