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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 16th August 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

August

Friday 17 th	Grade 4-6 House Sports
Tuesday 21 st	Grade 5 Melbourne Museum Excursion
Wednesday 22 nd	Book Week Dress Up (JSC)
Thursday 23 rd	Grade 4 Bee Keeping Incursion
Wednesday 29 th	Prep Latitude & Malahang Park Excursion

September

Monday 3 rd	Grade 3 Shrine of Remembrance/NGV Excursion
Wednesday 5 th	Grade 6 Immigration Museum Excursion
Thursday 6 th	Grade 2 Hands on Science Incursion

Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 16th July – Friday 21st September

Term 4 Monday 8th October – Friday 21st December

Principal's Note

Book Week 2018

Next week is Book Week and the theme for 2018 is 'Find your Treasure'. Preston West Primary School will be celebrating Book Week on Wednesday 22nd August. On this day the Junior School Council are conducting an out of uniform day. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and the gold coin donations raised will be directed towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Also on the day students will undertake a multi-aged Book Week activity. Multi aged days are extremely popular with our student body as they have the opportunity to be in a small learning groups of children from Prep-6 and they undertake an engaging activity to broaden their general knowledge. Next week and is great opportunity to reinforce the love of literacy and the importance and reading to learn and engage.

Eid Celebrations

Next Tuesday 21st August our Islamic Community will be celebrating Eid. Please note on the morning of the Eid celebration there will be street closures and major traffic congestion, especially for families attending our Before and After School Care Program. I hope our Islamic families have a wonderful day of celebrations.

Preston West House Athletics

Tomorrow the Year 4 - 6 Sports Carnival is being conducted at Meadowglen International Athletics Track and I am sure the students will have a wonderful, yet exhausting day. All students in Grades 4 -6 will rotate in their age groups between numerous track and field disciplines including discus, shot put, long jump, triple jump, shuttle and circular relays and high jump. Special thanks to Ainslee Watkins for organising the event and all to the multitude of staff who coordinated each activity. The District Athletics Carnival will be conducted on Tuesday 11th September. **Please note** tomorrow morning at 8:50 and again around pick up time, we will have 6 buses on Jessie Street. Our priority is to get students on and off the buses promptly, but we will need your support to ensure the buses have space to park on Jessie Street. Thanks for your anticipated support.

School Banking Program - withdrawal

At the commencement of Term 4 2018, Preston West Primary School will no longer be involved with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. School banking has declined in interest and on average we are only receiving 3-5 bank books each week. Special thanks to the dedicated small group of parents that have assisted with banking over the past few years – their efforts have been greatly appreciated. I recommend parents visit a local bank in the Preston area to make alternative banking arrangements for their children.

Maths Assessment

On Tuesday this week 112 enthusiastic participants completed the Maths Competition. We are really pleased with the way the students applied themselves, persisting when challenges were encountered and the staff are looking forward to analysing the results when they become available and making comparisons with Departmental and school based assessments. Thank you to Amra Hegan for coordinating the competition for the students at Preston West.

Solving Conflicts

From time to time whilst at school (generally in the yard) situations of conflict arise between students. It is imperative in these situations that a staff member is notified of the issue and are the ones to deal with and solve the conflict. It can become challenging when parents approach children/adults in the yard to discuss situations that have occurred at school and I discourage this from occurring. One of the great assets at Preston West is our safe and orderly learning environment and developing confident, happy and engaged students. Staff and administration are more than happy to discuss any concerns parents may have. At Preston West Primary, the Bounce Back is utilised as a preventative whole school social and emotional learning curriculum program that promotes positive mental health and wellbeing in students and, in particular, to enable them to act resiliently when faced with challenges and adversity.

Cheryl Bondeson

JSC

Dear Parents and students,

The most exciting dress up day is coming!!!

On the Wednesday 22nd of August, we are asking you all to dress up as your favourite book character. Your gold coin donation will go towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which aims to reduce the disadvantage experienced by children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia.



Thank you so much for your donations and we can't wait to see your great costumes!

The Junior School Councillors

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

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.

SPARE CLOTHING

Can parents of our junior students please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their school bags. Our first aid is running extremely short of clothing. If your child has been provided with school owed clothing, it would be greatly appreciated if you could return it after washing the items as soon as possible to Carol (First Aid Officer) or the school office.

Premier Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) has commenced for students in Prep to Grade 6.

The challenge finishes on the 7th September. All registered students will need to have **finished** reading their required number of books and the completed list sent back to school no later than Monday the 28th August.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge booklist is available for download and printing from the PRC website. The website is: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>

When your child has finished reading the required number of books, please return the completed list to school for the books to be verified.

Congratulations to the following students **Charlie Karavokiros, Aariz Ahmad, Kushank Purohit, Emma Serratore, Louis Cagliarini, Tharuli Wimlasooriya, Zoya Binte Asad, Kingson Chen, Tinura Fonseka, Maynard Lackovic, Maisah Al Balouchi, Holly Bellchambers, Maleesa Marasinghage, Preston Shingange, Michael Chadwick Santos, Farhan Ahmed Syed, Aadya Sood, Diya Patel, Vivian Xiao & Wayne Wang** who have completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge. **Well Done!**

Happy Reading!

Melissa Besford besford.melissa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au and Jennifer Bowker bowker.jennifer.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

WELCOME TO PARENTS/CARERS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 17th August are: Phuong Dung, Vicky Vlahopoulos, Sira Sibley, Julie-Anne O'Brien and Sarah Bellchambers.

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 17th is Julie Monk.

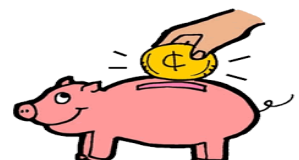
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SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

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 VIC 3072**. They are **open every day** of the week 10am-4pm.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on Tuesdays. Please note School Banking will not continue in Term 4.



FATHERS DAY

Volunteers Needed for the Fathers Day Stall

The Fathers Day stall will be held on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of August.

Please let us know if you will be able to assist and volunteer your time on those days, to help man the stall tables and serve the children. It's a fun and enjoyable experience seeing the children choose and buy items for the special male in their lives.

The stall hours are from 9am to 3pm. The session times are:

- 9am to 11am
- 11am to 1pm
- 1.30pm to 3pm

Or

- All Day

Or

- Half day Morning
- Half day Afternoon

At Reception we will have a session time sheet available for you to mark the day(s) and session(s) you are able to assist on. You can also email us on pwpsparentclub@gmail.com or call Maria on 0419 532 052.

It would be really great to also have some male carers donate their time for this event :)

Thank you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to the families, who have so far volunteered their time and/or donated items towards the Fathers Day stall. Every help (big or small) is very much appreciated!

If you have any queries or would like to join us on any of the above dates, please email the parents club on pwpsparentclub@gmail.com

Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

Girls' Night Out

THORNBURY
HIGH SCHOOL



Thornbury High School
7pm - 8:30pm
Thursday 30th August 2018
School Library

Visit us at www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au
to see what a great year we have had so far in 2018.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 10/8/2018

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



GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Sophie Thomas	Harvey Zhou
Prep D	Mohamed Edrees	Song Tang
Prep H	Noor Al-Abody	Henry Margetic
Prep L	Yousuf Mohammad	Emilia Todd
Prep W	Zarah Sezen	Vivian Xiao
1B	Archie Berryman	Harriet Wheeler
1E	Prihan Said	Xanthe Bylsma
1K	Anshul Kumar Singh	Henry McArdle Green
1N	Molly Dawson	Jessie Ayres
1W	Dion Zhaku	Atlas Flynn
2A	Yula Nakamura	Juzer Udaipur Wala
2B	Ethan Choudry	Ayah Mohtadi
2J	Sienna Kim	
2M	Sierra Zenel	Massimo De Lorenzo
3B	Alberto Cocco	Erica Halge
3F	Amelie Bylsma	Katelyn Todd
3I	Michael Pantaleo	Katerini Paganou
3P	Caden Beardsley	Adam Mazzone
4B	Bede Methel	
4E	Chris Hosking	Noah Robotis
4K	Alannah Caddeo	Alicia Morgan
4M	Abigail Costi	Uma Mesic
5H	Amelie Kehle	Quinn Mac Cartney
5I	Dilan Kilic	Paul Koutsivos
5J	Lucy Smith	Fox James
5V	Michael Chadwick Santos	Zac Speechley
6O	Eddie Jirovec	Lili Tzouroutis
6N	Isabel Ajro	Sienna Tairi
6R	Matthew Pulice	Olivia Stavrou
6T	Stefanos Grapsas	Hao Ning Song
ART	Giacomo Bell 5J	
PE	Jethro Jones 3B	
ITALIAN	Holly Paul 5I	

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

