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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 11th May, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May

Friday 12th

Wednesday 17th May

Grade 6 Camp – Waratah Beach

Mothers'/Carers' Day Stall

District Cross Country

Term Dates

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

Waratah Bay Camp

The Year 6 Waratah Bay campers are having a fabulous time. The staff and students are thoroughly enjoying and appreciating their experiences and from our daily reports, all is going exceptionally well. Over the four days their proposed program includes camp based activities (giant swing, bouldering wall, ropes course, initiatives course, jail break team building activity, totem pole challenge, orienteering and camp cooking), time at the beach and a historical walk. The staff and students are sure to be exhausted after their week and I am looking forward to hearing their stories.

Family Dance Night

Special thanks to all the families who came along to the Family Dance night last Friday. Well done to Kelly Brooks for coordinating the night and to the parents who worked collaboratively to organise the event. Special thanks to 'The Quadranglers' who did a fantastic job entertaining the students and parents/carers - their wonderful efforts were greatly appreciated by all. See the photo page later in this newsletter.

Staff Leave

I will be taking long service leave for three weeks commencing Monday 15th May. During this time Mark Ross will undertake my role and Sue Moosajee, Adrijana Lukic and Jamie Andronikos will undertake the Acting Assistant Principal role for a week each. I look forward to my return to Preston West Primary School on Monday 5th June.

NAPLAN

National Testing (NAPLAN) for Year 3 and 5 students has been conducted throughout the week. The students have undertaken four assessments in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. We are really pleased with the way the students applied themselves and persisted when challenges were encountered. Results will be available to parents next term. Thank you to the staff in the Grade 3 and 5 area teams for your extra efforts over the past few weeks to assist in the successful implementation of the NAPLAN.

First Aid Officers

Special thanks to all the families who elected to make voluntary contributions to staff first aid officers at Preston West Primary in 2017. Our first aid officers are doing a wonderful job administering medications, treating on average 30 students per day and maintaining medical folders / records. The employment of first aid officers has also greatly assisted our office staff in undertaking their key tasks as required by the Department of Education and Training. Thank you to those who have supported this initiative.

Year 7 Enrolment Applications

Just a reminder to Grade 6 parents that as per Department of Education and Training guidelines the Application for Year 7 enrolment forms must be returned to us by next Tuesday.

Education Week – Open Morning

To celebrate Education Week we are having an open morning on Tuesday 23rd May between 9.15 and 10.50am. We invite all parents, extended family and community members into the school to see the quality programs we have to offer and the high standards of work our students are producing. Education Week is a great opportunity for the community to find out more about Preston West Primary and the many opportunities we offer students to learn, grow and thrive to their full academic, social and emotional potential.

Education Week – Kinder Students Visit

On Thursday 25th May between 9.30 – 10.45am we are inviting kinder students to experience school life at Preston West Primary. If you would like your child to attend or know of any families with 2018 school age children who would be interested in take part in this activity please utilise our school web site to enrolment children for this session. Thanks to our current families who have already completed and submitted Prep enrolment forms for next year.

Mother's Day Stall

Special thanks to the Parent's Club and all the volunteers for coordinating the Mother's Day Stall, which will also be conducted tomorrow morning. A great deal of time and effort was put into designing, constructing and purchasing the array of artist gifts. Gifts range between \$1 and \$6. I hope all mothers/carers enjoy a relaxing Mother's Day and are spoilt throughout the day on Sunday.

School Council

Just a reminder to parent representatives, the next meeting of the Preston West School Council will take place on Tuesday 16th May at 7pm.

Cheryl Bondeson

eLearning

eConnect Cyber Safety Sessions

This term Preston West Primary will be hosting a day of Cyber Safety sessions facilitated by eConnect. The eConnect program is provided by eSmart, which is an initiative from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

Throughout the day the Year 3 – 6 students will be participating in information sessions that cover the Three C's of Cyber Safety: Contact, Conduct and Content. This is aimed to ensure consistent approaches to staying safe online. Later in the evening there will be a parent session on offer that will provide an insight into the online worlds of young people, including: latest trends, risks and research.

A booking has been made for Wednesday 24th of May, with the parent session being held in the gymnasium at 6:15pm.

If you are interested in attending the parent session, please click on the following link so that I am able to confirm numbers for the session.

[Attendance Survey \(Click Here\)](#)

JSC

Hi, I'm Quinn and I am one of the Grade 4 Junior School Council representatives. I always try my best to be kind and helpful. In my spare time I like to read, my favourite author is J.K Rowling. I will do my best to make this school a better place. You can find me at the big kids playground if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Quinn 4M

Hi, I'm Lily and I am the Grade 4K Junior School Council representative. I am caring and supportive so don't be scared to come and ask me a question. I will use as much of my spare time as possible to make this school a better place. I love to play soccer and you will probably find me playing on the back oval at recess and lunch.

Thanks,
Lily 4K

Prep-Grade 2 Guided Reading – Assistance Required.

The Preps, 1s and 2s are calling for any parents/carers that are available to assist with guided reading. The junior school guided reading program is aimed introducing and building on, a variety of reading strategies as well as targeting students with specific reading and comprehension needs. The assistance of parents/carers in the classroom allows teachers to provide a more intensive approach in small groups whilst allowing parents to gain an insight into the workings of our wonderful school.

The best part - you don't even have to have a child in the junior school! As long as you hold a current working with children check and you have some spare time on Tuesday to Friday mornings, we'd LOVE to see you!

For those that have some spare time and would like to offer their help, please contact one of the area coordinators below and they will be more than happy to let you know where you could help out.

Please note that guided reading runs from 9:10 to 9:55am every Tuesday to Friday.

Junior school area coordinators

Prep: Ben Corns Room 6

Grade 1: Chloe Watt Room 13

Grade 2: Jess Merlo Room 11

Thanks in advance for your help!

Adrijana Lukic

Prep team and Literacy Leading Teacher

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](#)

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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 05/05/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Hadla Saoud	Youssef Shaalan
Prep I	Jack White	Arham Umar
Prep K	Flynn Fennel	Adelaide Hegarty
Prep L	Angus Draper	Louis Bell
Prep W	Polly Ho	Zoe Zanella
1B	Erica Semple	Nicholas Lekkas
1C	Chloe Beck	Christina Paschalis
1E	Mona Saoud	Emaan Ather
1M	Olive Shaw	Ruben Harwood
1W	Jasper O'Leary	Holly Bellchambers
2A	Amelia White	Khalid Habeeballah
2B	Leon Kapsalis	Jamie Kuiper
2J	Adam Mazzone	Avni Mansukhani
2M	Jennifer Ly	Michael Roberts
3B	Charlotte Catton	Lennox Parker
3D	Whole Class	Samuel Jordan
3P	Abdullahi Atosh	Athan Nalpantidis
3W	Wilson Zhang	Ayman Ali
4F	Aritra Guha	Eman Hassan
4K	Skye Williams	Kosta Triantafyllopoulos
4M	Hugh Van Herk	Vasili Kourabas
4W	Elias Halge	Chayce Madrigrano
5H	Archibald Fox	Aneesa Dani
5I	Harriet Mc Nicol	Jack McKenzie
5J	Gemma Kelly	Arya Sivakumar
5O	Charlie Brain	Sienna Quattrone
6N	Emily Dellavedova	Lily Stracey
6S	Ryan Li	Vanesa Reategui
6T	Josh Carelli	Madeline Day
ART	Isadora Carpenter 5J	
MUSIC	Kane Simpson 6N	
PHYS ED	Charlie Grbac 3B	
ITALIAN	Aneesa Dani 5H	



GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are now overdue.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Uniform will no longer be sold from our PWPS uniform shop. All enquiries and availability should now be made through PSW directly.

PSW

Unit 2, 283 Rex Road,
Campbellfield Vic 3061

Phone: 03 9768 0337

Trading Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Online sales - <http://www.psw.com.au/retail/default.aspx>

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 12th May are: Tao Song, Eman Abaza, Jane Piper, Vicki Persic and Sarah Bellchambers.

QUADWRANGLERS PARENT BAND

Do you like to sing or play? JOIN US!
Contact: katiehullbrown@gmail.com

MOTHERS'/CARERS' DAY STALL – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

If you are available to help out on the following days/times, please email pwpsparentclub@gmail.com with your name, contact number and shift time.

Friday 12th May: 9am-11am (Usually finish by recess but may go slightly longer)

BUNNINGS BBQ – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

PWPS is running a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Preston on Saturday 20th May and we need some volunteers for the following shifts:

10am – 12pm, 11am – 1pm, 12pm – 2pm, 1pm – 3pm and 2pm – 4.30pm

If you are available to help, please email pwpsparentclub@gmail.com with your name, contact number and shift time.

SCHOOL BANKING – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are seeking a few more volunteers to help with the School Banking Program. If you can spare 30 minutes every few weeks, please email Kathryn Li on kathrynli1510@gmail.com.

Don't forget School Banking is on Tuesdays. If you would like your child to participate in the School Banking Program, please collect an information pack and application form from the school office.

THE PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB

It is open to parents/carers of children attending the school. Weekly gatherings provide an informal opportunity for parents to have conversations, coordinate fundraising endeavours throughout the year and support the School Council and Junior School Council in community based events and special days on the Preston West school calendar. If you like to be kept in the loop of things, please email pwpsparentclub@gmail.com with your email address.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL

In exciting news for our school community, Preston High School has been allocated \$5 million in the 2017-18 Victorian State Budget.

The Government has listened to the community and this valuable investment will ensure that a new co-educational secondary school will open for term 1, 2019.

Using all the community comments from the consultation held in February the architects are working hard to bring a master plan back to the community as soon as possible.

You will hear from the Victorian School Building Authority once the master plan has been completed.

For more information on the school please visit our website
<http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Preston-High-School.aspx>



Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Preston West Primary School.

Due to popular demand we now have a Friday afternoon program!

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2, 2017.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au

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