

# Preston West Post

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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grand Final Eve Public Holiday

### November

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pupil Free Day – No school this day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Melbourne Cup Day - No school this day

### December

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum Day – No school this day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Last Day Term 4 – 1pm Dismissal**

## Term Dates

**Term 4 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

## Principal's Note

### Returning to Onsite Learning

It has been great having our students back onsite this week. It has been wonderful visiting classrooms and seeing our students promptly reconnecting with staff and classmates and enthusiastically returning to established routines. Thank you very much to our parents re: changes to drop off/pickups and staggered dismissals at the end of each day. We have really appreciated your support in not entering the premises and I encourage parents/guardians to promptly depart the front of the school following drop off/pickup to ensure you are socially distancing. Can I please request that if students arrive late they come directly to the school office. Parents do not need to enter the premises to bring in students who are late. If students need to be picked up early, can I please ask parents to call the office from outside the school gates and we will have your child come out to you. All in all it has been a great transition back to onsite schooling for our students and we are all focused on having a hard working, collaborative and productive ten weeks of onsite learning.

### ICAS Assessments

Due to Covid 19 the ICAS sitting dates at Preston West PS have been rescheduled. The ICAS English Competition will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and the Maths Competition on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Practice tests are available using this link: <https://sites.google.com/prestonwest.vic.edu.au/icas/home>

### Mobile Phones in Classrooms – Ministerial Announcement

Last year the Minister for Education James Merlino announced mobile phones will be banned for all students at Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020. The aim on this policy is to reduce distraction, tackle cyber bullying and improve learning outcome for all students. At Preston West Primary parents of students who carry a mobile phone need to inform myself or Mark Ross in writing as to why their child requires a phone. If approved, all student mobile phones must be handed into the main office upon arrival to school and are to be collected after 3.30pm.

### Student Accident/Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Personal Property

The Department of Education and Training (D.E.T.) does not provide personal accident cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance or ambulance cover are responsible for paying the costs of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and other transport costs. Also a reminder that the D.E.T. does not hold insurance for personal property bought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage of such properties.

## Privacy – Personal Information

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>). Please take the time to read our schools collection statement which can be found on Compass. For more information about privacy, see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents (<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>). This information is also available in nine community languages.

**Cheryl Bondeson**



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# School Photography

Dear Parents,

It's great to see that we now have a more positive plan for students to return to school in the coming weeks. We wanted to reassure you that we are working very closely with your school under guidelines that have been set out by the Department of Education to reschedule your 2020 school photography. Our priority remains the well-being of students, educators, staff and the overall community.

Once government restrictions are lifted we will confirm a photo date. We understand how important it is for your family to have a lasting memory of the 2020 school year.

Kind Regards,

The *advancedlife* team

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