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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 11th October 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

October

Friday 12th

Grade 1 Incursion – Light and Sound

Wednesday 24th

SCHOOL CONCERT

Friday 26th

Whole School & Graduation Photo's

November

Monday 5th

Curriculum Day (No school this day)

Tuesday 6th

Melbourne Cup Day (No school this day)

December

Friday 21st

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Dismissal 1:00pm

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 8th October – Friday 21st December

Principal's Note

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4 – it promises to be a very productive and busy term. It was fantastic to see all the fresh faces back on Monday. All the students look rested and enthusiastic. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable term of schooling. Special events that will take place this term include the Concert, Graduation, Prep and Year 7 Orientation and Grade 2 Swimming to name some of the important happenings to occur.

School Concert - Thursday 24th October

The Preston West Primary School Concert will take place on Wednesday 24th October. The concert is a terrific community event where families can enjoy a relaxed picnic atmosphere and celebrate the wonderful musical talents of our students. This year our concert theme will be 'League of Legends' and the students will be performing hits from many musical superstars.

Grades for 2019

As the Principal of Preston West PS I work to ensure that we as a school community are doing the best for each and every one of our students, your children. Our staff work, both individually and in teams, to design engaging and challenging curriculum that feeds rich and authentic learning experiences so that we can equip your children with the skill and knowledge to be successful young adults. Our aim is to send our students off to secondary school with a broad set of social, emotional and academic competencies so that they can thrive in their secondary school environment. We understand that each and every child is unique and because of this, their needs vary. We aim to cater for the diverse needs of all students and know that the wellbeing of your children is the foundation to them being ready and able to access learning. This is not an easy job, but we do our very best and ask for you as parents to trust and work with us to help to create these preconditions for learning.

In the coming weeks teachers will begin the grade allocation process for 2019. This process seeks to ensure that the grades formed for next year are equitable in terms of academic, gender and social mix. In addition teachers use their knowledge of friendship groups as another factor in the placement of children. Teachers in area teams use a pro-forma to place children according to their overall academic abilities and behaviour. Students are also asked to identify a small group of friends they would like to be in a classroom with – we endeavour to ensure they will be with at least one selected friend. A computer program (Class Creator) is then utilised to form the initial grade groupings. The initial lists are then reviewed by staff with knowledge and experience with these children to ensure that the social mix is also appropriate.

Over the past few years we have been overwhelmed by the number of parents/carers who have made special requests in regards to their child's placement. This has made the grade selection process impossible to accommodate all requests and for staff to successfully and equitably create class groupings. Therefore, parent requests will not be taken for next year's Grade 1-6 classes. With the students we promote the classroom as a learning environment and teachers work collaboratively with their new class each year to promote a 'team' focus, authentic relationships and high expectations (behavioural, social and academic). Through our Bounceback program we also undertake teachings around characteristics such as persistence, resilience, wellbeing, equity, inclusion, courage etc. As per previous years individual teacher requests will also not be considered. Students will be informed of their grade placements for 2019 and their teacher at the Promotional Parade on Wednesday 19th December.

Parent Opinion Survey

Special thanks once again to all the parents who completed the Department Of Education and Trainings Parent Opinion Survey. The results received this week were pleasing with an overall general satisfaction rate of 98%. In addition those who completed the survey, ranked Community Engagement to Learning at 90%, Excellence in Teaching and Learning at 86% and Positive Climate for Learning at 91%. The results will be thoroughly analysed alongside the Staff Opinion Survey and Attitudes to Schooling (Grade 4-6 student survey) to highlight our successes and identify areas of improvement.

Sun Smart

All children are reminded that as part of the Sun Smart Policy from September to the end of April they need to wear their school hat when outside. Owing to children's allergies the school does not supply sunscreen and teachers are not allowed to apply sunscreen to children. All children are encouraged to apply sunscreen before they come to school and reapply it prior to going outside for the lunchtime break. Please ensure your child's sunscreen is labelled and kept in their school bag. On days of extreme heat the children will have a shortened playtime and stay in their air conditioned classrooms.

Division Athletics Sports

On Tuesday 30 students competed in the Division Athletics Carnival. All the students must be congratulated on their fabulous efforts on the day and also in reaching such a significant level of competition. Seventeen of our students have progressed to next week's regional Competition. The success is a testament to the quality of our Physical Education program that operates across the school. Thanks to Ainslee Watkins for coordinating our team, Amra Hegic for taking the students on the day and all the parents who attended and encouraged our students to perform at their best.

Before and After School Care

Our Before and After School Care Program continues to attract a high number of students. Nicole and Mary do a wonderful job with their team. The care, encouragement and support the staff show is terrific. Providing food for up to 150 students in one session is a huge feat. The program encourages healthy and fresh food choices during the morning breakfast and afternoon snack time. Our menus are on display near the kitchen. Breakfast includes a selection of breads (wholemeal, multigrain, white and raisin) accompanied by spreads such as jam, vegemite, tomato and cheese. Cereal options include oats/porridge, low-sugar wholegrain cereal, rice bubbles and corn flakes. Afternoon snacks vary including fruit and vegetable platters, corn chips, cheese, rice crackers, sandwiches and wraps. A range of seasonal fruit is available at all times. All children are accommodated for during menu planning and the program caters for specific dietary requirements, anaphylaxis and allergies. Icy poles are sometimes distributed on hot days and on the last day of each term special treats are provided e.g. party pies, sausages, pizza and chips. Experiences the children may engage in include cooking, art and craft, sport, reading, dress up, sewing, knitting, games e.g. cards, chess and dominoes and directed and undirected free play. On hot and wet days the children will access the library, art room and computer lab. Please note the planning tree is on the carpeted area in the foyer.

Cheryl Bondeson

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.

WELCOME TO PARENTS/CARERS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Friday volunteers for Friday 12th October are: Jacqueline Lewis, Soma Guha, Daniela Cagliariini, Bryony Marshall-Radcliffe and Georgia Care.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 12th October is Wendy Bainbridge.

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.

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



eLearning

BYO iPad Program Parent Information Sessions

This term I will be hosting three information sessions for the BYO iPad Program. These sessions will inform parents of the 2019 Year 3 cohort (This year's Year 2s) of what the program is about, the requirements of the program, how to get your child involved and also give you a glimpse into how iPads are used in the classroom.

The three sessions will be held on the following dates:

- October 29th at 2:30pm
- November 12th at 2:30pm
- November 13th at 6:00pm

If you are interested in coming along to one of the sessions please register your interest [here](#).

If you are after any information prior to these dates, please feel free to email me or even visit me on a Monday.

Regards,

Luke Begg
Leading Teacher for eLearning



League of Legends

PWPS 2018 Concert
Wednesday 24th October.



The children have been working very hard on their item for the 2018 school concert. We are so excited to be presenting this to the parents and friends of our school. It will be a great community event.

The concert will be held on the back oval. Get there well ahead of time to allow for parking and so that the children have time to find their teacher and their grade.

To encourage a supportive environment for the children performing and to allow the concert to run smoothly, the children will be sitting in front of the stage in the "student zone" during their part of the night. This zone is for teachers and children only. Your child will spend a considerable part of the evening with their teacher and grade, so we recommend that you to feed your child before you arrive at school. Parents are welcome to bring a food hamper for themselves and will be able to share with their younger children in P-2 after the interval.

There will be two parts to the concert:

- **Part One - Prep, One and Two.** It will run from 6.00 - 6.30pm. During this time, your child will be sitting with their grade and their teacher in the student zone.
- **Interval 6.30 - 6.45pm**
During interval, the teachers will take the Prep -2 grades out of the student zone to a meeting place for parents. You can collect your child and they can sit with you to watch the rest of the concert, or you may elect to take them home.
- **Part Two - Grades 3 - 6**
Part 2 will run from 6.45pm onwards. The Grades 3-6 will assemble in the designated student zone in front of the stage. They will perform, sing and watch the other items from here. Your child can be collected from here at the end of the items.

We hope you all enjoy our wonderful musically talented students.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learn music here at school

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

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

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 \$17.50 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2018.

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

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Interested in playing basketball? We invite you to join our fun, team focused sport within our friendly Club!

We still have openings for the following age groups for summer season:

Under 8's, Under 10 Girls, Under 12 Boys

(U8: Boys and Girls born 2012 or later)

(U10 Girls: born 2010 or 2011)

(U12 Boys: born 2008 or 2009)

Games are played on Saturday mornings.

Training is held on Tuesdays, 4-5pm or 5-6pm, at Coburg Stadium, or Coburg High School.

Our next season runs from the beginning of Term 4, through to the end of Term 1, 2019. The cost per season is just \$230 per child (covers 6 months of games, training fees and use of Club uniform).

Register now via our Club website as spaces fill fast. <http://www.warriorsbasketballclub.com>