

# Preston West Post

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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## IMPORTANT DATES

### November

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 2 Swimming

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 5I & 5J Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Grade 2 Swimming

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5H & 5V Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Prep Edendale Community Farm Excursion

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 NGV Excursion

### December

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Dismissal 1:00pm**

## Principal's Note

### Junior School Council out of uniform day

Tomorrow the Junior School Council are running their final fundraising endeavour for 2018. Students can come out of uniform and the theme for the dress up day is 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' All proceeds from the gold coin donations will be directed to the Royal Children's Hospital. A big thank you to all our JSC members for their efforts, leadership, ideas, teamwork and focused work this year. Thank you also to Elle Miller and Elizabeth Ilia for leading our JSC.

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

Last Friday Tess Norton coordinated a special school assembly to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Special thanks to Rania Atosh, Sarah Cashmere, Amelia Kehle, April Harris-Thibault, Rory Tymon, Alexia Hatzimihailidis, Cara Beard, Elijah Morris and Quinn Mac Cartney for actively contributing to the ceremony and also to the Grade 5 students who created a wonderful visual display as a back drop. I was very proud of the silence and reflection during the playing on the Last Post and the minute silence.

### Parent Payments 2019

In 2019 there will be a slight increase in Parent Payments as approved by School Council at our November meeting. At Preston West Primary School we have endeavoured to keep our payments as low as possible. In summary the 2019 Parent payments will include:

1. Essential Educational Items will increase to \$200. Parent Payments incorporate the costs associated with Athletics and Reading Eggs/Reading Express.
2. In 2019 we will continue to employ a first aid officer. Having Carol in the first aid role over the past two years year has greatly enhanced the safety of students and has assisted in reducing the load on staff to administer first aid. In turn this has allocated more staff to undertake either yard duty or lunch time clubs. A voluntary contribution levy of \$40 per student (same as in 2018) contributes towards the employment of a first aid officer for approximately 4 hours per day.
3. The voluntary curriculum levy of \$50 will remain the same.

In 2018 there was a reduction in the number of families who contributed to the voluntary first aid and curriculum levy. Please note we can only request these volunteer charges at the commencement of a school year, as opposed to the Essential Educational Items charge, which we can send out reminder statements for payment each term.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our school community and eagerly head into 2019 with ambitious goals to continue our journey to provide an excellent primary school education for students of Preston West and beyond. If you have any questions regarding parent payments please don't hesitate to contact me on (03)94701546.

## School Council Summary

A summary of this week's school council meeting discussions included:

- In 2019 we will have an estimated enrolment of 683 students. Thirty classes will operate across the school and students will access a session per week of Italian, Art, Physical Education and Music.
- 2019 planning is well underway in relation to staffing, strategic direction (curriculum, staff professional learning), calendar of events and budgets etc.
- Students in Grades 1-6 will commence school in 2019 on Thursday 31st January. Prep students will commence on Friday 1st February and their individual assessments will be conducted on either the 31<sup>st</sup> January or a Wednesday in February.
- New air conditioning units have been installed throughout the main building and a media projector that been installed in the gymnasium.
- The Parent Opinion Survey results were presented. In summary, Preston West parents ranked their general satisfaction of our school at 98% on the Department of Education and Training survey.
- The first two Prep Orientation sessions have been well attended. The Teddy Bears Picnic will be conducted on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- Special thanks to the community for supporting our 'League of Legends' Concert . Congratulations and thank you to Desley Chappel for her outstanding organisation of the event.
- The Grade 2 swimming program commencing Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November will be attended by ninety-nine students.
- Assessments have been conducted across the school throughout October and early November and staff have moderated results in and across teams. Student reports will be distributed via Compass on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- Pupil free days in 2019 will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- In 2019 there will be a slight change to the structure of the school day. Please see below:

*Session 1:* 9.00 – 9.55am

*Session 2:* 9.55 – 10.50

***Recess:* 10.50 – 11.20**

*Session 3:* 11.20 – 12.10

*Session 4:* 12.10 – 1.00

***Lunch eating* 1.00 – 1.10**

***Lunchtime:* 1.10 – 2.00**

*Session 5* 2.00– 2.45

*Session 6:* 2.45 – 3.30

- Grade 2 BYOD iPad sessions were well attended.
- The Before and After School Care Programs Fees will remain the same as in 2018 (Before care \$8 and after care \$12).

***Cheryl Bondeson***

The Junior School Council has decided that tomorrow Friday 16th of November will be a dress up day to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. The theme will be '**What You Want to Be When You Grow Up**' and we can't wait to see what costumes and ideas you bring to PWPS!

Please don't forget your gold coin donation as this is a very worthy cause.  
Thank you for your support.

## 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 16th November are: Ninh Hoang, Annie Zanella, Vicki Persic, Alice Mullenger and Kathryn Li.

### SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR #DEMOCRACYSAUSAGE

Thank you for all volunteers for the #democracysausage sizzle on Sat November 24. We still have limited spots left in the following time slots.

- 12-2 pm
- 2-4 pm

We are also looking for donations for the baked goods sale (cupcakes, slices and biscuits, clearly labeled with ingredients). Baked goods can be dropped off on election day. If you are able to volunteer for one of the above times or donate to the baked good sale, please email Bo via email [bo.li3072@gmail.com](mailto:bo.li3072@gmail.com) by Friday November 9.

# BYO iPad Purchasing Plan for 2019

As the end of 2018 draws near, we look forward to 2019 and all it holds for us. For next year's Year 3 cohort, they look at the exciting prospect of being part of the BYO iPad Program. If you and your child would like to be part of the program, then all you need is an iPad no older than the iPad Air 2 or Mini 4 (We recommend the 2017 iPad as a minimum to make sure your child's device makes it to the end of Year 6). You can use a pre-existing iPad from home, purchase a new or used iPad or sign onto the school's iPad Purchase Plan.

The purchasing plan is a great option for families that do not want to commit to the investment of a new iPad due to the initial outlay in cost. For this reason, Preston West Primary have been working with Beyond the Box to supply devices at educational pricing.

Please know that this option is available to all students in Year 3 to 6.

The 2019 packages include:

<p><b>Package 1: iPad and Case</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple iPad (6<sup>th</sup> Gen, 2018)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Wi-Fi</li> <li>o 32GB of internal storage</li> <li>o Space Grey</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MacGuy Survival Case</li> </ul> <p>Total price of <b>\$480.70</b></p> <p>\$100 deposit by November 19, 2018, followed by monthly instalments of <b>\$31.73</b> via Direct Debit.</p>	<p><b>Package 2: iPad and Case with keyboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple iPad (6<sup>th</sup> Gen, 2018)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Wi-Fi</li> <li>o 32GB of internal storage</li> <li>o Space Grey</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MacGuy Defender Key 2 Case</li> </ul> <p>Total price of <b>\$544.70</b></p> <p>\$100 deposit by November 19, 2018, followed by monthly instalments of <b>\$37.06</b> via Direct Debit.</p>
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Please note that this year we are **not** offering the extra service of engraving due to delays in delivery time.

If you are interested in this package please contact myself or speak to the office as orders, with deposits, need to be confirmed by **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018**.

*\*\*Thank you to all of the parents that were able to make it to one of the iPad information sessions over the past couple of weeks. If you were unable to make it but have any questions, please feel free to contact me via Compass or come in and see me after school.*

*If you are enrolling your child into the iPad program then please have the appropriate forms filled and returned to the office. The school technicians recommend that any new devices are set up before the end of the school year, ensuring that your child will be able to transition into their 2019 class with greater ease.*

Regards,

Luke Begg  
Leading Teacher for eLearning

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 9/11/2018**

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



GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Sophie Thomas	Daiwik Bhanot
Prep D	Kelsie Grover	Hidayah Atosh
Prep H	Freya Smart	Emilia Jirovcova
Prep L	Thomas Butters	Hannah Elsey
Prep W	Zarah Sezen	Ridaa Khan
1B	Freddy Margetic	Aradhya Kattel
1E	Huy Ho	Zakaria Hassan
1K	Sreekanth Karthik	Nisarga Vinay
1N	Oscar D’amico Barone	Melby Nguyen
1W	Ruhan Vijay	Sidh Nair
2A	Holly Bellchambers	Shreyansh KC
2B	Ethan Choudry	Ishaan Golla
2J	Harry Wooster	Harrison Zhang
2M	Tamika Ralifo	Nathan Nguyen
3B	Sara Dani	Ahmed Saghar
3F	Adam Dimitriou	Tharuli Wimalasooriya
3I	Max Rickards	Salma Edrees
3P	Nikita Coseski	Xanthe Stothers
4B	Diya Patel	
4E	Samindi Fernando	Navpreet Kaur
4K	Pearl Elsey	Yixi Wang
5H	Tara Alenezi	Gus Gilbert
5I	Scarlett Bond	Harshil Purohit
5J	Elizabeth Morris	
5V	Maddyn Papworth	Michael Chadwick Santos
6O	Roman Napolitano	Kiera Jeffers
6N	Harriet McNicol	Lucy Preshaw
6R	Alessia Filippone	Yasmine El-Diab
6T	Connor Murray	Jaidon Wang
MUSIC	Greta Carpenter 4E	
PE	Jacklyn Wilkins 6R	
ART	Giacomo Bell 5J	
ITALIAN	Micah Napolitano 4F	

**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](mailto:schoolpantry@icloud.com)

