

2011 ARCHIVE ...

PIZZA ANYONE?

Monday May 30: Lunchtime

Kitchen Garden News

Things are happening in the garden. A big THANK YOU to all the lovely people who came in on the working bee at the start of term to get the garden on the right track. We have put in broccoli, garlic, onions, potatoes, broad beans, leeks, silver beet and lettuce. We're holding out high hopes for a bumper strawberry crop come spring, now that the plants are in their second season and looking very healthy.

We have two passion fruit vines that have been in (shock horror) competition over the last few years. One was put in by past staff member Don Page-Wood, the other by Tim, one of our current Year 12 students. Tim followed the advice of his Polish grandfather and planted the vine in a deep hole at the bottom of which was some kidneys and liver to feed the plant. It seems to be working, as it has just gone through a massive growth spurt and I expect we'll see the first fruits this spring.

Any donations of seedlings, gardening tools, manure and/or straw are always welcome and can be left down by the the pizza oven.

Speaking of which, we'll be firing up the Bakes Pizza Oven this coming Monday (weather permitting) so slices of yummy wood fired pizza will be available for \$2 at lunch time. Thanks to all

Kitchen Garden Crew

MEETING 2011 INDIA SCHOOL TOUR

Thursday June 2: 7.00 pm

Art Space, Blackhall/Kalimna

Many thanks to all those generous people who donated all the goods we took to India.

Each student carried or trundled an extra 10-15 kg from bus to train to bus to destination. It was worth it to see the responses we received from the children at the orphanage and in the village

we visited.

We had a wonderful trip and anyone interested in hearing about our experiences is welcome to come to our Incredible India evening. Students will be giving presentations on every aspect of the tour as well as suggesting ways we can continue to support the children at the orphanage.

Gold coin/s donation for supper and show.

Kay Hann

VCE FRENCH

Our VCE French class had a little celebration last Friday for Tess' birthday. We started our Period 1 class eating fresh croissants while discussing a text about French preoccupations with food. Then we shared lunch in the kitchen.

Au menu? Baguette, pate, camembert, brie, cornichons, moutarde de Dijon and Petit Ecoliers biscuits... miam miam!

Merci Brittany, Ruby, Hedwig, Cailean, Max, Oliver et Brigit for bringing something to share.
Delphine

YR 9/10 FAMILY FORUM

Wednesday May 11: 7.30 pm

Art Space, Blackhall/Kalimna

RSVP to Regina on 0411 721 387 by Monday
May 9

Dear parents/caregivers,

For those of you who have expressed interest in being involved in forums that directly relate to Year 9 & 10 students, here's your opportunity!

Molly, James and Andrew K would like to get together with students in Years 9/10, together with their parents, to gather ideas for new learning initiatives being developed. These include plans regarding Independent and Enterprise Learning Projects, and the development of learning plans for students. This will also be an opportunity for students to explore projects they would like to develop and to give Molly, James and Andrew some

feedback on what they would like to see added to the curriculum.

We will be providing nibbles and wine (and soft drink for students) so come join us for an evening of interesting and stimulating dialogue. Please RSVP to this evening to assist with catering.

Regina, Kaye and Vanessa

VCE SEASON OF EXCELLENCE: TOP ACTS

Friday May 13: 7.30 pm

Palais Theatre Lower Esplanade, St Kilda

Earlier this year we were delighted to learn that Preshil students were invited to perform in the VCE Top Class Concerts in March 2011. This series of concerts represented the diversity of music studies undertaken in VCE. The outstanding work is the result of hours of practice, interpretative skills and above all a love of music. These performers are a representative sample of the music students who achieved the highest grades in the state in the October 2010 Music Performance Group or Solo examinations.

The performance of Epilogue, an original composition by Preshil students Chris Bates (piano), Nick Hall (lead guitar) and Ben Zagroon (bass guitar) from Preshil, was performed at the Melbourne Recital Centre as part of the Top Class program. The students successfully completed their studies in Music Group Performance at Preshil with music teacher Mr Tim Dargaville in 2010.

The VCAA panel was so impressed with their work that they have now been invited to perform at the more exclusive Top Acts Concert showcasing only 40 finalists statewide. Visit this link for information about booking your tickets and supporting the boys

KITCHEN GARDEN REVAMP/SOUP FOR THE
TEACHERS DAY: HOSTED BY YEAR 11-12
REPS

Wednesday April 27: 11.00 am – 3.00 pm (or part of, just drop in)

All students and families of Years 10, 11 and 12 are warmly invited to attend a social gathering outside the food area, in the Kitchen Garden, where a little bit of a working bee may or may not also take place,

We thought it would be a good chance to catch up with each other, share a bowl of soup and play in the garden. If it's raining we will meet and watch a movie and still make soup for the teachers.

Please RSVP to jennsong@iprimus.com.au so enough lentils and pumpkin can be organised for the soup.

Jenny Taylor and Noel Crombie

PRESHIL ASSOCIATION: AGM

Thursday April 28: Time TBC

Kevin Borland Hall

The 65th Annual General Meeting of the Preshil Association is scheduled for the end of April. Parents and friends are invited to attend the Annual General meeting even if they are not members of the Preshil Association, though only financial members may take part in the business and elections.

If you have not yet received notification or for more information about joining the Preshil Association, please email preshil@preshil.vic.edu.au

YEAR 9 &10 PICNIC

Sunday May 1: 3.30 pm - 6.00pm

Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

All Year 9 and 10 Families are invited to meet at the picnic area in front of the Visitor Centre at the Lake.

Car Park off Central Road, Mel Ref 48 B11/C12
At Blackburn Lake Sanctuary there are walking trails, two playgrounds, wetlands and bush habitat for indigenous plants and animals.

Please BYO picnic food, and rug. It is a good opportunity to catch up with other families.

Any enquires contact the parent reps, Kaye, Regina and Vanessa

CONSENT FORMS

Final due date: May 6

A reminder that all consent forms need to be returned by the first week of next term.

If you have not yet returned your forms please return them to either the Arlington Office or The Cottage.

MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

Sunday May 8

Join the Preshil team and walk or run for breast cancer research at this year's Mother's Day Classic, an annual event established and managed by Louise Brown (Preshil alumnae and parent).

OPEN DAY

Saturday May 14: 11.00 am - 2.00 pm

All friends and family are warmly invited to join us at the first of this year's Saturday Open Days! All help to spread the word about why our students love coming to school is greatly appreciated!

YEAR 9/10 CONFERENCES

Monday April 4: 1.50 - 8.00 pm

Year 9/10 3-way conferences are coming up the last Monday of Term 1. Please note that there will be no Year 9/10 classes running for the afternoon and students will be dismissed after lunch. Students will be given a sign up sheet next week for parents to indicate times that best suit their needs. Students will then confer with all relevant teachers and lock in interview times. If anyone has any questions or queries please contact Molly O'Neill on T: 9817

6135 or via email at mollyo@preshil.vic.edu.au.

YR 7/8 PARENT INFORMATION/SOCIAL NIGHT

Tuesday April 5: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

We are looking forward to meeting all current parents of our Yr 7/8 students at next week's session where we will be passing on information about the year 7/8 Camp that is planned for May 9 - 12 at Phillip Island.

For any queries please contact the Yr 7/8 Coordinator, Sandy Barnes on 9817 6135.

DOORSTEP CONCERT NO. 1

Wednesday April 6: 12.50 -1.50 pm (lunchtime).

Doorstep Stage, Blackhall/Kalimna (weather permitting)

Come along to the first Preshil Doorstep Concert for 2011. Bring your lunch and picnic outside whilst listening to music played by our students and staff. Everybody welcome.

If it is raining the venue will be moved to the music room at Blackhall/Kalimna.

See you there!

PLANNING MEETING: PRESHIL FAIR

Wednesday April 6: 7.30 pm

Kevin Borland Hall.

Our next planning meeting has been scheduled to enable more brainstorming PLUS practical discussions around how to achieve our great dreams.

Come and add your brilliant ideas to our growing brainstorming/dreaming activities and tell us what you'd like to see on Saturday November 26!

Bring a slice/cake for everyone to share. Wine by gold coin donation. Tea and coffee available.

PRESHIL INDIA TOUR 2011

March 11 - 26

This year our group of 13 students and three teachers leave for Delhi on March 11. We will be travelling to Rishikesh where we will work in an orphanage for five days, then travel to a village and school in Rajasthan for three days. We will also do a Mughal heritage walk in Agra in a village on the banks of the Yamuna river opposite the Taj Mahal. This walk is conducted by the young people of the village who have been involved in a training program to improve facilities in their village.

In all these places those on the trip will be donating items for the children and each Preshil student is asked to carry goods to India in their luggage. We will be taking as much as we can fit in our suitcases - each of us has a 30 kg baggage allowance. Last time we took new and second hand T-shirts and we would like to take these again (preferably smaller sizes with different logos which they love). The orphanage has also asked for packets of seeds (eg, sweetcorn, squash, zucchini, beans) for their vegetable garden and also any construction kits (eg. lego or model aeroplanes). Pencils and texta pens are also needed. We have three places to give to so here is an opportunity for that big clean up!

Goods can be left in either school office or at the Blackhall Art office (rear of 26 Sackville st). Hoping to receive heaps.

Thanks

Kay Hann (Teacher - Art)

ALUMNI 2010 GRADUATES PERFORM AT THE MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE

Tuesday March 1: Two concerts 2.00 pm & 6.30pm

Melbourne Recital Centre

Congratulations to 2010 Year12 music students Nick Hall, Chris Bates and Ben Zagroon on being selected to perform in the VCE Season of Excellence 2011 Top Class Sound concert at

the Melbourne Recital Centre, Southbank. They will be playing an original work "Epilogue" which was created as part of their VCE Music Group Performance programme last year, and performing with them will be Preshil's drumkit teacher Phil Collings.

Top Class is a concert series presenting works by students from 2010 VCE Dance, VCE VET Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Music Solo and Group Performance and Music Styles for the benefit of current VCE students, teachers and the public. The series celebrates students who have achieved at a very high level in VCE performing arts studies. These events are open to the general public and tickets can be purchased. A number of students are interested to attend. If you would like to come and celebrate with the gentlemen, please let Tim Dargaville, our music coordinator at Blackhall/Kalimna know T: 9817 6135.

VCE INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday February 10: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Art Space, Blackhall/Kalimna

Parents of VCE students are invited to a relaxed and informal evening where they will have the opportunity to meet staff, other parents and gather all important information to help them survive the VCE 2011. Refreshments provided.

YEAR 9/10 INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday February 14: 7.30 - 8.30pm

ArtSpace, Blackhall/Kalimna

All current and prospective parents re invited to come along to hear about camps, electives and other aspects of the Year 9 and 10 program. You can also ask any questions that might be on your mind, meet the 'Forum Group' teachers and the year level parent representatives.

VCE ORIENTATION

EXCURSION

Tuesday February 15: 9.15am - 3.00 pm

Westside Circus, Fitzroy

All VCE students will be taking part in this day's activities focussing on team building, meeting challenges, study skills and VCE leadership.