



FRIDAY NOTICE

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What's happening in Term 2:

June	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: I'd just like to add my thanks to those that participated in the Term 2 Working Bee last Saturday. Last year we commissioned Fairbrothers to conduct a maintenance report for the whole school and many of the jobs that appear on the working bee list are from that report. As well as listing the maintenance required, the report provided an indication of cost for a professional to rectify. As you can imagine, the difference between paying a professional and us buying materials and getting the job done by parents is significant. This obviously has a beneficial impact on the budget bottom line, which in turn affects future considerations for fees. So well done everyone, great job.

Our year 3/4/5/6 swimmers wrap up their second week of the swimming program today and the progress that has been made in swim stroke technique, water safety knowledge and personal development has been very rewarding. Great to see parents there supporting their children. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked through breaks and given extra hours to ensure a smooth and safe swimming program.

Of course our celebratory afternoon tea for Hana was quite wonderful. Blue sky, a winter sun, tables of yummy food and drink, and a large gathering of people wanting to share in giving Hana their love and best wishes as she starts her maternity leave. The village now has to wait patiently for the arrival of our new child!

Our Monday cooked lunch is an integral part of Cottage School and how we support the Healthy Food Policy. As part of the enrolment agreement, it is something that every parent has agreed to support. The meals prepared on Mondays consist predominately of foods which are widely consumed by students on a regular basis, with an addition of some foods to challenge the taste buds and widen student's knowledge of recipe ingredients. There is an expectation then that everyone will participate in cooked lunch and try the food provided, even if at first it is a small quantity. Extra serves are always available for those who like what they've tried.

Teachers would also request your support with those students who bring foods for a hot lunch during the week. Could these foods please be brought in a wide necked thermos, or similar container. For WHS reasons, students are not permitted to use the microwave and teachers who are supervising their class are not available for the ever-increasing necessity to heat up meals. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Working Bee Wrap up: Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday. We had a very productive (lots of digging and lifting!) and social day and we ticked heaps of things off the list - look out for new grass sprouting (soon!) near the green box area, new sleepers edging the green space, clean windows and kitchens, lots of timely repairs and other examples of TLC for our school.

A few loose ends:

Catch up jobs: We will be in touch with people who requested catch up jobs next week to make arrangements for completing these. All catch up jobs need to be completed by Friday 1 July (the last day of Term 2).

Please note that families who do not contact us in advance, do not complete their 4 hour commitment at the WB or as a catch up job or do not contact us in the week after the Working Bee (or make other arrangements with the Working Bee Coordinators) will receive an invoice for \$120 to cover the costs of a professional in lieu of your participation. Working Bees are not optional events and it is **your** responsibility to either attend or contact the Working Bee coordinators (preferably in advance) to organise a catch up job or make alternative arrangements if for personal reasons you were unable to attend.

Tools: If you left any tools behind after the Working Bee they are in the green gated area beside the Littlies cottage.

Receipts: If you have any receipts that you need to claim reimbursements for (eg materials purchased for the WB, tip fees etc) please give these to Gabrielle or Mel by Friday 10 June. Please write your name on the receipt so we know who to give the \$\$ to.

Thanks from WB coordinators

Mel (P:0408 534 962 E: melissa468@gmail.com or in kinder room)

Gabrielle (P:6278 8519 E: gbalon@tassie.net.au)

A Special Thanks: I wanted to pass on my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the love and support you have shown me. I am feeling truly humbled. I am so excited that in the near future I will be able to introduce this baby to you all. I am so lucky that I was born into the Cottage School community and I feel that it is extra special that our baby will have that same experience.

A massive thank you to Jeni for organising Tuesday's afternoon tea/send off. It was something I was definitely feeling nervous about but thank you for making it such a thoughtful afternoon. I walked away feeling so loved and appreciated. The book of advice is amazing and Fletch and I can't wait to share it with our baby and our families. It will be treasured.

I wanted to share a photo with you of the beautiful piece of artwork the Middlies created for me. They are a fantastic group of children who have connected with my pregnancy in such a natural way. I feel that in a way this bump already has 16 loving and excited siblings!

I will miss being at school and getting to see you all everyday, but I know that I won't be able to stay away for long and I will be back often.

Thank you again, Love Hana



From Bernadette: I have taken over from Hana as teacher of the Middlies 1/2 while she is on maternity leave. I want to thank the whole Cottage School community for the very warm welcome I have received over the last two weeks. I am enjoying getting to know everyone and look forward to the learning that will happen over the year.
Thank you, Bernadette

Garden Market: Thanks to Andrea, Skye and Susan who have offered to take Garden Market into 2017 and beyond! They will be ably assisted by the 'old hands' of GM and they will warmly welcome new volunteers as well.

Our first official market of winter was very successful with flowers, gorgeous felt hearts, biscuits, slice, garden produce and at both temperature extremes - icecreams and soup! Thanks to all contributors.

We will plan for some Tuesday Garden Markets in Term 2 to enable people who have commitments on Wednesday's to be part of this great Cottage School tradition.

The Biggies will be using some of the Garden Market profits to purchase two items to expand their Choosing program. The first of these is an electronic keyboard to use with Garageband for playing and editing music and the second is a 'build your own internal combustion engine' kit. These are exactly the sorts of things that Garden Market is designed to support - ie 'extra' things that fall outside of a regular class budget and which target the interests and needs of the students.

Thanks from the Garden Marketeers.

What's On: What's on at Rosny LINC in June? Check the flyer in the noticeboard outside the Littlies Cottage

Attachments: