

Steiner Prep

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to the year for our 2017 Precious Preps! A huge leap for all of them adjusting and settling in to the new routine and environment. Well done to each and every one of you!

THANK YOU'S

How lovely to see the Prep class so well represented at our school working bee. Thank you to Hunter's family, Liliy's family, James' family, Lola's family and Raff's family for helping out. If anyone has some spare time before pick up or after drop off there is still a MOUNTAIN of mulch to be moved into the junior playground. Pop in a see Johanna or Polly and we can arrange a barrow and spade.

Thank you to all parents for bringing their children to school on time, each child receives such benefit from beginning their day with their friends together. Arriving at school on time is especially important on Fridays when we have Eurythmy.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is placed on the fruit trolley and may also be sent to the office if found in the yard. Please check both places if you have lost something.

WHEN YOU ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Please make sure that you phone the office when your child is absent from school and when they return a note explaining their absence is required.

Home visits.



Upcoming Events

14th March

Curriculum Day No students required at school.

15th March

Start attending Wednesdays

31st March

Last day of school. Early finish 2.30pm.

Important Announcement

Please make sure that all items that come to school are clearly named. For those of you who have children who take off their socks please stitch an initial or a colored symbol on each sock so that they can be reunited at the end of the day. All containers, drink bottles, hats, jumpers, etc.

Thank you to everyone for making us feel so welcome and opening your homes for our home visits. The children love being able to share the news from our visits and knowing a little about their home life makes for a meaningful connection at school.

Little Shell. A therapeutic story written by Susan Perrow.

A little white shell was floating all along on the blue, blue sea. It was wondering, 'Where can I go, what can I be?'

All of a sudden a wave took the little shell and rolled it, *roly-poly tumble-bumble over and over.....* and it landed upside down in the water. Then another wave rolled it *roly-poly tumble-bumble over and over.....* Before the little shell had time to wonder whether it was upside-down or right-side-up a very big wave rolled it *roly-poly tumble-bumble over and over.....*

And the wave dropped the little shell onto the dry sands of a long golden beach. The little shell lay on the sand, pink and white and patterned bright, glistening in the morning sunlight. It wondered to itself, 'Where can I go, what can I be?' Meanwhile an old woman had set out for an early morning walk along the beach. As she walked along the sands she saw the little shell, pink and white and patterned bright. She picked it up and look at it. 'I know a little girl who would like to play with you,' she said, and she put the little shell in her pocket and walked back home. When she reached the house she tiptoed into the bedroom where her granddaughter lay fast asleep. The old woman put the little shell, pink and white and patterned bright, on the table next to the bed. Then she went into the kitchen to make some porridge for breakfast. The shell sat on the table and wondered to itself 'Where can I go, what can I be?' When the granddaughter woke up she saw the beautiful shell on the table and picked it up and started to play with it. The shell make a wonderful dish for her dolls' tea party. Then the shell was turned into a little telephone for her teddy bear. Soon grandmother called the family for breakfast. The little shell sat on the table while the girl ate her porridge. After breakfast she took the shell out onto the sand in front of the house and played and played-digging in the sand, building castles and making patterns. Grandmother sat in her chair on the veranda watching her granddaughter playing. The little girl called out 'Thank you grandmother-it is such a lovely toy.'

The little shell knew that at last it had found a friend and a home. It knew that it was where it was meant to be, and doing what it was meant to be doing.



In the Prep room.....

This first term sees the children developing a feeling of connectedness to each other, our school and their teachers. This relationship is fostered and supported by our stories, morning circle and class games.

Our circle is filled with songs of oceans and waves and golden boats a sail on the silvery sea. We are playing 'Pigeon House' and practicing for our Summer Festival.

The children have enjoyed their painting with the summer colors and are developing their technique and control with paint and brush.

Our craft has seen them use beeswax and wet felting and they greatly enjoyed the beautiful story of the daisy with the golden center which came to life as a floating flower.

We look forward to the warm colors of Autumn and the joy that Easter brings.

Uniform

We would appreciate all families having a focus on sending children with correct school uniform please.

- Correct colours are: Short and long sleeved polo-shirt- maroon with navy collar and gold trim, gold printed logo.
- Makeup and nail polish are not permitted at school. In cases where a student presents with makeup or nail polish, it will be washed off or removed.
- Hair must be of natural colour and kept neat and tidy at all times. *If hair is longer than shoulder length, it should be tied up for safety reasons.*
- Track suit pants and long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under summer dresses. Likewise, long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under short sleeved polo tops or shirts.
- Leggings are not a substitute for track pants.

Should you require assistance with school uniform, please contact Val on 59 754011. Our uniform shop is open from 2.45pm on a Monday afternoon. Val will follow up if your child is out of uniform.

Attendance

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every Day Counts.....Attending school every day sets a child up for life as it teaches perseverance and responsibility. Children who attend each day are also more connected...

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. We know from research that attendance and outcomes correlate. We cannot teach children who are not at school so please make sure they attend everyday unless ill.

Lateness

Many children are late each day and this causes disruption to teachers and other children in the class. Being late increases anxiety levels and can cause major problems settling in for the day. We ask that you r children are at school by 8.50am for **inside** instruction to begin promptly at 9.00am. The morning circle throughout the school is a critical component of the day....being late is very disrespectful to the class and the teacher. We will be monitoring lateness and contacting parents if necessary.

Many thanks for your support with this....

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Presents.....

The Wisdom of Play.

Play for the young child is the foundation for healthy well-being and future development. Encouraging free, imaginative play is an important factor in the child's growing independence. Our children need us to see their need for healthy movement, as they live the modern life that is constantly demanding that they be restrained. Parents and practitioners of early childhood are invited to deepen their understanding of the nature of healthy play so that they are motivated to look at their role in providing a supportive environment where self-initiated play can flourish.

Paulene's talk will be supported by unique visual illustrations and photographs that provide vivid springboards for discussion and insight.

It is recommended that interested adults read the free Ebook by David Elkind -The Wisdom of Play

“Playing is a powerful experiential process for children, one that demands respect and careful consideration.” The Play Return: A review of the wider impact of play initiatives, Tim Gill, July 2014

Commissioned by the Children's Play Policy Forum

The presenter Paulene Hanna is an early childhood educator and mentor to parents and early childhood teachers. A mother of three and grandmother of eight, Paulene is now mostly retired from early childhood Steiner education, she currently works in the wider community offering ongoing advocacy for children, families and professional colleagues. She believes in the art of creating a welcoming home, as well as the importance of educating community to support our children and their parents.

Date: Sunday 12 March, 2017

Venue: Dromana Old shire Offices, 359A Point Nepean Road, Dromana

Time: 2 pm to 3.30 pm

Cost: Donation \$5