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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 16th November 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Friday 17th

Grade 3/4 Soccer Competition

Friday 17th

Grade 2 Sugarloaf Reservoir Park Excursion

Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th

Prep/1/2 Swimming

Tuesday 28th – Friday 1st

Prep/1/2 Swimming

DECEMBER

Thursday 7th

PWPS Sushi Lunch Day

Wednesday 13th

Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 22nd

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – 1:00PM Dismissal

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

2018

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January (Grade 1-6) – Thursday 29th March

2018 Preps commence Thursday 1st February 2018

Principal's Note

Premiers' Rewarding Challenge

Congratulations to our 54 students who eagerly participated in and completed the expectations of the Premiers' Reading Challenge. The students will be presented with their certificates at assembly on Monday 20th November. It's great to see the commitment of our students to engage with sustained reading at home.

Grade 3/4 Boys Hooptime

After their runners up effort at the District Basketball Hooptime competition our Grade 3 /4 boys team participated in Division on Monday. The team competed exceptionally well, winning three games of five games, which placed them second in their pool. They tried their hardest in the quarter finals but Middle Park PS proved to be the stronger team.

Congratulations to our team -Kosta Triantafyllopoulos, Christian Vlahos, Sage Ristevski, Matteo Pavone, Stefan Nedelkovski, Dashiell Maxwell, Chayce Madrigrano, Alexander Kolivas and Elias Halge and special thanks to Matt Jobson, Ainslee Watkins and Jacinta Thomas who have worked with the team throughout Terms 2-4. Thank you also to the parents who drove and supported our boys.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Last Friday Grant Tobin and Matt Jobson coordinated a special school assembly to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Special thanks to Nick Moraitis, Mac Ware, Tilly Mac Cartney and Nikkita Conadis for actively contributing to the ceremony and also to the Grade 5 students who created a wonderful visual display of wars Australians have contributed to and our Peace Keeping missions. I was very proud of the silence and reflection during the playing on the Last Post and the minute silence.

School Council Summary

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

- In 2018 we will have an estimated enrolment of 703 students. Thirty classes will operate across the school and students will access a session per week of Italian, Art, Physical Education and Music.
- 2018 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 2018 on Wednesday 31st January. Prep students will commence on Thursday 1st February and their individual assessments will be conducted on either the 31st January or a Wednesday in February.
- The Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan were presented and approved. These documents will be added to Compass once regional approval has been given.
- The Parent Opinion Survey results were presented. Results were very pleasing with the average score for Community Engagement in Learning at 86% positive responses, Excellence in Teaching and Learning 84% and Positive Climate for Learning at 87%. The General Satisfaction generated from our Preston West PS parents who completed the survey resulted in a 97% positive response.
- Prep Orientation program was successful and attracted approximately 100 students.
- Special thanks to the community for supporting our Art Show. Congratulations and thank you to Jamie Andronikos for his outstanding organisation of the event.
- 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 18th December.
- Pupil free days in 2018 will be on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January, Monday 13th August and Monday 5th November.
- In 2018 there will be a slight change to the structure of the school day, to ensure we are compliant with the new educational act agreement. Please see below:

Session 1: 9.00 – 9.55am (55 min)

Session 2: 9.55 – 10.50 (55 min)

Recess: 10.50 – 11.10

Session 3: 11.10 – 12.00 (50 min)

Session 4: 12.00 – 12.50 (50 min)

Lunch eating 12.50 – 1.00

Lunchtime: 1.00 – 2.00

Session 5: 2.00 – 2.45 (45 min)

Session 6: 2.45 – 3.30 (45 min)

- Grade 2 BYOD iPad sessions were well attended.
- The Grade 4 galleries should be completed next week and will prove to be a fantastic educational space between the four classrooms. We are currently in negotiations to have the Grade 5 gallery built over the upcoming school holidays. Once the second gallery for our Grade 5s is built, further asphaltting works will take place between the main building and Grade 4-6 rooms.
- The Before and After School Care Programs Fees will remain the same as in 2017 (Before care \$8 and after care \$12). Please note that we only have a capacity of 150 students and emergency care availability is very rare.

- **Parent Payments 2018**

In 2018 there will be a slight increase in Parent Payments (Essential Education items contribution to increase by \$10) as approved by School Council at our November meeting. At Preston West Primary we have endeavoured to keep our payments as low as possible. In summary the 2018 Parent payments will include:

1. Essential Educational Items will increase to \$180. Parent Payments incorporate the costs associated with Athletics and Reading Eggs / Reading Express.
2. In 2018 we will continue to employ a first aid officer. Having Carol in the first aid role this 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 2017) 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.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our school community and eagerly head into 2018 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.

State Gymnastic Championships – Lucy Preshaw

Special congratulations to Lucy Preshaw for her participation at last weekends Victorian Gymnastic Championships. Lucy's team (PIT Gym) placed 3rd in the overall rankings after each team member completed all the apparatuses. Special congratulations to Lucy – a great achievement.

Cheryl Bondeson

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

If you need to discuss these payments please contact the office.

***We no longer sell school hats from the office. Navy blue sun smart hats can be purchased from most department stores or PSW in store and online.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Thank you to all the families who attended the sessions to enrol their children in the BASC program for 2018.

All enrolments for 2018 need to be submitted by 6pm Friday November 24th. (Please note that submitting an enrolment does not guarantee a place in the program).

Thanks Nicole

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tuesday night we had our final parent information session for next year's intake of students into the school's iPad program. Thank you to anyone that was able to make it. I hope I have provided you with enough information about the program and how it works.

My last email to parents had a link to the documentation that did not seem to work and for that I apologise. These are also available at the office and hopefully (fingers crossed) via this new link below.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eBYwoF_SQP7hX0v56RpJTtGIRIn0fg6U

Below I have listed several questions that have come to me over the last week or two. Hopefully this may help provide you with some answers.

I would like to apply for the Payment Plan. How much do I need to pay now and how do I do so?

When applying for the School Payment Plan you will be required to pay a deposit of \$100 (+\$20 if you ask for engraving). The amount will be deducted from your nominated card on the purchase plan forms. These deductions will occur once we have received the shipment of devices from Beyond the Box around late November to Early December. Please note that the office staff will not be accepting upfront payments.

We would like to use a sibling's device that has already been in the program, is it ok and will it need to be wiped?

This is fine and no it will not need to be wiped. You can simply sign out of any applications that use the Preston West Google Apps account as well as any other apps that they may be sign into (Mathletics, Reading Eggs, etc.) We will then help your child sign in with their new Google Apps account at the beginning of the 2018 school year.

In relation to this, I am looking up the device that is already being used and supplying individual advice about whether it meets our recommended minimum hardware requirements for 2018 and how the device may fair over the next couple of years in regards to official Apple support, major Apple updates and usability over time.

I have looked on the Beyond the Box website and can not see the case being offered, is it still stocked?

This is a question that came up at one of the parent sessions and I felt this would be a good one to pass onto everyone. I called Beyond the box yesterday afternoon and they were able to confirm that the MacGuy Survival case is current and that there is nothing to worry about. These will be delivered to the school with the iPads for those that have opted for the Payment Plan.

Can I bring my device into the school before the end of the year to be set up for 2018?

This is definitely welcomed by myself and the technicians, Andrew and John. Having your device enrolled to Casper before the end of Term 4 means that your child will be able to use the iPad over the holidays without worrying about losing the data when it is enrolled in Term 1, 2018. If you would like this, please speak to either myself, Andrew or John over the coming weeks.

Lastly, please direct any further questions to myself, Andrew or John (school technicians). You may contact me via Compass or direct email begg.luke.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or ask the office to speak to me in person.

Thank you again to anyone who came along to the information sessions to gain a glimpse into our vision of utilising technology for education and thank you for those that have already returned participation forms.

Regards,

Luke Begg
Leading Teacher for eLearning

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 10/11/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Tom Tottman	Hadla Saoud
Prep I	Xanthe Bylsma	Rosie Ao
Prep K	Hanah Elsey	Shrinika Hariprasad
Prep L	Maleesa Marasinghage	Oscar Barone D'amico
Prep W	Kushank Purohit	Harriet Wheeler
1B	Will Ralph Thornely	Henry Smith
1C	Liam Pablo	Lucas Casey
1E	Ruth Brown	Chilli Cochis
1M	Summer McKenzie	Oliver Shaw
1W	Hue Dwyer	Minh Dao
2A	Erica Halge	Tauheed Alam
2B	Katerini Pagoniou	William McKerrow
2J	Cassius Brown	Micah Napolitano
2M	Toma Herceg	Om Nair
3B	Lennox Parker	Angelo Lekkas
3D	Whole Class	Samuel Jordan
3P	Greta Carpenter	Fiona Lu
3W	Ethan Moser	Ayman Ali
4F	Vihaan Jagtap	Claudia Patsalis
4K	Angelina Athanasiadis	Pablo Paskos
4M	Harshil Purohit	Claire Lewis
4W	Daniel Saccuzzo	Abdi Atosh
5H	Stella Goodwin	Rifan Aljohani
5O	Namira Sciglitano	Angelique Tsuchlis
6N	Iese Tiauli	Belinda Tian
6S	Kaisha Thompson	Caspian Furman
6T	Tilly Mac Cartney	Kyriakos Gelis
ART	Eddy Jirovec 5O	
MUSIC	Matthew Moris 3W	
PE	Alana Lauina 3W	



SCHOOL PANTRY (School Canteen) – Please note – Updated Menu for Term 4

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



WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 17th November are: Sira Sibley, Daniela Cagliariini, Vicki Vlahopoulos, Vicki Persic and George Markoski.

Thank
You

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.

Nude Food at Preston West!

Now that we have your attention...

Over the last two terms, JSC have noticed the amount of litter in our school growing. Even though we have more bins in the yard than ever, rubbish is still constantly found throughout our school grounds.

In order to reduce the amount of litter, JSC would like to make every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for the remainder of Term 4 a Nude Food Days.

What is Nude Food?

Nude food is simply food that is not wrapped in plastic or foil packaging.

SO, every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** the JSC members will be tallying up grades to see the amount of litter that has been brought in. There might even be prizes for the grades that bring in the most amount of nude food.

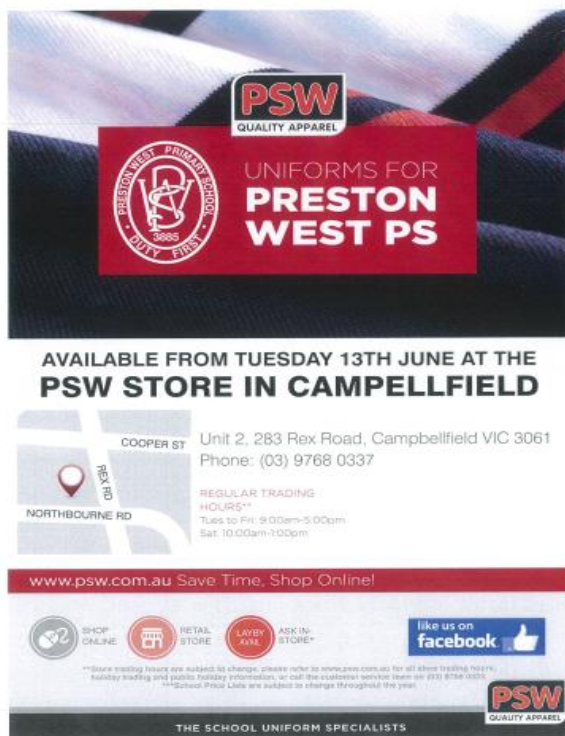
It's only two days a week, we would really like you to help us reduce the amount of rubbish at Preston West or even better... you could do it every day!

Keeping Australia beautiful starts with keeping our school beautiful!

Thanks,

Junior School Council

COMMUNITY NEWS



PSW QUALITY APPAREL

UNIFORMS FOR PRESTON WEST PS

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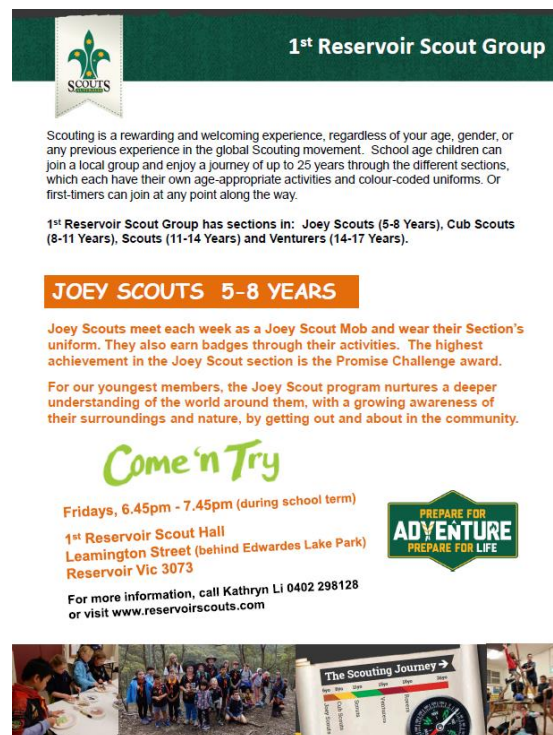
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THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS



1st Reservoir Scout Group

Scouting is a rewarding and welcoming experience, regardless of your age, gender, or any previous experience in the global Scouting movement. School age children can join a local group and enjoy a journey of up to 25 years through the different sections, which each have their own age-appropriate activities and colour-coded uniforms. Or first-timers can join at any point along the way.

1st Reservoir Scout Group has sections in: Joey Scouts (5-8 Years), Cub Scouts (8-11 Years), Scouts (11-14 Years) and Venturers (14-17 Years).

JOEY SCOUTS 5-8 YEARS

Joey Scouts meet each week as a Joey Scout Mob and wear their Section's uniform. They also earn badges through their activities. The highest achievement in the Joey Scout section is the Promise Challenge award.

For our youngest members, the Joey Scout program nurtures a deeper understanding of the world around them, with a growing awareness of their surroundings and nature, by getting out and about in the community.

Come'n Try

Fridays, 6.45pm - 7.45pm (during school term)

1st Reservoir Scout Hall
Leamington Street (behind Edwardes Lake Park)
Reservoir Vic 3073

For more information, call Kathryn Li 0402 298128
or visit www.reservoirscouts.com

