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PROSPECT KINDERGARTEN
NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,
Welcome back to the last term of kindergarten, a short 9 week term filled with everything possible as we complete the kindergarten year together!
We have Ruth Tucks’ Art School and The Gala Event.... diary dates at the back reveal all !

Occasional Care
Enrolments for the 2016 occasional care program will be open in Term 4, please encourage families you know to enroll in the next week or two...

Playgroup
Kerry is our playgroup coordinator and we’d like to welcome our new families. Playgroup is held on Fridays, 10 to 11.30, cost $2 per family. Please spread the word, we are always happy to welcome new families. Kindergarten children are also welcome with parents and grandparents.

15 hours of Preschool
We continue to wait for funding information about 2016 and therefore, our opening hours for next year. We hope to again offer a program of 15 hours of preschool between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Thursday. We will let you know as soon as we do!

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
We have high numbers of families enrolling for term 1 next year and will reach capacity quickly. Please encourage new families to visit and enroll quickly, we’d hate to be too full to take them! Likewise all school enrolments for 2016 should now be complete.

There have been difficulties within this region, many local schools are full to their 2016 capacity before the new year begins. DECD is now in the process of officially zoning a number of local schools to ensure access for all children in their local community. Please let Betty know of difficulties.

CAFHS
We host the Child and Family Health checks at kindergarten. These appointments are available to children aged about 4½ years and are a general health screening for sight, hearing and development. Checks are free and parents attend with their child.

Our next CAFHS date is Tuesday 27th October.
This will be our last clinic for the year and all families have been offered the opportunity to attend BUT if by any chance I have missed you, please let me know quickly!
Tuesday 24th November

This year our end of year celebration has been named a Celebration event!

We will perform the musical opening, share our Exhibition and hold a community barbecue. This is traditionally a big community event, all children are performing and we do expect a large audience… some things don’t change!

As you can imagine we have a large amount of organizing to coordinate such an event. The Tuesday Celebration day will involve a change of hours and no lunchcare. The kindergarten will hold a ‘Dress Rehearsal’ on that morning…

This rehearsal session will be 9am until 11.30 am, for all children!

There will be no regular kindergarten or lunchcare on that day, just the morning rehearsal session. Hopefully have managed to dodge all school transition visits and parent evenings, we tried hard! We realize session changes will be difficult for some families but we do ask for your support to enable each child to fully participate in the most supported and confident environment we can provide!

Shared Lunch

We are having a shared lunch on Monday 26th October and we’d love to see everyone! All families are invited to join us between 11.30am and 12.30. Please bring a plate of food to share and join us at 11.30 so that we can share our latest songs with you. Worth noting… many of our families (and staff) are vegetarian! And no nut products due to allergies please. All morning and afternoon children and families are invited. Parents stay with their children for lunch and both kindergarten sessions run as usual. Lunchcare children are unaffected but their families could still join us!

I-Kan Program

Did you know that it has been a year since our mural has been painted? The story behind it all…

In 2014, City of Prospect staff meet with members from local Service Clubs – Rotary Club of Prospect, Kiwanis Club of Prospect, Soroptimist International Torrens, Lions Club of Prospect and Blair Athol to discuss ideas for a project to bring local young people together using their creativity to improve and revitalize public areas in Prospect. From this I-Kan was established as a program of curated graffiti/mural art works for two local sites: Prospect Kindergarten and Nailsworth Hall. And, so the front roadside wall of the kindergarten building was painted.

I still consider us most fortunate to be a chosen site!

Ruth Tuck’s Art School

Ruth Tuck’s Art School will visit us at kindergarten on Tuesday 20th October.

Each child will have a unique opportunity to work with artists and educators in small groups to produce their own self portrait.

We worked with the Ruth Tuck’s artists last year and were highly impressed, hence this year’s booking! All work will be exhibited at our Celebration Event on Tuesday 24th November. All children are invited to attend regardless of regular sessions; if your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, please see Betty for a booking.

The kindergarten is funding this visit… there will be no cost to families.
**Kindergarten Fees**

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Lunchcare bookings need to be confirmed with full payments by the end of the first week of term please and kindergarten fees by week 3. Please let me know if this causes difficulties.

Fees can be paid in cash (correct money only please, unless you wish to make a donation!) or by direct deposit into the Kindergarten account.

*Importantly: when bank payments are made, please note date and reference numbers on invoice and return to staff for our payment records.*

All payment are made in envelopes to Diane or Betty, *with child’s name clearly written on the front. No blank envelopes please! All fees need to be finalised by 29th October please.*

**End of the Day**

Children can be collected from kindergarten at any time prior to 4pm.

*It is, however, vital that children have been collected by 4pm.* Please collect children promptly.

*Reminder…. There is no parking in front of the kindergarten between 7am and 9am*

*The bike lane is a clearway between those times, even in the 15 minute park.*

*Don’t forget this includes the Celebration evening!*

*Prospect Council is frequently issuing fines.*

*Please don’t get caught.*

**Questions**

Thank-you to those parents who seek appointments to meet with teachers. We believe we learn as much from you as you do from us! Parents are always welcome to make a time to talk about their child’s progress or discuss any difficulties. We are often busy with children at the beginning and end of sessions but your questions are important. Please ask and we’ll make a time to meet with you.

**Term 4 reminders**

* All children and adults need a hat for outside play this term
* When using the kindergarten gates, allow only your child through
* AND close the gate behind you until it latches
* Please sign your child in for each Kindergarten session
* Please check lost property in the red box by the gate often
* Mail pockets need to be checked daily or you might just miss something you wished you hadn’t!

Yours faithfully,

Betty, Liz, Julia, Michelle, Adrian, Diane, Kerry and George
Week 1

Diary Dates Term 4 2015

Week 2
Tues. 20th Oct. Ruth Tuck’s Art School at kindergarten

Week 3
Mon. 26th Oct. Shared Lunch
All families invited 11.30 to 12.30

Tues. 27th Child, Youth Health Checks at kindergarten.

Week 4

Week 5
Diwali celebration

Week 6
Fri. 20th Nov. No Occasional Care or Playgroup

Week 7
Tues. 24th Nov. Celebration rehearsal session 9 to 11.30 am.
Tues. 24th Nov. Kindergarten Celebration Event
5pm to 8pm

Week 8
“Schoolies Farewells” all week!

Fri 4th Dec. Last Occasional Care and Playgroup party
with Father Christmas and morning tea!

Week 9
Wed 10th Dec. Last Kindergarten Day and
Farewell Morning Tea