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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 14th June 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

June

Tuesday 19th

School Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 21st

JSC - Out of Uniform Day – Gold Coin Donation

Wednesday 27th

3 Way Conferences – No formal classes on this day

Thursday 28th

Multicultural Day – Whole School

Friday 29th

Last Day Term 2 – 2.30 Finish

Term Dates

Term 2 Monday 16th April – Friday 29th June

Term 3 Monday 16th July – Friday 21st September

Term 4 Monday 8th October – Friday 21st December

Principal's Note

Traffic Congestion – Friday 16th June

Tomorrow morning around the streets of Preston West Primary School we are anticipating traffic congestion due to Eid celebrations. Please note that there may also be some street closures and officers directing traffic. On behalf of the community I wish all our Islamic families a happy Eid celebration for tomorrow.

Three Way Conferences

Interview times for the Three Way Conferences on Wednesday 27th June opened last Friday. Parent teacher interview times can be booked utilising Compass using your individual user name and password. It is important that all families participate in the Three Way Conferences as it provides the opportunity to exchange information, monitor student achievement and determining an appropriate learning plan for each student for the remainder of the year. Just a reminder that our additional program staff will be available on the day to discuss students and their reports. Interview time allocations to see our specialists are not required and these teachers will all be located in the Art Room on the 27th June. **Please note there are no formal classes for students on this day and Before and After School Care will not be operating. Students are expected to participate in the Three Way Conferences.**

Grade 4 Lake Dewar Camp

The Grade 4 campers had a fabulous time at Lake Dewar and returned exhausted last Friday. The staff and students thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated their experiences and the camp was extremely successful. The students have recalled numerous wonderful moments including the organised activities at the Lake Dewar Camp and entertaining evening activities. The teachers were impressed by the student's independence and teamwork. Special thanks to the staff - Kat Kettle, Elle Miller, Marko Krsticevic, Melissa Besford, Ainslee Watkins, Sam Burnett, Nola Chatterton and Brenda Steer who gave up their family time to attend the camp and provided the students such a memorable experience.

Grandparents Day

It was great to see so many grandparents in the school today, as part of the Grade 1 Grandparents Day. The day was organised to support the Grade 1 unit of study on Life in the Olden Days. The students have shared some great learnings with me and I am looking forward to seeing their projects in the last week of this term.

Student Reports

Mid year student reports can be accessed via Compass on Monday 25th June. Special thanks to the staff for all their hard work over the past months with assessments, moderation within and across teams and documenting student reports.

Junior School Council – Out of Uniform Day

Next Thursday 21st June the Junior School Council will be conducting an out of uniform day with a gold coin donation to raise money for 'Doctor's without Borders'.

Updating Family Details

Just a reminder to parents to ensure they return updated student enrolment information forms that were distributed via the communication folders a few weeks ago. It is imperative we have up to date information on all our families.

Multicultural Day

On Thursday 28th June, Preston West Primary is celebrating Multicultural Day. In the afternoon students will work in multi-age groups to undertake special tasks related to multiculturalism. Students can bring samples of their traditional food to share in their classrooms and can wear clothing of a culture of their choice.

Division Cross Country

Congratulations to the fourteen students who represented Preston West and all schools in our sporting district at the Division Cross Country. They did a fantastic job to reach this level and ran with great determination. Special thanks to Ainslee Watkins who has been conducting early morning sessions throughout the term to prepare the students for the gruelling event and to the parents for accompanying and supporting our team to Bundoora Park yesterday. Hannah Chan, Elias Halge, Eddie Jirovec, Dash Maxwell, Lucy Preshaw, Noah Robotis and Lily Sibillin will compete in the Regional Cross Country competition next Wednesday – an outstanding effort and great honour.

School Council

Just a reminder to our School Council members that our next meeting will be conducted on Tuesday 19th June at 7pm.

Cheryl Bondeson

WELCOME TO PARENTS/CARERS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 15th June are: Soma Guha, Kasey Gibson, Damayanthi Karunaratns, Georgia Care and Glenn Beard.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 15th June is Julie Monk.

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 VIC 3072**. They are **open every day** of the week 10am-4pm.

SCHOOL BANKING 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 your local Commonwealth Bank or apply online.



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS



Interschool Sports this week will be played AWAY against Reservoir West on Friday 15th June – Football at Moore Sth Oval, Soccer (Boys) and Soccer (Girls) at Donath Reserve and Netball at Reservoir West PS. Good Luck to all our teams.

FORTNITE

Background

Over the last 6 - 12 months, one particular video game has taken the world by storm. That game is 'Fortnite' by the developer Epic Games. Parents will either be familiar of Fortnite because it is all their child is playing it or because of the range of dance moves copied from the game eg 'Flossing' or 'Boneless', just to name a couple.

For those that aren't aware of the this game, let me set the scene. The premium version of the game (purchased content) sets the player in a world where they must survive a plague like storm that eliminates 98% of the world's population and leaving zombies in their place. Your job, as the player, is to survive the storm (and zombies) in an attempt to return Earth to its former glory.

Before continuing it is important to understand the basic structure of almost any mainstream video game in the industry. With the rise of technology and faster internet connections, most games will have a single player component (where you play through some form of narrative) as well as a multiplayer component (usually adding the ability to team up with friends or compete against them and others from around the world). In regards to Fortnite, it is the 'free to play' multiplayer component that has become popular among gamers of all ages.

The multiplayer aspect of Fortnite is about having a hundred players on one large island fighting for survival. The game/round will continue until there is only one survivor left. It is important to note at this point that Fortnite is a First Person Shooter (FPS) with a cartoon-like art style that is said to draw inspiration from the likes of Pixar, Tim Burton and Looney Tunes. The product, an easy to pick up and play video game that is action packed and, due to its art style, quite unrealistic and comical. **Due to the violent nature of Fortnite, the game is rated 'M' in Australia as per the [Guidelines for Computer Games 2012](#).**

Rational

The reason I am covering this in the weekly newsletter is due to its rapid increase in student popularity, increased concern in the parent community nationwide and increased media coverage. Over the last week I have seen a number of news articles that have addressed the concerns of Fortnite. In summary, many articles are highlighting the staggering amount of children under the age of 12 years old that are playing this game, the amount of time they are spending playing it per week and some of the social implications that may arise from the seemingly addictive nature of Fortnite. Without turning the weekly school newsletter into a journal publication about the social and developmental pros and cons of Fortnite, I have listed some articles which I feel may help support your understanding of the game, help inform the decision of whether or not you allow this game within your household and any of the rules that may surround its use.

- ["Fortnite is taking over. These experts want you to play it with your kids"](#) (ABC News)
- ["Fortnite survival game enthrals children in bottle of consoles"](#) (ABC News)
- ["How to deal with your child playing Fortnite"](#) (Nine, Honey)

I encourage parents to do the research, talk to your children about the game and work out boundaries that are right for your family.

If you have any questions about the game and its contents, I would be more than happy to help where I can.

Luke Begg
Leading Teacher for eLearning

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: SCHOOL FEES WERE DUE FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018.

SPARE CLOTHING

Can parents of our junior students please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their school bags. Our first aid is running extremely short of clothing. If your child has been provided with school owed clothing, it would be greatly appreciated if you could return it after washing the items as soon as possible to Carol (First Aid Officer) or the school office.

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.

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 **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 22nd June 2018.**

Premier Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) has commenced for students in Prep to Grade 6. **Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 need to read or have read to them, 30 books (20 of which are in the challenge book list). Students in Grades 3 to 6 need to read 15 books, (10 must be from the challenge book list).**

The challenge finishes on the 7th September. All registered students will need to have **finished** reading their required number of books and the completed list sent back to school no later than Monday the 28th August.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge booklist is available for download and printing from the PRC website. The website is: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE: Only **one** of the forms needs to be completed. The two forms that have been added to Compass under **School Documentation**.

- **Premier's Reading Challenge – Online Honour Roll Consent:** This form needs to be completed **ONLY** if you would like your child's name to appear on the Online Honour Roll when the PRC has been completed.
- **Premier's Reading Challenge – School participation:** Please complete this form if you would like your child to take part in the reading challenge but **NOT** have their name published on the Premiers' Reading Challenge Online Honour Roll.

When your child has finished reading the required number of books, please return the completed list to school for the books to be verified.

Happy Reading!

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Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinators



STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 8/6/2018

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Sarina Hassan	Whole Class
Prep D	Ivy Raspin	Poppy Richards
Prep H	Leonard Manojlovski	Elsa Antill
Prep L	Hillary Drakos	Wayne Wang
Prep W	Kush Prashar	Autumn Cox
1E	Ibraheem Mohammed	Zakaria Hassan
1K	Di Wu	Nisarga Vinay
1N	Emma Mai-Lane	Jack White
1W	Ava Tsaousidis	Emaan Ather
2A	Karam Mahdi	Ishpreet Kaur
2B	Ahmadh Umar Farook	Oliver Shaw
2J	Hazel Harris-Thibault	Chilla Wang
2M	Hari Butteddi	Lara Sibley
3F	Somdeep Bhattacharyya	Micah Napolitano
3B	Andy Lin	Lucas Mascioli
3I	Max Sibley	Max Rickards
3P	Xanthe Stothers	Eno Zhang
4B	Whole Class	
4E	Whole Class	
4K	Whole Class	
4M	Whole Class	
5H	Finn O'Farrel	Darby Watson
5I	Scarlett Bond	Lachie Cullen
5J	Mohammed Saghar	
5V	Mannot Bhambri	Lily Sibillin
6T	Rania Atosh	Luca Mariani
6N	Harriet McNicol	Archie Fox
6O	Lili Tzouroutis	Roman Napolitano
ART	Lwazi Myeza PC	
MUSIC	Scarlett Maxwell 1E	
ITALIAN	Isadora Carpenter 6O	



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



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 \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3, 2018.

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

 Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au



SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

1. Contact details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on preston.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

2. Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to log your child's absence using our school's Compass School Manager early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

3. Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

Our school will text you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please log onto Compass to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e.: message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences, eg family holidays. You can do this online via Compass.

New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, via Compass School Manager.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.