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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 2nd March, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Thursday 2 nd	Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm
Monday 6 th	Preps commence full time
Tuesday 7 th	Division Swimming
Wednesday 8 th	Grade 3 - Melbourne Museum Excursion
Monday 13th	Labour Day Public Holiday - No school this day
Tuesday 21 st	School Council / AGM
Thursday 23 rd	Grade 4 – Botanical Gardens Excursion
Thursday 23 rd	Grade 1 – Reptiles Encounters Incursion
Tuesday 28 th	School Photos
Wednesday 29 th	School Photos
Friday 31st	Last Day Term 1 (2.30 Finish)

Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February – Friday 31st March

Term 2 Tuesday 18th April – Friday 30th June

Term 3 Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

Principal's Note

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's Parent Teacher Interviews. From all reports it was an invaluable experience for all concerned to meet each other, celebrating successful achievements attained to date and identify pathways for improvement. Individual student assessments occur on a regular basis throughout the year to ensure we monitor student progress and promote continued learning.

Quality Work

I have had a steady stream of children bringing their work down to the office over the past few weeks. It is fabulous to see our students taking great pride in their presentation and content. It is a credit to our students, staff and parents/carers on such a good start to the school year.

Prep Classes – 5 days per week

Next week our Prep students will commence schooling full time. The information that has been generated from the English and Maths Online Prep assessments over the past month has provided valuable information to staff regarding the individual strengths and learning directions for each student.

School Photos

Documentation for our 2017 school photos will be distributed tomorrow. **Our school photo days will take place over 2 days -Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.** On these days we will have class, individual, family, whole school and graduation photos taken. Please ensure children arrive at school on time on both days and are in full school uniform. We're unable to retake class, graduation and whole school photos if students are late or absent.

Picnic on the Green

Thank you to the families who joined us at the community BBQ last Thursday. The weather was certainly beautiful for our first school gathering of 2017. Special thanks to the staff for manning the BBQ and to our parent band The Quadrangles for doing a wonderful job at entertaining us.

District Swim Sports

Congratulations to our 24 swimmers Jane Huynh, Evie Stothers, Lily Sibillin, Claire Lewis, Marcus Carelli, Finn O'Farrell, Finn Golledge, Menno Kuut, Hannah Chan, Justin Huynh, Sunny O'Mahony, Alexia Hatzimihailidas, Tipene Tuhi, Ava Castellarin, Josh Carelli, Ryan Li, Josh Riordan, Emily Burneska, Ginger Raywood, Ruby Stothers, Jake Koutsovasilis, Ayman Gaal, Octavia Page and Hannah McMahon who competed at yesterday's District Swimming Sports. It was a pleasure watching them compete and the energy and encouragement they showed towards their peers. Preston West came 1st in the overall carnival. Thank you to Ms. Vickers for coordinating the event and to the parents who came along to support and encourage the students. The Division swimming competition takes place next Tuesday at Northcote Aquatic Center at 9.30am. We wish our 17 swimmers all the best.

Clean up Australia Day

In 2017 Clean Up Australia Day (Sunday 5th March) is celebrating 27 years of volunteer action across the country. Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. In the past 27 years, Australians have devoted more than 31 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 331 thousand tonnes of rubbish. The Clean Up Australia concept has now spread to Clean Up the World and an estimated 40 million people in 130 countries annually take part. Clean up the world demonstrates that people across the planet are willing to do something themselves to help protect and care for the environment. This week our Environmental Leaders will be in the yard in search of students who have been correctly disposing of rubbish and assisting in keeping our school grounds free of rubbish.

School Policies

Parents can now access our school policy documentation on Compass via the *Community Tab / School Documentation / School Policy folder*.

Cheryl Bondeson

eLearning

Research Into Technology Use by Kids and Teens

Throughout the second half of 2016 the Office for Children's eSafety Commissioner conducted and released research into kids and teens and their use of digital technologies.

Their 'iParent' resource is a great location for a wealth of information and resources to help support yourselves as parents in a world that is dominated by technology and its rapid advancement. You can assess the range of resources at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

The links below will take you to a couple of short infographics that present some of the data collected by the research conducted by the commissioner over 2016.

[Research Insights: Connected Kids and Teens](#)

[Research Insights: Young and social online](#)

[Parenting Strategy Research Infographic](#)

If you are unsure of any of the apps passed onto your child through Casper or even have any general questions about some tips for managing devices at home, please feel free to contact me via Compass.

Regards,

Luke Begg

Acting eLearning Leading Teacher

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are now overdue.

UNIFORM SHOP: The Uniform shop will reopen on Wednesday 8th March, 9:00am – 11:00am.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply: Contact the school office to collect a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website

Key Dates

- **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 30th June 2017.**

Further Information

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information, please see:

[Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#)

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 24th February are: Vicki Persic, Catalina Sinclair, Kim Jeffers, Paula Grogan and David Bellchambers.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 3rd March is Sarah McArdle.

**Thank
You**

QUADWRANGLERS PARENT BAND

Do you like to sing or play? JOIN US!

Contact: katiehullbrown@gmail.com

MOTHERS/CARERS DAY STALL - May 2017

Hello to all our new PWPS families and creative people in our community!

My name is Kelly Brooks and I will be coordinating the Mothers/Carers day stall this year. I am seeking volunteers/helpers to share some ideas of what items we can easily make for the stall. There are some fun craft days/evenings planned for early Term 2. " [Great way to meet Preston West Parents /Carers](#)"

I would also welcome any donations of hand-made crafts, home-made gifts or plant saplings etc. to the stall.

Donations can be passed on to myself or to the office in Term 2 between the 18/4/2017 and 5/5/2017

I look forward to hearing from you with your creative/crafty ideas via email: kpbrooks@alphalink.com.au or mobile: 0409 210 307. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL BANKING - School banking is every Tuesday.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 24/02/2017

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with their awards on Monday.



GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Maria Tsoulis-Rodda	Dion Zhaku
Prep I	Daphne Boxer	Jack White
Prep K	Ruhan Vijay	Hanah Elsey
Prep L	Maleesa Marasinghage	Hao Kang Song
Prep W	Aila Harrison	Mint Leat
1B	Tamika Ralifo	Athan Dimas
1C	Luka Cindric	Chloe Beck
1E	Ava O’Brian	Ifra Shaik
1M	Kingson Chen	Maxwell Quinan
1W	Ethan Choudhry	Annie Nguyen
2A	Charlie Wagner	Madison Marino
2B	Will McKerrow	
2J	Mariam Al-Abody	Divya Jethi
2M	Max Sibley	Katelyn Todd
3B	Blaise Kramer-White	Callum Bell
3P	Marika Chua	Indigo Flynn
3W	Wilson Zhang	Else O’Leary
4F	Zac Speechley	Tiger-Jane Cleary
4K	Austin Bylsma	Holly Riordan
4M	Maya Macuha	Michael Rendis
4W	Maia Brett	Scarlett Bond
5H	Adrian Beavis	Alexia Hatzimihalidis
5I	Lukas Temelkovski	Michael Brousalis
5J	Elijah Morris	Kelly Ye
5O	Klejdi Lame	Sebastian Santocono
6N	Riley Somers	Jason Zhou
6S	Jasmine Hardinge	Kye Spencer
6T	Johnny Chen	Michael Giannetta
ART	Darby Watson 4K	
MUSIC	Maisah Al Balouchi 2A	
PHYS ED	Joe Cina 5O	
ITALIAN	Connor Murray 5I	

SCHOOL PANTRY (School Canteen)

Orders and money (written on a paper bag) will be placed in a container in the classroom before 9.15am and delivered to the canteen. To contact Marina you can catch up with her in person at the school kitchen on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** or email schoolpantry@icloud.com



MATHLETICS IS ATHLETICS FOR YOUR BRAIN

Preston West P.S. has subscribed to Mathletics again for 2017.



Every student at Preston West P.S. has a unique username and password that they can use at home or school to log in and complete Mathematical problems that assist with developing their knowledge, skills, strategies, speed and accuracy.

The program covers all areas of Mathematics. Your child's teacher can set homework or targeted units of work for your child, to assist and challenge them, in their learning.

Students are rewarded with easy to print certificates of achievement.

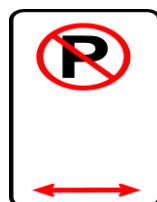
Please email via Compass your child's classroom teacher for usernames and passwords.

LOG IN AND TRY MATHLETICS WITH YOUR CHILD.

Dogs – Not to be on School Premises

Can parents please ensure that dogs are not brought on to the school premises or tied up on the fence inside the school. Thank you for your anticipated support.

*A friendly reminder - Kiss and Go Zone - Parking Safely around Schools



Creating safe conditions for children around schools is something that we are all responsible for. You may have noticed these 'Kiss and Go' signs near our school in the No Parking zone. Drivers are allowed to stay inside or within three metres of their car for up to two minutes for the quick pick up and drop off of students. Disabled Permit holders can park for up to five minutes. When parking elsewhere, please don't encourage children to run across the road to meet you at your vehicle. Cross the road at the crossing and meet them safely. Please be aware that council traffic officers regularly patrol Jessie Street.

EARLY COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

If you wish to take your child to an appointment during school hours you must:

- Complete the 'Early Release Form' and collect an 'Early Release Pass'
- Take the 'Pass' to your child's classroom to collect your child
- Children will not be permitted to leave school unless accompanied by a parent or authorised person
- Please do not take your child during lunch time without completing the 'Early Release Form' from the office as this could cause anxiety when it is found that a child, present in the morning, is absent during the afternoon



The above procedure is in place to minimise disruption to the classrooms. We avoid making phone calls and announcements via the PA where possible as this interrupts valuable learning time in all classrooms.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Preston High School

We want to hear from you.

What kind of high school do you want for Preston?

Last year the Victorian Government committed to open a new co-educational secondary school for Years 7 to 12 students on the site of the former Preston Girls' Secondary College, Cooma Street, Preston.

We have established an online portal so you can have your say on what kind of school you want

www.engage.vic.gov.au/PrestonHigh.

Bundoora Secondary College

Discovery Open Night

Wednesday April 26th, 5-7pm

www.bundoorasc.edu.au

Charles La Trobe College

(Year 7, 2018)

Tuesday 21st March 2017

Tours from 5.45pm, Principals address

235 Kingsbury Drive, Macleod West

www.charleslatobecollege.vic.edu.au / Ph 9223 1400

Thornbury High School

Open Night

Thursday 16th March 2017 @ 7pm

238 Collins Street, Thornbury

Ph 9480 4066 / www.thornburyhs.vic.gov.au

Reservoir High

Showcase & Information Evening

Thursday 27th April, 2017

From 6.30pm

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 19th April, 2017

9am – 11am

855 Plenty Road, Reservoir

PH: 9466 0900 / www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au

PARENT COMPLAINT FLOWCHART

