Dear Families,
Welcome to term 3.
We have a number of new families and we look to be as busy as usual, lots of events with all things both familiar and extraordinary. We have visitors, a big excursion, The Art Exhibition, music and more music …. diary dates at the back reveal all!

Shared Lunch
We are having a shared lunch on Tues. 29th August and we’d love to see everyone! Please bring a plate of food to share and join us at 11.30 so that we can share our latest songs with you. All children and families are invited. Parents stay with their children for lunch and both kindergarten sessions run as usual. Lunchcare children are included but their families can still join us!

Enrolments
We are confirming 2015 enrolments next week. Please encourage new families to visit and enrol quickly, we will again be full to capacity! Likewise school enrolments need to be done early, we meet a number of families missing out on chosen schools due to late enrolments. Please start your school enrolment when your child starts kindergarten!

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. Our kindergarten days are now long, children will be tired and staff leaving! Please collect children promptly and then we can also avoid being late for meetings!

Occasional Care and Playgroup
Fortunately we have been able to retain both programs on Friday mornings. Our community voted strongly to maintain these services and we have! Staff work extended hours to allow this to happen and we are keen to continue. Playgroup continues 10-11.30 on a Friday morning and occasional care. 9am to 11.30am. The Occasional Care sessions are full for the term but new bookings will be open from October 13th this year.
A reminder: please cancel bookings for unwell children with as much notice as possible. This assists us to rebook the place and avoids a cancellation fee!

Excursion
This term we are going to the Odeon Theatre, Norwood to see “Cranky Bear” by Patch Theatre. All kindergarten age children are invited although Early Entry children are asked to wait until their 4 year old kindergarten year. Children are invited regardless of the day or regular sessions attended. Performances and hired bus services usually cost $20 per child but the kindergarten will subsidize the cost and the cost to parents will be $15. We send lots of notes home with reply slips, please return promptly, we have limited tickets and we don’t want to hound you!
Kindergarten Fees
Fees are due by Thursday 4th August...

Kindergarten fees **$70 per term**
Lunchcare fees **$150 for one day a week, per term.**
**$230 for two days a week, per term.**

*Lunchcare bookings need to be confirmed with full payment in week 1* 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!) in our payment envelopes to Unjay or Betty, or by direct bank payment. Please write your child’s name and the payment amount on the envelope.

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

*All fees need to be finalized by Thursday 4th August please.*

CAYS
We host the Child and Youth Health checks at kindergarten. These appointments are available to children aged about 4½ years and are a free general health screening to check sight, hearing and development. Parents attend with their child. Unfortunately the number of children eligible exceeds the appointment times we are given on this site, so first booked in will be successful! Our next CAYS date is Wednesday 20th August. Liz will organize appointments with families in the next couple of weeks… please see her for bookings.

Royal Society of the Blind
As you may have heard, we are emergency carers for RSB Guide dogs. Betty and Andrzej have done some training in Guide Dog handling and now we are called upon to offer short-term care and training for young guide dogs. A vital part of the two year training process for guide dogs is socialization around children and groups of people… we are perfect! We also now take on older dogs, (working dogs) for short term care and many children met Zoe at the end of the term. I wonder who we’ll meet next?!

We took this on with some very deliberate expectations of outcomes for children based on Early Years Curriculum Framework.

Belonging - Volunteering and providing community service
- Belonging to a home, kindergarten and wider social community

Being - Fostering spontaneous interaction and play with anim
- Opportunity to enjoy emotional engagement with pets
- Learning to give care and attention to animals

Becoming - Developing understandings about difference and our role in a compassionate, tolerant society

Bilingual Staff
Prospect Kindergarten has large numbers of children from culturally and linguistically diverse families and we host a number of fabulous multilingual staff.

This term we have,
*Xuan Nguyen*: Vietnamese
*My-Dung Chiem-Phuong (Kim)*: Mandarin, Cantonese, T-Chow and Vietnamese
*Vimala Lagesiti*: Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Telugu, Kannadi, Marathi, Urdu
*Monorath Gautam*: Nepali
*Diane DeRuiter*: English
*Hefah Abood*: Arabic
*Farhana Wahid*: Bengali
(and George speaks Greek!)
Art Exhibition: Thursday 18th September 6-7 pm
Our exhibition will present a wide range of children’s work from the everyday paint and texta pictures to the more focused and deliberately produced art work. We are aiming for every child to be exhibiting and urge all families to allow an hour to visit the exhibition. We are asking a gold coin donation upon entry and there will be a barbeque tea available. Our usual vegetarian patties and sausages will cost $1.

Over the term we have focused on children as artists and our goals have been to
- develop self confidence and children’s willingness to have a go
- experiment and gain experience in a wide range of artistic styles and media, using materials quite unfamiliar to most children.
- emphasize the fine and gross motor skills need for both the detailed fine line work and the large trunk and link control needed for easels and large surfaces.
- seek increasingly ‘best efforts’ from individual children
- give children the opportunity to display and share their efforts with a wider community

Absences this term
A number of staff are taking Leave for conferences or travel this term, so you will yet again see our favorite relieving teachers, Adrian and Sue. Our best efforts mean there should only be one regular person away at one time!

Some sad news…
Our dear elderly neighbor Wal has died. Many of you who have had siblings at the kindergarten will remember Wal. We have not seen him at the kindergarten this year as he struggled with health issues and moves between hospital and nursing home care. Wal has lived next door to the Kindergarten for all of the kindergarten’s 60ish years. He has been a well-known part of our community, visiting for years of Shared Lunches and special events, putting out our rubbish bins every single weekend and checking our grounds on weekends and holidays!

The Funeral will be held on Thursday and a number of staff will be attending.

Information from DECD, Bronwyn Pike, Executive Director, Preschool and School Improvement
Have your say on how to strengthen and support governance in schools and preschools
Effective and inclusive local governance is an essential for any successful school. An independent review is currently being undertaken on the governance arrangements in our public schools and preschools and we are seeking your input, as community members and as parents.
Education is a shared experience and there is considerable evidence that the active engagement of parents and community members enhances the quality of teaching and learning of children and young people.
This is a great way to get involved in how our school’s governance in shaped for the future. To have your say, visit www.saplan.org.au/yoursay/shaping-our-schools-and-preschools. Consultation closes 1 August 2014.

Please remember…
- NO parking on Regency Rd before 9am and after 4pm
- NO NUTS
- Each child needs a bottle of water for drinking
- Parents sign children in upon entry
- Please hold your child’s hand outside kindergarten gates and don’t allow other children outside the gate
- Please check mail pockets every day or you just might miss something that you wished you hadn’t!

Yours faithfully,
Betty, Unjay, Liz, Diane, George, and Kerry
Diary Dates  Term 3  2014

Week 1  Thurs. 24th July  Ruth Tuck’s School of Art  
(both kindergarten sessions – cost $15)

Week 2  Tues. 29th July  Shared Lunch  
Thurs. 31st July  Closure Day (no kindergarten on Thursday)

Week 3  Wed. 6th Aug.  Planet Ark Tree Day

Week 4  Please note;  Mon. 11th Aug.  Governing Council Meeting has been cancelled.

Week 5  Wed. 20th Aug.  CAYS screenings at Kindergarten

Week 6

Week 7  Fri. 5th Sept.  No Occasional Care or Playgroup session

Week 8

Week 9  Thurs. 18th Sept.  Art Exhibition 6 to 7pm  
Fri. 19th Sept.  Last Occasional Care and Playgroup session

Week 10  Wed. 24th Sept.  Last Kindergarten sessions

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Please return to staff if you have any changes of contact information

Child’s name ____________________________________________

Adult name ____________________________________________

Change (phone/address) __________________________________
