Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Many parents enjoy participating in their children’s school life and contributing to our school community. In fact, research suggests that parental involvement plays a significant part in children’s success at school. One way you can consider being involved in school life is by becoming part of our School Council. This group meets twice each term and guides policy and budget management for the school. Whilst it is an important part of school governance, School Council members do not need any special expertise, experience or skills. The most important thing is that you want to contribute to continually improving learning opportunities for all children.

Meetings are scheduled for the third Monday evening of the month beginning at 4.00pm and generally concluding by 5.30pm.

Nomination forms for 2016 School Council are now available at the office and close at 4.00pm Tuesday 22nd February. If nominations exceed the places available, an election will take place. If an election is required a ballot will be conducted.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

We have noticed that many parents are allowing their children to bring Ipads and mobile phones to school. If you need your child to have access to a mobile phone after school for personal reasons please ensure that these devices are handed into the office. As we provide Ipads to students at our school we discourage students to bring their own. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

**BEST BIRTHDAY EVER**

Northland Shopping Centre will be working with Preston South Primary School to create ‘The Best Birthday Ever’. Children have incredible imaginations - so we will ask Preston South Primary School students to draw what the best birthday ever looks like.

We will then hold a school wide competition to find the most unique example of ‘The Best Birthday Ever’.
The winning student will have their drawing brought to life as a giant birthday party that will culminate at Northland shopping centre.

We will interpret and reimagine the winning student’s vision on a grand scale and invite relevant retailers to contribute to bringing this stunt to life.

From this activation we will make a social film capturing the highlights of the Best Birthday Ever.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Congratulations to Liberty H who is our new President of Parents and Friends of Preston South Primary School. P & F have decided that they will have two major fund raising events this year! Our 150th Celebrations and Personalized engraved donor bricks to be installed as pavers. Funds raised this year will go towards upgrading our ‘sand play’ area in the playground.

**Preps like School……**

**Talking the Talk**

Sexual Health Education For Parents of Kinder & Primary School Age Children

Learn how to tailor conversations with your children about:

- What is Normal Early Childhood Sexual Behaviour
- Healthy & Respectful Relationships
- How Babies Are Made
- Puberty Preparation
- Internet Safety
- Body Safety

Tips for choosing suitable Sexual Health information:

- What is appropriate for my family?
- How much do I need to tell them?
- At what age should I discuss these topics?

Presented by Vanessa Hamilton
More than 20 years experience as a Sexual Health Nurse & Educator and a Mother of three

**Thornbury Kindergarten Fundraiser**

Proceeds will go directly to Thornbury Kindergarten

Where: Preston South Primary School Hall, Holman Street, Preston

Who: Parents and carers from Thornbury Kindergarten and Preston South Primary welcome

You may also purchase seats for your neighbours, grandparents, carers, parents from other schools, kindergartens, or parent’s group etc.

Cost: $15 per person or $5 for Health Care Card Holders

Raffle: Children’s Story Books about Sexual Health (bring small change on the night $5)

Name: ____________________________ Contact phone number: ____________________________

I am a Thornbury Kindergarten Parent or I am a Preston South Primary Parent (please tick)

Number of People Attending: @ $15:___________________________ @ $5:___________________________ (Health Care Card holders only)

Total amount enclosed $___________________________ (Cash only)

RSVP: Return slip and cash payment in sealed envelope.

Must be received by 4.00pm Thursday the 17th March.

Return to: Thornbury Kindergartens 8c Newcastle St Thornbury or Preston South Primary School office.

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