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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 16th February, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 21st

Parent Meeting: School Self Evaluation 6-7pm

Tuesday 21st

School Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 23rd

Community BBQ 5.30-7pm

MARCH

Wednesday 1st

District Swim Sports

Wednesday 1st

Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

Thursday 2nd

Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

Monday 6th

Preps commence full time

Monday 13th

Labour Day Public Holiday - No school this day

Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February – Friday 31st March

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

Great Start to 2017 School Year

I must congratulate all the students across the school for a fantastic start to the 2017 school year. The behaviour, working attitudes and team work have been commendable and I am looking forward to seeing the academic results which will be analysed over the next few weeks after a variety of testing across the school in literacy and numeracy. I am also impressed with the quality work I have been seeing during my visits to classrooms. We will continue our increased emphasis across the school on quality handwriting, bookwork and presentation to promote best practice at all times. Congratulations also to staff for their fantastic efforts in ensuring a successful start to Term 1 and also to parents for their positive approach to ensuring students are at school by 9.00am to commence their morning learning block and in ensuring children are in correct uniform.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews for this term will be conducted on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March. Parents are now able to access interview times with their child's class teacher via Compass. *Please note Leah French's 4F interviews will be Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 1st March.*

Picnic on the Green – Community BBQ

Just a reminder to add the Preston West 'Picnic on the Green' to your calendar for next week. The event will take place between 5.30 - 7.00pm on Thursday 23rd February. It is a great opportunity for all the members of the school community to socialise and get to know each other on an informal basis. We encourage families to bring along a picnic basket and rug. A free sausage will be available for each student on the evening.

Junior School Council

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers to represent the student body on the Preston West Junior School Council: **Grade 1** - Annie Nguyen, Hazel Rospin, Alice Preshaw, Francesca Beck, Julia Thomson, **Grade 2** - Calvin Trembl, Hanna Gouvousis, Annie Zhou, Michael Pantaleo, **Grade 3** - Kyan Wang, Ruby Markoski, Georgia Katsogiannis, Leo Herceg, **Grade 4** - Quinn MacCartney, Maia Brett, Lily Sibillan, Isabella Aitkin, **Grade 5** - Omar Azmy, Joe Cina, Isadora Carpenter, Sarah Cashmere, **Grade 6** - Nick Moraitis, Tilly MacCartney, Emily Burneska, Felix Dwyer, Alessia Monteneri, Caspian Furman. The Junior School Council plays an important role across the school and we will support them as leaders throughout the year. The representatives will meet with staff to

discuss successes across the school, ideas and ways of improving our school and will conduct fundraising events for various charities. Our 2017 Junior School Council will be introduced at assembly on Monday 20th February.

Student Safety - Before and After School

A priority at Preston West Primary is student safety. I acknowledge that the streets around our school and Preston can become very congested around drop off and pick up times. However, can I please remind parents of the following:

- Please ensure children correctly utilise the school crossings and do not cross between cars.
- Please ensure you do not block our neighbours driveways and take note of the parking signs – Kiss and Go zone, Disable Parking Bay, Bus zone etc.
- Please do not park in the staff car park.
- Please don't use the crossing or the schools front gates to drop child off.

The traffic police regularly patrol the schooling zones in Preston. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to promote the safety of our students and pedestrians.

School Evaluation

This term Preston West will be undertaking a self evaluation as part of the Department of Education and Trainings School Review process. The School Review process takes place every four years. As part of the process we will be conducting a parent meeting on Tuesday 21st February between 6-7pm. At the meeting parents will be asked to provide feedback on what's working well at Preston West PS, our strengths and your vision for our future. Staff and the student leaders will also contribute to our self-evaluation, which will in turn guide our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan (key direction of the school). Thank you to those parents who have already informed us that they will be attending this session.

School Council

Just a reminder that the next meeting of School Council will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 7pm. In next week's newsletter the timeline for our 2017 school council election process will be published.

Before And After School Care Report

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 program they coordinate and wide range of experiences is loved by the students and the care, encouragement and support the staff display is terrific. In addition to the gymnasium and outdoor play areas, the program also accesses the library, computer lab and art room.

Feeding 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. 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, weetbix, rice bubbles and corn flakes. Afternoon snacks vary including fruit and vegetable platters, corm chips, rice crackers, sliced fruit, vegetables, sandwiches, cheese and wraps. A range of seasonal fresh 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. Weekly menus are on display near the kitchen.

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

Our Vision

Preston West Primary School is committed to providing a learning environment and educational programs which will motivate, challenge and support students to become lifelong learners. The school aims to maximise student potential in a safe and caring community in which academic achievement, positive self-esteem, cultural diversity and the rights of all are highly valued and respected.

Preston West Primary School's Narrative

At Preston West Primary School we take pride in the quality of education we offer to our students. We aim to create lifelong learners through a comprehensive range of programs that reflect the diversity and inclusivity of our community. This makes our school a richer, stronger and valuable place to be.

Strong relationships are an important feature of our school. Our staff, students, school council and parents work together to do their best for our school. We have high expectations of our students and encourage them to reach their full potential by equipping them with the skills they will need in the future.

Our students are confident, curious, respectful and engaged. They have a genuine sense of fairness, are willing to give things a go both as individuals and as part of a team and enjoy the challenges involved in learning.

Our school has a strong sense of history. The school motto, 'Duty First', coined in 1915, provides a rich historical base. People from far and wide have attended Preston West Primary School and reflect on their many happy memories of their education.

Over recent years the numbers of student enrolments have greatly increased. We need to keep the traditions of the past, maintain our emphasis on the student at the core of our work to ensure they can achieve their personal best and continue to strive for excellence in a school where strong community links are central to our work.

Our Mission

Preston West Primary School aims to provide a safe, stimulating and supportive environment that develops all students to their full potential – academically, socially and personally. We instil in children a lifelong love of learning.

School Values – LEARN

- Leadership** - In our actions and behaviours. As exemplary leaders we demonstrate responsibility, fairness, kindness, honesty, loyalty and cooperation with other students, teachers and parents within our school environment and in our community.
- Excellence** - In our learning and interactions with other people. We strive to achieve high expectations in our daily learning endeavours and celebrate our successes. We demonstrate fair play and encourage the achievements of others.
- Acceptance** - Of others. We understand and celebrate the array of abilities, backgrounds, beliefs and opinions of other people. We value our rich multicultural community and acknowledge our diversity is our strength.
- Respect** - For ourselves, other students, teachers, our parents and the wider community. We value and acknowledge every person as an individual who deserves to be treated with appreciation and dignity. We respect the work, ideas and belongings of others and our environment.
- Never Give Up** - On ourselves or others. We demonstrate persistence and resilience in the pursuit of higher learning and to become well rounded individuals socially and emotionally. We also show support, helpfulness and care for others to assist in the attainment of their goals.

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are due by Friday 24th February, 2017.

UNIFORM SHOP: The Uniform shop will reopen on 8th March, 9:00am – 11:00am.

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

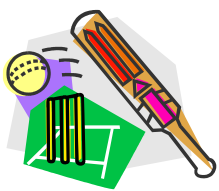
- **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 30th June 2017.**

Further Information

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information, please see:

[Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#)

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS



Interschool Sports results from Friday 10th February, 2017

SPORT	PWPS	PNE
Bat Tennis – Boys	30	1
Bat Tennis - Girls	26	7
T - Ball -	23	18
Rounders – Boys	5	8
Rounders – Girls	2	15
Cricket (A)	76	67
(B)	45	84

Interschool Sports for Friday 17th February will be played at HOME against Reservoir West. Cricket will be played at Zwar Park. Rounders, Tee Ball and Bat Tennis will be played at Preston West.

eLearning

This year completes the rollout of the BYO iPad program that spans the Year 3 - 6 cohorts, with 93% of the Year 3 cohort participating. Over these next couple of weeks, classes from Years 3 to 6 will be creating their Google Classrooms and integrating the Google Apps for Education toolset into their teaching and learning, along with a range of other educational apps.

At the end of the month our new portables will be receiving brand new multi-touch short throw projectors. These will allow students to present work to the class and access a whole new range of engaging online content that can interacted with by touch.

In the Junior school, I aim to begin upgrading any older shared iPad 2 devices to newer supported Apple iPad Air. This is a process that will be rolled out over the next couple of years.

School Blogs

This year there will be a change to the way classes maintain their blogs. Over the next week you will notice that page will no longer show classroom blogs for the Year 3 - 6 cohorts. This is due to a movement toward individual student digital portfolios through an app called SeeSaw. Year 3, 4 and 5 will have these set up over the next couple of weeks with the Year 6 team to follow at a later stage in the year.

For those new to our school, the Junior school blogs are accessible via the Preston West website and are a great place to gain a glimpse into what is happening in your child's classroom throughout the year.

Last year the Year 3 Team trialled the use of SeeSaw (a digital portfolio application) and found it to be very rewarding. In short, SeeSaw allows the students in the middle and senior school to maintain their own personal digital portfolio. Teachers will maintain their own class and review, comment on and moderate any work that is uploaded. Parents are able to download the SeeSaw Parent App for free and gain access to their students portfolio. It is from here that you will be able to see any work that your child decides to upload to his/her folio.

Regards,
Luke Begg
eLearning Leading Teacher

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 17th February are: Kathryn & Bo Li, Vicki Persic, Kevin O'Leary and Sarah Bellchambers.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every Tuesday.

A penny saved is a penny earned"
Quote, Benjamin Franklin

Thank
You

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 10/02/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Julius Picot	Branden Zenel
Prep I	Aaima Umar	
Prep K	Lucas Nguyen	Tinura Fonseka
Prep L	Charlie Karavokiros	
Prep W	Whole Class	Giselle Magalhaes
1B	Whole Class	
1C	Nathan Hao	Hazel Harris-Thibault
1E	Alyssia Bilney	
1M	Olivia Lin	William Aitkin
1W	Sierra Zenel	Hue Dwyer
2A	Ethan Truong	Milla Nicola
2B	Claudia Shell	Max Rickards
2J	Bhumikha Rana	Felix Welsby
2M	Scott Woodier	Caden Beardsley
3B	Aston Gray	
3D	Niesha Beardsley	Felipe Hatzimihailidis
3P	Willow Renzow	Han Thai
3W	Anton Cindric	William Cashmere
4F	Vihaan Jagtag	Isabella Aitkin
4K	Elizabeth Moris	Darby Watson
4M	Daniel Sun	
4W	Amangel Thapa Magar	Holly Paul
5H	Whole Class	Binul Amarasekara
5I	Keira Jeffers	Connor Murray
5J	Jacklyn Wilkins	Liv Care
5O	Kalan Dani	Maya Cucanic
6N	Ginger Raywood	Kane Simpson
6S	Seb Filippone	Sophie Kehle
6T	Anastasia Brousalis	Nick Moraitis
ART	Julian Monteneri 2B	
MUSIC	Alice Preshaw 2M	
PHYS ED	Francesca Beck 1W	
ITALIAN	Jordyn Marlborough 4K	



EARLY COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

If you wish to take your child to an appointment during school hours you must:

- Complete the 'Early Release Form' and collect an 'Early Release Pass'
- Take the 'Pass' to your child's classroom to collect your child
- Children will not be permitted to leave school unless accompanied by a parent or authorised person
- Please do not take your child during lunch time without completing the 'Early Release Form' from the office as this could cause anxiety when it is found that a child, present in the morning, is absent during the afternoon



The above procedure is in place to minimise disruption to the classrooms. We avoid making phone calls and announcements via the PA where possible as this interrupts valuable learning time in all classrooms.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Preston High School

We want to hear from you.

What kind of high school do you want for Preston?

Last year the Victorian Government committed to open a new co-educational secondary school for Years 7 to 12 students on the site of the former Preston Girls' Secondary College, Cooma Street, Preston.

We have established an online portal so you can have your say on what kind of school you want

www.engage.vic.gov.au/PrestonHigh.

Your feedback will be provided to the design team to be considered as part of the new school designs. The online engagement portal will be open from Monday 6 February until Tuesday 28 February.

In addition, a Community Workshop is being held to hear from educational experts, architects and project managers about the Preston High School. There will be presentations and opportunities to ask questions.

Thursday, 16 February 2017

6:30 pm – 8 pm

City of Darebin City Hall

284 Gower Street

Preston 3072

If you have any queries about the Preston High project, please contact:

Victorian School Building Authority

Phone: 1800 896 950

Email: vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au

www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au

Seal Pony Soccer

SealPony Football is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football(soccer)

Every Sunday morning starting 12th March 10-11am

James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights

For more information, Call Joe 0415 388 028

www.sealpony.com.au

Bundoora Secondary College

Discovery Open Night

Wednesday April 26th, 5-7pm

www.bundoorasc.edu.au

Lalor North College

proudly presents

Macedonian Music Extravaganza

114 Childs Road Epping

Wednesday 22nd March 2017 @6.30pm

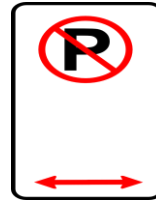
For free tickets Contact Liz

9401 3888 / 0425 772 976

Dogs – Not to be on School Premises

Can parents please ensure that dogs are not brought on to the school premises or tied up on the fence inside the school. Thank you for your anticipated support.

*A friendly reminder - Kiss and Go Zone - Parking Safely around Schools



Creating safe conditions for children around schools is something that we are all responsible for. You may have noticed these 'Kiss and Go' signs near our school in the No Parking zone. Drivers are allowed to stay inside or within three metres of their car for up to two minutes for the quick pick up and drop off of students. Disabled Permit holders can park for up to five minutes. When parking elsewhere, please don't encourage children to run across the road to meet you at your vehicle. Cross the road at the crossing and meet them safely. Please be aware that council traffic officers regularly patrol Jessie Street.

Healthy Eating

School age is the perfect time for children to learn about healthy food, bodies and activity. This is the time children start a busy social life, have pocket money and begin to help choose their own lifestyle. Children of this age learn quickly and are also influenced by their friends and popular trends.



Children need a wide variety of foods for a well-balanced diet. The amount of physical activity they have in a day will be an important part of how much they need to eat. Some children of this age are still fussy but, when busy and active, healthy snacking is important to keep energy levels high.

Breakfast is important

It is important to encourage breakfast. A good night's sleep followed by food in the morning helps your child to stay active and concentrate at school. It also means your child is less likely to be too hungry during the morning. Be a role model and let your child see you eat breakfast too. A bowl of cereal with milk and fresh or stewed fruit is a great starter for the whole family.

School lunches

A packed lunch from home is a great way for your child to learn about healthy food and to help with preparation.

Lunch box suggestions include:

- Sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat, hummus and salad
- Cheese slices, crackers with spread, and fresh or dried fruits
- Washed and cut up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- Frozen water bottle, particularly in hot weather.

School lunches – foods to limit

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child's diet. Foods to limit in everyday school lunches include:

- Chips, sweet biscuits, muesli bars and breakfast bars
- Fruit bars and fruit straps
- Cordials, juices and soft drinks.

Soft drinks are extremely high in sugar and the cans / glass bottles they come in can be dangerous when opened by children. Please ensure children do not bring cans or bottles of soft drink to school.