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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 16th March, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Tuesday 21 st	School Council / AGM - 7pm
Thursday 23 rd	Grade 4 – Botanical Gardens Excursion
Thursday 23 rd	Grade 1 – Reptiles Encounters Incursion
Monday 27 th	Prep Incursion – Flying Book Worm
Tuesday 28 th	School Photos
Wednesday 29 th	School Photos
Thursday 30 th	Multicultural Day
Friday 31st	Last Day Term 1 (2.30 Finish)

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

Changes to Preston West Primary Uniform Sales

With an enrolment of near 700 students, selling uniforms on the school premises has become a significant issue in relation to storing the vast amount of stock and the devotion of an increasing amount of administrative time towards supplies and sales. For the remainder of this term the uniform shop will be open at Preston West Primary on the following dates – Wednesday 22nd and 29th March between the hours of 8.45 – 10.45am. Please note no new stock will be ordered this term.

As of early Term 2 the sales of all our school uniform stock from Primary Schools Wear (PSW) will not be available at our onsite Uniform Shop.

Parents will be notified when the store will be in operation and will then need to visit the PSW shop or order online:

Unit 2, 283 Rex Road, Campbellfield VIC 3061

Trading Hours Tue to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Phone: (03) 9768 0337 / <http://www.psw.com.au>.

We will continue to have second hand uniform items for sale, but will only have a limited supply of new stock for sale (items sourced from other suppliers). It is anticipated that the limited supply of remaining stock will be sold this year. Hats can still be purchased from our office.

Prep Enrolments 2018

We have had numerous phone calls and visits over the past month from prospective Prep enrolments for 2018. Next term we will be conducting weekly tours by appointment. Appointments can be made via our school web site by following the link to Enrolment, School Tour and using the event code **bfhza**. It would be greatly appreciated if our current families who intend to enrol a sibling for the 2018 Prep intake, collect and complete an enrolment form by June. This is imperative forms are completed next term as until we have accurate figures of our current families we are unable to predict the number of students we will take on for 2018.

Harmony Day

We will be acknowledging Harmony Day at assembly on Monday 20th March. Each grade level will have a poster on display on the back wall and the Grade 6 Behaviour Buddies will share their Harmony Day thoughts with the audience. The Prep -2 children will sing 'What I Am' and the Grades 3-6 children will entertain us with the song 'One Call Away'. The Harmony Day Choir will lead in the singing of both songs. Harmony Day is great opportunity to celebrate Australians cultural diversity and promote inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Parent Teacher Interviews – 1M and 3D

Can parents in 3D and 1M please ensure they book into an interview time with Rita Dib and Melissa Besford. The Parent Teacher Interviews for these classes will be conducted on Tuesday 21st March.

Northern Metropolitan Region Swim Carnival

Yesterday we had twelve students Jane Huynh, Evie Stothers, Lily Sibillin, Claire Lewis, Hannah Chan, Justin Huynh, Josh Carelli, Ginger Raywood, Ruby Stothers, Jake Kotsovasilis, Octavia Page and Hannah McMahon represent Preston West Primary and the wider District at the Northern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships. I am very proud of their efforts to advance to such a significant level. Congratulations to Hannah Chan for placing 2nd in 50m Butterfly and 3rd in her Breaststroke event. Thank you to Greg Ingle for bringing and setting up a gazebo for the day and special thanks to our enthusiastic team of parents who have supported all of our swimmers over the past few weeks at the swimming carnivals.

Multicultural Day

On Thursday 30th March Preston West Primary is celebrating Multicultural Day. Students will be entertained by La Comica Vierty as they present 'Le Vacanze' and in the afternoon they 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.

School Council

The first meeting of our newly elected school council will take place at 7pm next Tuesday (21st March). This meeting will also include our Annual General meeting where office bearers are elected and our 2016 Annual Report is presented.

School Holiday Programs

If parents require child care over holiday periods there are numerous vocational care programs offered across the city of Darebin. A listing of the holiday programs and further information can be accessed via the Darebin City Councils website <http://www.darebinstadium.ymca.org.au/participate/school-holiday-program.html>

Cheryl Bondeson

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Wednesday the 22nd of March

This event has been created to raise money for the Bal Bikash School in Kathmandu. Students are encouraged to wear casual clothes and donate a gold coin to support the school in purchasing supplies such as pencils, books and equipment.

We are very fortunate at Preston West Primary School to have access to all of these things and your gold coin donations would be very much appreciated.

From the Junior School Councillors

Multicultural Day – Thursday 30th March

Our school will be celebrating a Multicultural Day on Thursday 30th March.
On this day:

- Children can wear a costume of a culture/heritage or be dressed in the colours of a nation.
- Multicultural lunch 12.40 – 1.10. Children are asked to bring a plate of food from their country or region to share with their class.
- Children will watch a show called “Le Vacanze” performed by La Comica Variety. The show takes the audience on a holiday around Italy. It is performed in English with some familiar Italian comments. The show cost is \$5.00 per child. This needs to be paid via Compass before the 30th March.
 - There will be a cross age activity after lunch where children will do an activity which focuses on a different culture.

We look forward to a great day of fun and cultural diversity.

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees are now overdue.

UNIFORM SHOP: Open Wednesday 22nd & 29th March from 9am – 11am.

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](#)

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 17th March are: Vicki Persic, Daniela Cagliarini, Bryony Marshall-Radcliffe, Sarah Clemons and Vicky Vlahopoulos.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 17th March is Kelly Gallagher.

QUADWRANGLERS PARENT BAND

Do you like to sing or play? JOIN US!

Contact: katiehullbrown@gmail.com

MOTHERS/CARERS DAY STALL - May 2017

Hello to all our new PWPS families and creative people in our community!

My name is Kelly Brooks and I will be coordinating the Mothers/Carers day stall this year. I am seeking volunteers/helpers to share some ideas of what items we can easily make for the stall. There are some fun craft days/evenings planned for early Term 2. " Great way to meet Preston West Parents /Carers"

I would also welcome any donations of hand-made crafts, home-made gifts or plant saplings etc. to the stall.

Donations can be passed on to myself or to the office in Term 2 between the 18/4/2017 and 5/5/2017

I look forward to hearing from you with your creative/crafty ideas via email: kpbrooks@alphalink.com.au or mobile: 0409 210 307. Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL BANKING - School banking is every Tuesday.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool Sports results from Friday 10th March, 2017



SPORT	PWPS	ST. GABRIELS
Bat Tennis Girls	30	9
Bat Tennis Boys	27	13
Cricket A	71	40
Cricket B	84	44
Rounders Girls	10	5
Rounder Boys	4	3
T Ball	-	-

Interschool Sports this week will be played at HOME against Preston B on Friday 17th March – Cricket at Zwar Park, T Ball, Bat Tennis and Rounders at PWPS. Good Luck.

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 10/03/2017

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Preston Shingange	Sidh Nair
Prep I	Ruoxin Ao	Heather Woodier
Prep K	Bronson Vaelaa	Archie Welsby
Prep L	Zakaria Hassan	Ibraheem Mohammed
Prep W	Freddy Margetic	Xavier Magalhaes
1B	Nik Koutsivos	Zoe Papadimitriou
1C	Christina Paschalis	Francesca Beck
1E	Dylan Navin	Harivandan Butteddi
1M	William Aitkin	Zoe Costi
1W	Harry Thomas	Elsie Wood
2A	Sheldon Zhang	Ophelia Tan
2B	Manal Shahr Yar	Hanna Gouvousis
2J	Andy Ye	Sandy Lin
2M	Om Nair	Alice Richards
3B	Georgia Katsogiannis	Meerah Sehgal
3D	Josie O’Donoghue	Yuchen He
3P	Greta Carpenter	Ollie Jirovec
3W	Esther Wilson	Lucas Brain
4F		Chad Santos
4K	Kartia Monteneri	Cody Walker
4M	Grace McMahon	Stephanie Francis
4W	Daniel Saccuzzo	Chloe Bellchambers
5H	April Harris-Thibault	Eden Mallini
5I	Nikita Pulice	Sarah Cashmere
5J	Declan Greig	Jaidon Wang
5O	Eddie Jirovec	Jacob Persic
6N	Peri Lambiase	Julian Pontikis
6S	T-Ball Team ☺	Yasmine Katsogiannis
6T	Darcy Brooks	Willem Van Herk
ART	Eli Pereira PK	
MUSIC	Lily Sibillin 4K	
PHYS ED	Lewis Wilson 4F	
ITALIAN	Christian Vlahos 4M	



MATHLETICS IS ATHLETICS FOR YOUR BRAIN

Preston West P.S. has subscribed to Mathletics again for 2017.



Every student at Preston West P.S. has a unique username and password that they can use at home or school to log in and complete Mathematical problems that assist with developing their knowledge, skills, strategies, speed and accuracy.

The program covers all areas of Mathematics. Your child's teacher can set homework or targeted units of work for your child, to assist and challenge them, in their learning.

Students are rewarded with easy to print certificates of achievement.

Please email via Compass your child's classroom teacher for usernames and passwords.

LOG IN AND TRY MATHLETICS WITH YOUR CHILD.

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.

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.

Bundoora Secondary College

Discovery Open Night

Wednesday April 26th From 5-7pm

www.bundoorasc.edu.au

Charles La Trobe College

(Year 7, 2018)

Tuesday 21st March 2017

Tours from 5.45pm, Principals address

235 Kingsbury Drive, Macleod West

www.charleslatobecollege.vic.edu.au / Ph 9223 1400

Pascoe Vale Girls College

Open Day

Morning 9am – 10.30am

Afternoon 4pm – 5:30pm

Evening 7pm – 8pm

www.pvgc.vic.edu.au/our-school/enrolment / Ph 9306 2544

Northcote High School

Open Morning

Thursday 27th April 2017

9.15am-12pm Tour and Presentation

7pm-8pm – Presentation Only

www.nhs.vic.edu.au / Ph 9488 2300

Reservoir High

Showcase & Information Evening

Thursday 27th April, 2017 From 6.30pm

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 19th April, 2017 From 9am – 11am

855 Plenty Road, Reservoir

www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au / Ph 9466 0900

Preston Darebin Blue Light Footy Disco

Friday 17th March

\$7 Entry / 6.30pm – 9pm / 8 to 14 Year Olds

Jo Parissis 0418 144 446

www.bluelight.org.au