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CAN YOU HELP?

BORLAND HOSTS

The Borland Open Day (see below) is fast approaching and is generating a lot of interest with media attention in today's Arts section of The Age newspaper.

To make the day a success, we are in need of between 14 to 18 volunteer hosts to help direct visitors, hand out information and generally monitor the activities to ensure the safety and security of both the premises and our visitors. Hosts will be located in each of the Borland buildings that are open for public viewing at the Arlington campus. Your children are welcome to come and assist and share in the day.

Volunteers do not need to stay for the entire day. Any time you can give would be much appreciated.

If you can assist please contact Bronte or Jenny on 9817 6135 or via email at communications@preshil.vic.edu.au.

Assistance is still required to prepare information packs and assist with preparing the grounds for the day. Please see our Can you help section below for more details on this.

AFTERCARE NEWS

A couple of weeks ago we went through the Validation/Accreditation process. This process is conducted by the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC) for all Outside School Hours Programs (OSHC) throughout Australia. These visits occur every few years so programs can retain their license and the Child Care Benefit. Our validator was very friendly and encouraging. They were most impressed by our natural environment and the behaviour and intelligence of our wonderful children. She was also very impressed with the articulate answers the children gave to her many, many questions.

When I contacted the NCAC to arrange the emailing of our validation report I was informed that our program was amongst the very highest echelon of OSHC programs. We all try our hardest in the jobs we do every day but it is quite nice to know that we are doing okay, especially when this information comes from the company that visits every OSHC program in Australia.

However, Emily and I are not ready to sit back on our laurels just yet. With the new framework coming in January 2012, all programs will start on "Foundation" level and we aim to do our utmost to advance our program up the scale as quickly as possible. If you have any suggestions for activities or how to improve our program we would love to hear from you.

Chris and Emily

AFTERCARE NEWS

Last week was very exciting at Aftercare with our Validation visit. Our Validator was extremely nice and very encouraging. I have since spoken to the National Childcare

Accreditation Council (NCAC) who were in charge of the visit, and have had extremely positive feedback.

This week we have been very busy sewing little felt animals, making delicious fruit smoothies, using the ever popular hama beads and making bead games in lids. The children then played with these games to see how many beads they could get into the holes. The wet weather has been a challenge so the tennis table games have been popular. Last week and this week's Chess Club have been an absolute hit with some of the children playing every day between the two lessons. Also, a huge thankyou to Meier's Mum who donated some delicious chocolate rice pudding for us to eat.

We are looking forward to more fun next week.

Chris and Emily

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).

MEET EMILY FLOYD

Wednesday May 11: 11.00 am

Anna Schwartz Gallery

Anna has arranged for Emily Floyd to come to the gallery and speak to the children from the 10s/11s about her work when they visit her exhibition next week.

The invitation has been kindly extended to all members of the school community who would be interested to attend.

NURSERY PARENTS' MORNING TEA

Thursday 12 May: 9.30am

Mug's Sitting Room, Arlington

All nursery school parents are invited to catch up over a cuppa and cake after drop-off next Thursday. We'll be raising some money to buy the nursery children some new

books by having a Tupperware and book party. If you aren't able to come to morning tea but would still like to help by purchasing either Tupperware or books, catalogues are available for email orders.

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!

PLANNING MEETING: PRESHIL FAIR

Thursday June 2: 7.30 pm

Kevin Borland Hall

All are warmly welcome to join us at the next planning meeting for our joyful twilight 80th Birthday Celebration to be held at Blackhall/Kalimna on Saturday November 26. The fair is intended for the entire Preshil community, including current families, alumni, friends of Preshil and neighbours. Forums and discussions continue to brainstorm ideas.

We do need keen volunteers from the community to step up; staff, parents and alumni are welcome to put their hands up for all the ideas so far. Please put this date into your diary and come along with other ideas - has anyone thought about a silent auction - or just to offer help with the projects already underway.

If you can't make it along to the meeting but would be willing to help, please contact Victoria on vickoz84@yahoo.com.au.

UKULELE ENSEMBLE: NEW

Mondays: 12.45 pm from February 28

Arlington Music Room

All interested students are invited to join music staff member, Rod Waterman, in the Preshil ukulele ensemble beginning next Monday. As a result Rod will no longer be involved in the Monday morning elective program. All enquiries regarding the elective program should be directed to Susan Neilson on 9817 6135 or via email at susanne@preshil.vic.edu.au

AFTERCARE NEWS

Friday April 8

As we said last week, we just cannot believe it is the last week of term. Last week was another busy one and it felt very strange without our 10s/11s whilst they were away on camp. We had a few of those children attend upon their return who looked very tired but shared stories of the fun they had had. We loved hearing about all that they had done.

Last week we broke out the beads and made lots of interesting jewellery. What was supposed to be biscuits turned into one giant biscuit which did not even have a chance

to go hard as all children were too eager to sample the delicious taste. Those that had left the program early that day had their biscuits hand delivered the following day. Emily then did a cast of collage day and we had several interesting and wonderful works of art emerge. Children are still doing more of these as an extra activity after the main activity each day. If you look carefully around the footy field area and in front of the hall you may just spot our bird feeders hanging from some of the trees. We are watching every day hoping to see the birds discover these tasty treats.

This week has seen some yummy Easter bunnies made of crushed biscuits, condensed milk and cocoa along with very decorative felt eggs, then chocolate eggs and attractive Easter boxes.

Thankyou to all the children who have filled in their surveys and we look forward to our accreditation visit which will take place for three afternoons from May 4 - 6 next term. Have wonderful holiday.

Chris and Emily

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone involved in the wonderful strings soiree last Monday morning. The students played a lovely diverse selection of music and it was so good to see such a large audience! Stay tuned for more music events coming up Term 2!
Susan

DOO DAH

Friday April 1: All Day

On the Bricks, Arlington

That time is here again. For children new to Arlington, this will be their first opportunity to sample the delicious treats offered by parents on the second last Friday of term. Click here for more information about the day or ask your class teacher.

Any parents who would like to help on the day are really welcome, and can contact one of our parent organisers, Lisa on 0409 529 376. It is a lovely way to get involved with the school, meet other parents, get to know the children, and be part of a wonderful Preshil community day – your children will love you being part of their special day too!

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Friday April 1

Preshil will send three Kanga cricket teams to this upcoming Interschool Sports Gala Day. We will have a girls team, a mixed team and a social team.

Good luck!!

WELCOME PICNIC

Monday April 4: 5.00pm

Front Garden, Arlington

All nursery school families are warmly invited to our 'welcome picnic' in the front garden at Arlington. Pop this date in your diaries now!

6S/7S END-OF-TERM PICNIC

Monday April 4: 3.30 pm onwards

Front Garden, Arlington

We are trying again for the 6s and 7s get together...bad weather got in our way last week...so..fingers crossed!

All children from the 6s/7s and their families are eagerly invited to come along and have fun together in the last week of term. Bring a plate of something yummy to share and a favorite toy if your child wishes!

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.

10S AND 11S EASTER PLAY

Thursday April 7: 9.30 am

Kevin Borland Hall

All families and friends are invited to our Easter Concert
Hoping to see you all there.

ARLINGTON ELECTIVES SHARING

Thursday, April 7: 1.30 pm

Kevin Borland Hall

Families and friends are invited to share the learnings of the elective program with the children.

ELECTIVE PROGRAM AT ARLINGTON

I am thrilled with the results of the Term 1 elective program at Arlington. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the programs and I am sure that parents and children alike have learnt a lot from this process.

I wish to thank Sally Marsland, Roland Cropley, Marina Holland, Georgie Govenlock, Katrina Holmes à Court, Ilona Von Moller, Kate Birch, Leonie Millard, Brett Kunkel, Sean Lynch, Elissa Marriott, Anna Priester, Michelle Seelig, Kathy Thompson, Gianna Stent, David Campbell and Ninian Lewis.

Electives will continue in Term 2 and, again, we are looking for more parent involvement. If you are interested, please see me at school or email me at

kerrim@preshil.vic.edu.au.

TERM 2 ARLINGTON ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Dear Parents

Our elective program at Arlington is now up and running and I am thrilled with the offerings that are now available to the children - gardening, science, designing and making of board games, woodwork, ceramics, textiles, mural making, sewing, knitting, crocheting, yoga/philosophy and creative percussion.

On Thursday, April 7, we invite you to share the learnings of the elective program with the children. This celebration will take place in the Kevin Borland Hall at 1.30 pm.

I am now looking for volunteers to run programs in Term 2. This term begins on Thursday, April 28 and finishes on Friday, July 1. Programs run for 8 weeks with a celebration of learning at the end of the term. If you are interested, please see me at school or email me at kerrim@preshil.vic.edu.au. Some parents have paired up and run a program together. This is also a great idea and preferable to working alone.

I look forward to discussing the elective program with you in person.

Many thanks

Kerri

AFTERCARE NEWS

Friday March 25

Last week we had enormous fun with our activities. Monday was of course a holiday which we all enjoyed. Tuesday was the day we did iced biscuits which is always a popular activity and which we repeated on Friday as we had some biscuits left over. Wednesday was our 'Circus Skills Day' which Emily conducted with every child joining in twirling sticks, juggling balls, spinning pois, swinging flags and bouncing hacky sacks. An awesome time was had by all and we send a huge 'thankyou' to Emily for teaching the children so many new skills.

On Thursday we made a 'Blow Football' game with a large box with a felt floor and a chalk pitch with a ping pong ball made to look like a soccer ball. We then got individual straws for each child to take turns in playing the game.

What a great week. We look forward to more fun this week.

This week we have sent out individual surveys to be completed for each child attending Aftercare. We are about to go through our Quality Assessment to receive accreditation. Please assist your child in filling in the survey and send it back as soon as possible as they must be sent back by the end of term.

Thanking you in advance

Chris and Emily

END OF TERM STRINGS CONCERT

Monday March 28: 9.00 am

Kevin Borland Hall

All families and friends are invited to our end of term celebration for the children to show classmates, teachers and families what they have achieved in strings.

Hoping to see you all there

CLASS REP MEETING

Wednesday March 30: 9.30 am

Kalimna Library, Blackhall/Kalimna

All class reps are warmly invited to join our Principal, Marilyn, at the next meeting to discuss issues of relevance to the parent body.

FAMILY DINNER AND PLAY AT THE PARK NIGHT FOR THE 10S/11S

Tuesday March 15: 5.30 - 8.30 pm

Beckett Park, Yarbatt Avenue, Balwyn

Come along kids, parents/carers, siblings, teachers too. Relax in the park, play games and socialise with other parents and friends. Whatever you feel like... Meet at the tables and chairs adjacent to the play equipment.

Please bring along food and drinks for dinner or a plate to share (there are no BBQs).

We look forward to seeing you there

From your class reps, Jutta, Sepi and Cathie

FAMILY DAY AT THE PARK: 5S EXPLORERS

Saturday March 19: From 10.00 am until you (or the children) drop!

Hay's Paddock, Longstaff St, East Kew. Mel Ref: 45 J2

All 5s families are invited to come along and play and eat and have loads of fun! Bring the whole family and relax and catch up with other families in the 5s.

For all enquiries, please contact your class reps, Sally and Katrina

PARENTS' GROUP AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday March 23, 2:30pm

Kevin Borland Hall, Arlington

ALL WELCOME - come along and join us!

Bring: something delicious to add to the spread (if you can!) Pop in for a slice of something and some tea before the end of the school day. Chat, connect with new parents or catch-up with old acquaintances. Share a table or swap a tale with Marilyn and our Arlington and Blackhall/Kalimna Heads of Campus Kerri and Andrew. Should be fun!

FAIRY BREAD FRIDAY

Last week at Aftercare we had great fun. We made rain makers which are postal tubes with toothpicks crisscrossed in the prepunched holes which are then filled with a cup of rice which makes a lovely 'raining' type noise when tipped from end to end. The children then decorated the tubes. On Tuesday we played the ever popular "parcel game" and Evie won the prize of a bag of lollies which she generously shared with everyone and on Wednesday we did 'folded books'. On Thursday and Friday Emily helped the children with lemonade which was absolutely delicious and enjoyed by all,

even some of the parents.

This Friday we are introducing our very first 'Fairy Bread Friday' so if any of your children would like to come along just fill in a registration form (available in the office or on the website) and let us know you are coming.

Hope to see you there

Chris and Emily

BRAINSTORMING OUR FAIR - EVERYONE WELCOME

Wednesday March 16: 7.30 pm

Kevin Borland Hall

Dear Preshil Teachers (past and present), Parents, Alumni, Friends and Young(er) Persons,

Please come to this meeting to discuss our planned School Fair/Fete/Festival/Gala/Lollapalooza/Party/Celebration/Concert/Fundraiser/Your name suggestion is welcome here.

Currently being planned for November this year, we would like to brainstorm what a Preshil School Fair might look like in 2011. Please bring thinking caps, dreaming minds, laughter and a plate to share.

ARLINGTON FIRESIDE CHATS

The last of our Fireside chats for this term is on next week.

- 5s: **Monday, March 7 - 5.00 pm**

For those new to the school please go to our FAQs section on the website for an explanation of our Fireside chats and other interesting tidbits of information.

ARLINGTON MUSIC ELECTIVE

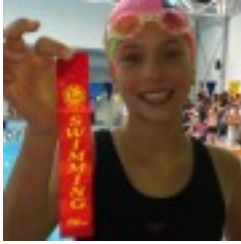
Commences Monday February 14, 8.30 - 9.00am

Music Room, Arlington

The Monday morning Strings program has changed shape! Beginning Monday February 14, all Arlington students, including strings players, are invited to join our Monday morning Music Elective program. This is an open invitation to all students and we are asking participants to commit to come every week as it will be an ongoing program. Susan Neilson and Rod Waterman from our music department will be running this program and are looking forward to introducing students to a range of musical opportunities including ensembles, bands, ukes and singing amongst others. If you have any queries please contact either Susan on 98176135.

Enquiries about the Arlington music program should be directed to Susan at susanne@preshil.vic.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Juliet Marzella and Sasha Whitehead from the 8s/9s on representing Preshil at the Kew District Swimming Carnival. Juliet's proud dad has shared his photo of Juliet showing us her second place ribbon for breaststroke.

FUNDRAISING BY THE 10S/11S

Friday February 25: 3.30pm (Entertainment starts 3.45pm)

Kevin Borland Hall

To support the Greyhound Adoption Centres and their work in preventing cruelty to greyhounds, students in the 10s/11s are holding a stall to raise funds. There will be toys, food, hand made jewellery and face painting. Make your purchases and stay on to see the play written, directed, produced and performed by children from the 10s and 11s.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Monday February 28

All students are invited to participate in a whole school 'Crazy Hair Day' to raise funds (gold coin donation) in support of the efforts of one of our young students, Daisy, in the 8s/9s. Please read her message below:

'Hi this is Daisy

I would like to cut my hair off for cancer. I was inspired by my Aunty Nicole who found out that she had leukaemia on the same day she had a baby. She has to go through pain, unpleasant treatments and will lose her hair.

I feel very lucky to be healthy, so instead of feeling sad, I would like to do something to help her. I am doing this because my Aunty Nicole is very important to me and she is one of the nicest ladies I have ever met. So if you could please donate some money thank you'.

Daisy will be cutting off her long blonde hair the day before on February 27. Please support her in her new look and make your hair a little different for the day.

Donations can be made at The Cottage or the Arlington Office or left with Daisy in the 8s/9s classroom.

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and children who attended the working bee in the woodwork area of Arlington last Saturday. It now looks amazing and provides a safe and inviting working area for our elective program. Parent volunteers really do make an incredible difference. Not only to their own child but to every face in our community.

The elective program began yesterday and the children were very engaged in the

programs offered. A big thankyou also to the parents who have signed up to run this program for the children. While it may be difficult for many parents to commit to a large block of time to volunteer we would love to have help in our library anytime of the week. Please see me if you are interested or email me at kerrim@preshil.vic.edu.au. As a working mother I never had time to volunteer as a parent in my own children's classrooms, so it gives me a special appreciation for those parents who can take the time to volunteer.

Kerri McCulloch

Arlington Head of Campus

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday February 24: 1.30 to 5.00pm then from 5.30 to 7.30pm

These will be held in individual classrooms in 15 min blocks of time. This will be a conversation where parents will be able to share information relevant to their child's education at Arlington.

WOODWORK WORKING BEE

Saturday February 12: 2.00pm

Woodwork Area, Arlington

David (dad to Solomon in the 6s and 7s) and Ninian (father of Charlie in the 6s and Rory in the 10s and 11s) have kindly offered to organise a Working Bee for this Saturday in preparation for our elective program which will begin at Arlington next week. All help is welcome.