



# FRIDAY NOTICE

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## What's happening in Term 2:

<b>May</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	MANURE DIG
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	City to Casino Fun Run
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Start second week swimming programme Prep/1/2
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Biggies 5/6 excursion to TMAG
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	National Walk Safely to School Day
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Cottage School Amazing Race Adventure
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Kinder Environment Day
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
	<b>June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday
4 <sup>th</sup>		Thursday	Biggies 5/6 Environment Day
8 <sup>th</sup>		Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup>		Tuesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>		Wednesday	Kinder Environment Day
10 <sup>th</sup>		Wednesday	Littlies P/1 Environment Day
10 <sup>th</sup>		Wednesday	Committee meeting 7:00pm
13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Working Bee 9am – 2pm</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>		Monday	Start of Biggies 5/6 camp at Murrayfield
18 <sup>th</sup>		Thursday	Last day of 5/6 camp
19 <sup>th</sup>		Friday	No school Grade 5/6 campers
19 <sup>th</sup>		Friday	Middlies 1/2/3 excursion to Sustainability Centre
24 <sup>th</sup>		Wednesday	Middlies 1/2/3 Environment Day
24 <sup>th</sup>		Wednesday	Middlies 3/4 Drama production
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Garden Market 3pm – 3.30pm	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Year 6 to Alliance Francais @ Hobart College	
<b>July</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Circus concert
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Last day of Term 2

**From Steve:** Congratulations to all Year 3 & 5 students who have completed NAPLAN this week. Having tried their best on the day is all that anyone could ask for, and now we wait until about September/October to get some results. The future of NAPLAN is for it to become an online tool, starting in 2017 and becoming fully implemented by 2019. The features of the test will be much more aligned to the student's capabilities, providing automatically generated easier or more difficult questions based on answers provided. As an online tool, the results and feedback to students and teachers will be much quicker. It will be of interest to see whether the Federal Government provides support to schools for the purchase of adequate ICT capabilities in order to meet NAPLAN requirements.

Last Saturday, all staff at the school gave up the day in order to renew and refresh their first aid skills and knowledge. It was a very full and demanding day, but as a result we feel extremely well equipped as a team to deal with any of the first aid scenarios that may present themselves at school or off campus activities. Every school should seek to make relevant improvements to the way that they operate and the outcomes that they aspire to. Cottage School is certainly doing this, and through a collaborative process, a School Improvement Plan has been drawn up for the remainder of this year. The School Improvement Plan will assist us in maintaining a focus on certain outcomes that we want to achieve by the end of the year, which in turn will inform our School Improvement Plan for 2016 to be developed towards the end of this year. For your information, a hard copy of the plan is now available on the foyer desk next to Annette's office.

We are looking for assistance with the School Magazine in the form of a professional graphic designer. Is there anyone out there with these skills? This year will see a special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition and the task needs some help.

Finally be sure to check the attachments which come out with today's notice -

- a. School Futures Project Newsletter and
- b. Monthly School Report

**A brief note from the Committee President:**

- Steve has worked with the staff to develop a comprehensive School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Planning process is something that is required/encouraged in school across Tasmania/Australia. Considerable amount of work has gone into this document, so thanks to everyone who has contributed. It provides a comprehensive operational plan for overall school improvement, but particularly in relation to student outcomes. We are not able to distribute this document, but feel that parents should be given access to it. A copy will therefore be made available at reception. We ask that the document stays on site as it is important for the school to retain this intellectual property, but I would encourage you to have a look at the document. It will give you a further increased understanding of how the school is working to improve those student educational outcomes.
- Thanks also to Steve and Elly who are putting in considerable effort to the Futures Project. Attendance at the morning meetings has been good, while the number have been light on at the evening sessions. This may be due to the rather inclement weather that has been around on those particular nights. I want to encourage as many people as possible to come to either meetings. This is an important opportunity to participate significantly in the future direction of the school. Nothing is set in stone, everything is up for discussion, so come and share your ideas. It's pretty informal and time is limited to ensure that the conversation remains lively and useful. Thanks also to everyone who has contributed to the surveys so far. These have been developed out of the discussions earlier in the week. We are developing the questions from the content you contribute, so the information we are gathering really is reflective of the community, or at least those who participate. Thanks for all that you can contribute to this project.
- We are also looking for graphic designer for our special 40th Anniversary Newsletter. This will pick up on our normally bi-annual newsletter, with lots of content from the children. We require a professional level designer and are exploring commercial assistance, but if there are people in the community who can take this on or who has friend or relative who can do it for a good rate, we would love to hear from them. Please get in touch with Jonathan or Steve.

**Final Reminder Sheep Manure Dig Tomorrow:** Please refer to last week's newsletter if you need a reminder about what to bring etc.

**Time: 0900** - we hope to leave Apsley early to mid afternoon, transporting manure to Acton Park for storage. Thank you to everyone who has contacted us, we look forward to hearing from others...don't be shy. No dogs please.

**Directions – Apsley Park, 610 Highland Lakes Road, Apsley**

- Apsley 61 km and 50 minutes north of Hobart
- Travel north from Hobart along Midland Highway
- At Melton Mowbray (about 55Km north of Hobart) turn left off highway onto the Highland Lakes Road (A5)
- The farm Apsley Park is on the right hand side of the road, 5.5 km from the Melton Mowbray turn off. We will put some balloons on the gate.

Contacts: Andrew Wells – [andy@contractresources.com](mailto:andy@contractresources.com)

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**Tom's 3/4 Middlies & Hana's Grade 3s:** will be doing some work in Music using Recorder till the end of term. If children have one could they please bring it along with their folder from last year (if in Grade 4) or some kind of folder to keep music in. If students do not have their own recorder I am able to sell them with a cleaner for \$14.00. There are school recorders available but it is preferable for students to have their own and practise at home. (Very little progress will occur without short regular practise sessions!) Shona

**Family Jobs:** Hi all, I had a quick glance at the sign off sheets this week and I am presuming that families may not be aware where the sign off sheets for their jobs are actually kept. They will normally be in the **classroom that your child attends** unless it is to do with any categories below as these will be located just inside the door in Steve's office: **General gardening which includes WEEDING, COMPOST, RECYCLING BINS, SWEEPING RIGHT OF WAY, HAZARD SPOTTING, RAKING WOODCHIPS** or anything to do with the **LIBRARY**. Please, if you cannot find your sign off sheet contact me and I shall let you know. If you need me Monday morning may be a good time as I will be lurking around the sign off sheets so grab me. It is important that we keep on top of our family jobs as they do contribute to hygiene and hazard care for our children.

Thanks, Alison Clyne

### **Amazing Race/Adventure (Sunday 24/5) update:**

Entries are coming in fast, but we want to see a lot more, so please register now with Rachel or Elisia. Some team names so far: Pender Fender-Bender; Get Staffed; 8 Legs/4 wheels and Team Racing Rago! We need entries confirmed by Wed coming, as we are doing up activity packs for all of the children, as well as clue packs etc and want to be economical with our time and resources. Parents with littlies, will need to bring some colouring implements on the day.

Morning tea is being provided by the Social Club, funded by Market Garden and will be a piece of fruit and cake. Drinks of your choice will need to be brought with you. At the stage (mystery location) just before the morning tea stop, there is the opportunity to buy a coffee, should you be hanging out for one. If anyone has missed the details on this event, please re-read last week's Friday notice.

Please get behind this event! After all, it's the people that make a great event.

See you all there, Elisia & Rachael

**City to Casino** – It's on this SUNDAY at 9.00am.....If you would still like to join the Cottage School runners you have until TODAY (Friday) at 6.00 pm to register. If you have already signed up, you can collect your Race Packs containing the race bib from The Running Edge. Uncollected race packs may be collected at the start line from 8AM. MEETING PLACE on Sunday morning: Parliament Lawns – 8.45 am  
Have a good breakfast and plenty of water. Be careful at the start, there will be lots of runners. Pace yourself and have fun. Unfortunately I can't be there this year – good luck. Georgie

#### Details:

Enter online: [www.citytocasino.com.au](http://www.citytocasino.com.au)

The *password* is: cottageschool

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

### **What's On:**

Tasmanian Sports Camps Winter 2015 Program: Winter Football and Soccer Camps at Ogilvie High School, 228 New Town Road, New Town. Wed 15, Thurs 16 and Friday 17 July.

Our football and soccer camp programs are overseen by experienced coaching panels following a structured skill development program in a fun and safe environment. The three day innovative programs cover all aspects of footy and soccer. Participant groups are assigned a coach who provides written feedback after taking them through the program which includes video analysis work with technical feedback and fitness/skills testing.

Early Booking Discount: We are currently offering a 30% early booking discount which is available to all participants who book by Friday 29 May 2015. After 29 May, siblings always receive a 20% discount and other discounts are available for groups of between 10% - 30% depending on the size of the group. Further information can be found on our website <http://www.tas-sport.com.au/> or by contacting the office. There is also a flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage.

Survey about parents' vaccination choices: We are conducting a study investigating the factors involved in parents' decisions about vaccinating their children. We are inviting all parents with a child 5 years or under to take part in our study by completing an anonymous online survey.

**Who is conducting the study?** This study is being conducted by Georgina Mattock at the University of Queensland as part of the requirements of the Bachelor of Psychological Science, under the supervision of Dr Cassy Dittman.

**What is the purpose of the study?** Childhood vaccinations are an increasingly controversial topic. Parents are bombarded with information from all sides about the risks and benefits of vaccinations leaving many parents confused and concerned about vaccinating their child. We want to know what concerns parents have about vaccinations and what factors led to deciding whether or not to vaccinate. We are also interested in finding out what sources of information parents consulted and trusted when they made their decision.

More information on the study can be found here: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/vax/>

**Who is being asked to complete the survey?** Parents from the community with a child aged 5 years or under.

**Attachments:** School Report, School Futures Project