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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 6th December 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

December

Friday 7th

Grade 4 La Trobe Uni - Sports & Activity Day

Thursday 13th

Grade 3 Watermarc Excursion - Fun & Fitness

Thursday 20th

Grade 6 Big Day Out - Funfields

Friday 21st

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Dismissal 1:00pm

Principal's Note

Parent Helpers – Thank you

Special thanks to all the parents who have actively supported and contributed to our school in 2018. To our School Council members (Bo Li, Mick Paskos, David Bellchambers, Ann-Marie Drakos, Diep Nguyen, Luke Draper & Xiao Jiang) - we thank you for all your leadership and hard work this year. In particular I would acknowledge the contribution made by Bo Li our School Council President. Bo is a tremendous advocate for our school and represents the best interests for all community members. Many thanks to the Parent's Club for their organisation of a range of fundraising activities e.g. Mothers/Fathers' Day stalls and election BBQs. Their efforts throughout the year have ensured the continuation of Fresh Fruit Friday. To the many parents, grandparents and community members who have helped with guided reading, sporting activities, Fresh Fruit Friday, sick bay linen, special days, school banking, lunchtime clubs and the concert– your support has been greatly appreciated. Freddy Collyer and Joanna Sun will perform a wonderful rap song at next Mondays assembly to thank our wonderful parent helpers.

Confectionary Gifts

Over the past few years we have seen a significant increase in the amount of confectionary including Christmas items such as candy canes that are being distributed at this time of the year. Numerous parents have spoken to me concerned about the amount of sugary gifts that are being distributed at this time of the year and I encourage parents to consider this when distributing gifts across classrooms.

Staffing 2019

Viktoria Sen will be leaving our staff team in 2019. I thank Viktoria for her commitments to our students and school. On behalf of the community, I wish Viktoria all the best for 2019 at her new school.

In 2019 Preston West will welcome one new teacher to join our staff to our staff team – Ella Van Meeuwen. In addition, Annalisa Stratakos will be employed in Term 1 of next year to cover Italian classes during Tina Stapmanns Long Service Leave. Ella and Annalisa are excited to be joining our team at Preston West and we look forward to their contribution throughout in 2019.

Canteen – Not open last week of term

The school canteen will not be open in the last week of this term. The final day for lunch order purchases will be on Friday 14th November.

Friday 21st December – 1pm dismissal

Just a reminder to our community that the final day of Term 4 is on Friday 21st December and we will finish at 1pm. A whole school assembly will be conducted on Friday 21st December at 12.40pm and students will be dismissed from the gymnasium. Students will have play lunch at school, but will eat lunch at home.

Cheryl Bondeson

BASCP CURRENT FAMILIES

Have you re enrolled for 2019? Emails were sent out on Friday 16th November with information about how to enrol online. If you have not re enrolled there will be no guarantee of placement for your child.

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: If you have any outstanding school fees for 2018 it would be appreciated if you could forward payment asap. If you need to contact the office you can do so on 9470 1546.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2018

A note was sent home via Compass regarding Grade 6 Graduation Night being held on Wednesday 12th December, 2018 (Doors will open at 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start) at the Preston West Primary School Gymnasium. This invitation to the Official Ceremony is open to the Grade 6 parents and their families only.



****Please inform your child's teacher, on a form provided, with the amount of people attending and the name of the adult who will collect your child from the disco. (Please note a maximum of 4 guests per child.)**

GRADUATION BEARS – GRADE 6



Graduation Bears for 2018 Grade 6's are now available at the office at a cost of \$18 each.

WELCOME TO PARENTS/CARERS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Friday volunteers for Friday 7th December are: Neiktaria Siourthas, Sarah Clemons, Ninh Ta, Kasey Gibson and Sarah Bellchambers.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 7th is Yannan Wang.

**Thank
You**

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand school uniform items can be **donated/purchased** at an active local community Op Shop called; **Helping Hands Mission, 66-68 Oakover Rd, Preston.** Open every weekday 10am -4pm.

eLearning

As the end of 2018 draws near, the school technicians and I are starting to plan and finalise arrangements for 2019. Part of this includes setting up Google Apps for Education accounts for next year's Grade 3s and allocating JAMF Pro licenses for those that are participating in the 2019 iPad Program. Recently I sent home an iPad Program booklet. At the back of the booklet it has the forms that will indicate whether your child be participating in the iPad Program, has parental consent to create them a school based Google Apps account as well as a Digital Technologies Agreement to be signed.

Regardless of whether your child will be participating in the iPad program or not, the Google Apps for Education Parental consent form and Digital Agreement is important in allowing the students the ability to participate in a range of learning through the use of the school shared devices and the Computer Lab.

Can I please ask that the relevant forms are returned to the school by the end of next week (Friday, December 7). Spare consent forms are available from the school office or via Compass under 'eLearning Information' in School Documentation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Regards,
Luke

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 30/11/2018

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Hanan Atosh	Kevin Wen
Prep D	Ivy Raspin	Danica Stojanoski
Prep H	Reno Mascioli	Aariz Ahmad
Prep L	Emelia Todd	Albie Howden
Prep W	Autumn Cox	Peter Kotanidis
1E	Prihan Said	Hadla Saoud
1K	Minty Leat	Bronson Vaelaa
1N	Maleesa Marashinghage	Penny Drakos
1W	Priyanshi Kangsia	Atlas Flynn
2A	Owen Kelly	Yula Nakamura
2B	Maxwell Quinan	Aishah Foggi
2J	Rania Gaal	Jasper O’Leary
2M	Umar Mohammed	Julian Patsalas
3B	Charlie Wagner	Madison Marino
3F	Amelie Bylsma	Bianca Hristov
3I	Milla Nicola	Toma Herceg
3P	Kamal Atosh	Derek He
4B	Ruby Maroski	Diya Patel
4E	Matilda Veenstra	
4K	Ollie Jirovec	Xavier Marino
4M	Abbey Costi	Niesha Beardsley
5H	Austin Bylsma	Finn O’Farrell
5I	Elias Halge	Abdallah Al Balouchi
5J	Elizabeth Moris	Pablo Paskos
5V	Chloe Bellchambers	Mannat Bhambri
6O	Namira Sciglitano	Eddie Jirovec
6N	Omar Azmy	Sebastian Santocono
6R	Olivia Stavrou	Kalan Dani
6T	Alexia Hatzimihailidis	
MUSIC	Isaac Stent PW	
PE	Sophia Thai 4K	
ITALIAN	Miro Mukai 2J	



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



***** Please note – Friday 14th December will be the last day for lunch orders this year!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Attention Parents and Carers

Preston West Primary School has a team of parents and carers that volunteer their time to perform a variety of activities throughout the year. We ask you to join us and continue this valuable work.

Parents and Carers run a group that is different from school council, is NOT for fundraising and always has lots of things to do!

JOIN ONE or JOIN ALL - parents and carers volunteer time to help with:

- weekly fresh fruit Friday
- sick bay bedding
- maintaining kitchen garden
- special events like mother and father's day stalls
- organise the bbqs when elections are held at the school
- other activities as they may arise

As children progress through their primary school grades, their parents also graduate from the parents/carers group. The group will lose many of its active members at the end of this year as their children complete primary school.

The school urges parents/carers to reach out and join the group so these valuable activities can continue for the school community.

For more information or to express interest please email pwpsparentclub@gmail.com or leave your contact info at the school office.

Please note that a working with children check is required.

