



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

May	2 nd	Monday	Week 1 for P/1/2 swimming program
	3 rd	Tuesday	Growing Up Program parent info 8:30-9:00am
	3 rd	Tuesday	Growing Up Program starts for students
	4 th	Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	5 th	Thursday	Kinder Bike Day
	11 th	Wednesday	Year 2 leave for camp
	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	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	23 rd	Monday	Week 1 of Year 3-6 swimming program
	28 th	Saturday	Working Bee
30 th	Monday	Week 2 of Year 3-6 swimming program	
June	1 st	Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	15 th	Wednesday	Committee Meeting @ 7pm in the Biggies Cottage
	15 th	Wednesday	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)
	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	Garden Market (3.00-3.30pm)	

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: Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. Gird your loins because the amount of things that we've got going on this term will make your head spin!

First of all can I express on behalf of the staff our appreciation for allowing us to have Tuesday as a Professional Learning Day. The first half of the day was spent with our colleagues at UTAS who continue to develop our knowledge and skills in the area of Human Design Thinking. Apparently as a group we're pretty good at completing the activities, and at the end of the session the talk was about the next time we meet being targeted at a real life scenario at the school to which we could put our skills into practice. In the afternoon, as well as organising the term calendar, we met with an occupational therapist to learn more about fine motor skills in relation to handwriting. This was a very informative session which added significantly to the existing body of knowledge within the group.

We have introduced a new value, **CURIOSITY**

- Curiosity is being inquisitive and wondering
- Curiosity is poking around and figuring things out
- Curiosity is exploring with your mind and with actions

Yesterday our Prep/1's took themselves to town to visit the Gyuto Monks where they all made a 'tree of life'. Teachers were extremely proud of the way that the students conducted themselves and the visit prompted many excellent enquiry questions about a different culture and religion.

Yesterday also saw a visit by staff from the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment UTAS. This was part of an ongoing dialogue that was established last year, where we were able to showcase the benefits of having a quality Primary Education that would be a foundation for future student attainment and

engagement. We hope that this will not be the last opportunity to engage with a group that is examining best practice in education.

For all the P/1/2 students and parents, don't forget to look out your swimming gear for next week.

Kinder Bike Day: The Kinders will leave school at 10:00 on Thursday and walk their bikes down to the Bellerive Beach bike track. Children need to be prepared as for Environment Day.

- Drink flask with water
- Sun cream (applied)
- Lunch and fruit
- Helmet (correctly fitted)
- Bike in good working order (Can you please check that your child's bike is in good condition - brakes, height, tyres etc.)

Prep - 2 Swimming Program: The P – 2's will be starting their swimming program next week. The program will run for two weeks, with a week in between. During the program students will work on water safety skills, stroke refinement, stroke development and water confidence, depending on their individual level of skill.

Details are as follows: Venue: Oceana

Dates: Week 1: Mon 2nd – Fri 6th May (1.30 – 2.30 pm); Week 2: Mon 16th – 20th May (1.30 – 2.30pm)

Children will need to bring:

- Bathers
- Towel
- **Swimming cap** (*pool requirement*)
- Goggles (optional)
- Plastic bag for wet gear
- Slip on shoes - if possible

During the swimming program we encourage the children to be responsible for their belongings and to dress themselves. To make this as easy as possible could you please encourage your child to wear clothes that can stretch or are loose fitting and slip on shoes. Please pack an extra sandwich/piece of fruit as the children are often hungry after swimming. The children will be transported to and from the pool.

Any questions please contact Georgie.

Music: Welcome back Cottage students! This is just a reminder to Tom's class that Recorder is on each Friday. Please bring your named recorder and folder EACH week. Remember I don't give out music unless there is a folder to pop it into! (If you don't have one look around for an old one you can recycle, or make one out of cardboard....even a cereal box cut up and stapled will do!) Shona

CONCOURS ALLIANCE FRANCAISE: This annual event invites primary school students to submit a poster in French. If you wish to participate, please give your entry to Kate by **vendredi 17 juin** (Friday, 17 June). Last year Arki gained an honorable mention for his original and striking poster.

- **the writing on the poster MUST BE IN FRENCH**
- **the work on the poster MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE STUDENT**
- **posters must be on A3 size paper or card**
- Kate will give you a ticket to put on the back of your poster with your name, teacher and school, PLEASE do not put any of those names on the front of the poster or it will be automatically disqualified.
- We suggest the use of simple ideas (words, phrases) and illustrations, especially for the younger students.
- Any medium may be used: pastels, crayons, collages, photos, water colours etc...
- ORIGINALITY & CREATIVITY are the main criteria in the judging process. The visual appeal is important.
- Kate and other folk, can **help** with ideas and French words, but may not put anything on the poster itself

FRENCH POSTER: The categories and themes are:

Grades 1 – 2: Pays qui participant dans les Jeux olympiques et leurs drapeaux (countries that participate in the Olympic games and their flags)

Grades 3 – 4: Mon sport olympique favori (my favourite Olympic sport)

Grades 5 – 6: Olympiens(-iennes) français(es) et leurs sports/exploits (French Olympians, their sports and achievements)

NOTEZ BIEN We will also be sending a group of grade 6 students (so keen) for the poetry recital at Mt Nelson on June 24th and will probably need assistance with transport. The poem this year is called "Trois Petits Moustiques".

BIGGIES POETRY: In first term the Biggies explored poetry by Hobart-born poet Cameron Semmens. Cameron is a performance poet and his poems are often humorous, contain clever plays on words, and reveal many things about the poet himself. In response to one of the poems called, "I want to be an activist, but..." we gained this gem written by Leo:

I want to be a pencil, but I'm not sharp enough. I want to be a pencil but I don't like being stationary. I want to be a pencil but I don't want to be wooden. I want to be a pencil but I don't want to be mass-produced. I want to be a pencil but I don't want to be used up. I want to be a pencil but I don't want to be rubbed out.
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You might like to look at Cameron's website to read some of his work and find out about his activities, including his wonderful performance at the Melbourne Poetry Slam : <http://www.webcameron.com/>

Biggies/Bob-a-Job: - The Biggies are coordinating a fund-raising opportunity to be held next Thursday 5th May at Gathering. A former student of the Cottage School, Rhiannon Hunt, has been living in Kenya and working as a volunteer at the Future Hope and Baby Centre in Kenya, Africa, since 2010. The Centre's donated van which will facilitate excursions and transport to and from school is in need of repairs. We would like to support Rhiannon in this important work, and will therefore be holding a gold-coin trail at Thursday's gathering. Children are asked to bring along money that they have earned through the old-fashioned 'bob-a-job' method. This will be more meaningful to the children rather than giving money that they have simply received from their parents. Bob-a-job sheets will come home today and/or tomorrow in time for a hard-working weekend! Please encourage your children with a realistic payment for effort ratio! There are also extra bob-a-job sheets attached.

Committee Meeting: The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday May 11th at 7pm in Biggies kitchen. All are welcome to attend. Any agenda items need to be sent to Selendah by email at (secretary@cottageschool.tas.edu.au) by Thursday May 5th 5pm at the latest. A complete agenda will be compiled and emailed to the committee and the school community on Friday May 6th. Please contact Selendah by email for an agenda item template to be used for any agenda items.

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.

Manure Dig: Pop Sunday 15th May into your diary for the Manure Dig – more details to follow.

Fair/Craft Stall: Craft morning this Sunday 10am-12 noon, Mel's place - love to see you there!

Plant Stall Potting Group: Tuesday May 10th Potting Session 1-3pm. Potting session will be in Bev's garden. Just bring your gloves! Jane (jainpatel@hotmail.com)

What's On:

Attachments: *Bob-a-Job forms*