

# Preston West Post

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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PWPS Bunnings Preston BBQ Fundraiser
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Education Week Open Morning 9.15am - 10.50am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cyber Safety Information Session 6pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Education Week– Kinder Visits
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1C, 1E & 1M Como House Excursion
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 1B & 1W Como House Excursion

### JUNE

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 3 – Leigh's Farmyard Friends Incursion
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 Lake Dewar Camp
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Division Cross Country

## Term Dates

**Term 2 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Term 3 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Term 4 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

## Principal's Note

For the next three weeks Cheryl is taking a well- earned Long Service Leave break. So I will be filling in as Acting Principal and my role will be shared over the next three weeks. This week Mr Andronikos has stepped up and has been acting Assistant Principal. People have commented on his change of dress to match the role, rather than being splattered in paint in the art room, he has been looking rather smart.

On Wednesday morning our Cross Country team ventured off to Bundoora Park to compete in the district cross country against nine other schools. It was a typical cross country weather day, wet overcast and very slippery. Miss Vickers has done a wonderful job in training the team and preparing them to run in this type of weather. Each race had over 80 competitors. The before school training shone through with the Boys 10 year old race Preston West achieved seven of the top 10 positions in the race. We also had four individual race winners and nineteen students will go through to the next level. We are very proud of all our students that competed and managed the 2km and 3km course in such trying conditions. Training will continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am and is open to all students and parents to run. You can run one lap or run six. It is good to see so many students trying to improve their fitness.

Congratulations to Caspian Furman who is currently performing at the State Theatre at the Arts Centre. He is singing in the children's chorus in two operas, *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci*.

Both operas are sung in Italian and his studying of Italian at school has certainly helped in the role.

As well as singing he also has acting roles and has to do three costume changes and has been performing in front of audiences of over 1000 people. Caspian has completed five performances and we wish him luck with his final performance this Saturday .In between his rehearsals he has also been on camp and was a member of the cross country team and came seventh in his age group on Wednesday. Well done Caspian.

Next week across the State it is Education Week. To celebrate Education Week we are having an open morning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May between 9.15 and 10.50am. We invite all parents, extended family and community members into the school to see the quality programs we have to offer and the high standards of work our students are producing. Education Week is a great opportunity for the community to find out more about Preston West Primary and the many opportunities we offer students to learn, grow and thrive to their full academic, social and emotional potential. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May between 9.30 – 10.45am we are inviting kinder students to experience school life at Preston West Primary. If you would like your child to attend or know of any families with 2018 school age children who would be interested in take part in this activity please utilise our school web site to book your child for this session. Thanks to our current families who have already completed and submitted Prep enrolment forms for next year.

A reminder to parents to keep next Wednesday night available to attend the Cyber Safety evening in the gym at 6pm. We will have a presentation on the latest information on how to keep your children safe on the net and current trends and Cyber Safety research. It will be most informative and help you to know what the latest apps are and how to manage screen time in your house. The children from grades 3-6 will be having sessions during the day and staff will also be attending a session after school.

In this part of my letter, I would usually write about football. But as Hawthorn is having a gap year and letting other teams in the competition have a go. The less said the better.

Have a great week.

Regards

Mark Ross

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

On Tuesday night we had School Council. The following is a summary of topics covered.

- Grade 6 Waratah Bay camp was successful. Special thanks to the staff who attended.
- NAPLAN in Grades 3-5 was conducted throughout last week.
- Special thanks to Parents Club for coordinating the Family Dance Night, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and the Mother's Day stall.
- Attitudes to Schooling Survey (Grade 4-6 students) will be completed this term.
- Cyber safety sessions will be conducted by The Alannah and Madeline Foundation (students, staff and parent) on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- Education Week commences Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Negotiations are continuing with the Department of Education in regards to Planned Maintenance, building galleries between the Grade 4 and 5 learning communities and asphaltting/securing staff carpark.
- This term we have been visited by the Department of Education and Training's Area Executive Director for North East Melbourne and the Regional Facilities Manager.

Our Pre Self Evaluation report was presented to school council following forums with students, parents and staff. In June two days will be set aside for a panel to evaluate 4 years of data, analyse goals from our 2014-17 Strategic Plan and establishing direction for next Strategic Plan. In addition to school based staff the panel will consist of an independent reviewer, two principals and a representative from the Department of Education and Trainings Regional Office.

## JSC

Hi my name is Nick and I am a JSC for Preston West Primary School along with another classmate Tilly. When I am outside in the schoolyard, I mostly am at the Grade 6 portables and will help anyone who asks for it. I was a JSC in Grade 3 so I have had experience with leadership roles. I try to finish as much work as I can during class and bring my homework to school on time.

Nick 6T

Hi my name is Joe. I am the Junior School Councillor for 5O. I am glad that I was chosen to be a young leader. I am very privileged to go to this amazing school. My favourite specialist subject is sport and my favourite subject is maths. As the JSC's we all come up with the special days like out of uniform days and we select which charity the money raised goes to.

Thanks for reading,  
Joe 5O

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform will no longer be sold from our PWPS uniform shop. All enquiries and availability should now be made through PSW directly.

PSW  
Unit 2, 283 Rex Road,  
Campbellfield Vic 3061  
Phone: 03 9768 0337

Online sales - <http://www.psw.com.au/retail/default.aspx>

## Preston High School

In exciting news for our school community, Preston High School has been allocated \$5 million in the 2017-18 Victorian State Budget. The Government has listened to the community and this valuable investment will ensure that a new co-educational secondary school will open for term 1, 2019. Using all the community comments from the consultation held in February the architects are working hard to bring a master plan back to the community as soon as possible. You will hear from the Victorian School Building Authority once the master plan has been completed.

For more information on the school please visit our website

<http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Preston-High-School.aspx>

## eConnect Cyber Safety Session

A reminder to all parents of Preston West Primary that next Wednesday is our whole school CyberSafety day. The 3 – 6, staff and parent sessions will be run by eSmart (Alannah and Madeline Foundation). They will be providing multiple sessions from their 'eConnect' program.

Please know that the parent session is open to **all parents** of Preston West Primary School, regardless of your child's age. Given the digital world the students are part of, this session could be a great chance to gain some great information.

I would especially recommend that parents with children in years 2 – 6 consider coming along, to gain a further insight into the technology your child may be using in their future schooling.

The booking has been made for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May, with the parent session being held in the gymnasium at 6:15pm.

If you are interested in attending the parent session, please click on the following link so that I am able to confirm numbers for the session.

[Attendance Survey \(Click Here\)](#)

Regards,  
Luke Begg  
elearning Leading Teacher

# District Cross Country

Yesterday morning, the following students - Yani Nassis, Caspian Furman, Oliver Thomas, Callum Isdale, Illkuttige Fernando, Mohammed Ibrahim, Emily Dellavedova, Freya Hoo, Alessia Monteneri, Tilly McCartney, Peri Lambaise, Ruby Stothers, Lily Stracey, Eddy Jirovec, Josh Carelli, Josh Riordan, Grady Brooks, Che Sucksmith, Ryan Li, Arya Sivakumar, Sunny O'Mahony, Kalan Dani, Hannah Chan, Angelique Tsuchlis, Olivia Stavrou, Stella Goodwin, Alishba Choudhry, Cassandra Catton, Isadora Carpenter, Namira Sciglitano, Aya Issa, Isabel Ajro, Cody Walker, Dashiell Maxwell, Ben Lambiase, Ollie Jirovec, Elias Halge, Menno Kuut, George Zervoudakis, Noah Robotis, Marcus Carelli, Lewis Wilson, Kasta Triantafyllopoulos, Billy Gallagher, Lucy Preshaw, Lily Sibillin, Selesa Vaelaa, Holly Grbac, Emilia Lambaise, Ella Hatzihalkias, Claire Lewis, Blaise Cramer White, Neisha Beardsley and Tia Tuhi competed in the District Cross Country event. All the students gave it everything they had, doing themselves and their school proud. It's a challenging course with the 10 year olds running 2km and the 11-13 year old age group completing 3km. Special thanks to Kathryn Vickers for the early morning training sessions they conducted to prepare our students for the gruelling event. 19 students ran a great race and have qualified for the Division Cross country at Bundoora Park on Wednesday 14th June. Training will continue Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30.



## Prep-Grade 2 Guided Reading – Assistance Required.

The Preps, 1s and 2s are calling for any parents/carers that are available to assist with guided reading. The junior school guided reading program is aimed introducing and building on, a variety of reading strategies as well as targeting students with specific reading and comprehension needs. The assistance of parents/carers in the classroom allows teachers to provide a more intensive approach in small groups whilst allowing parents to gain an insight into the workings of our wonderful school.

The best part - you don't even have to have a child in the junior school! As long as you hold a current working with children check and you have some spare time on Tuesday to Friday mornings, we'd LOVE to see you!

For those that have some spare time and would like to offer their help, please contact one of the area coordinators below and they will be more than happy to let you know where you could help out.

Please note that guided reading runs from 9:10 to 9:55am every Tuesday to Friday.

### Junior school area coordinators

**Prep:** Ben Corns Room 6

**Grade 1:** Chloe Watt Room 13

**Grade 2:** Jess Merlo Room 11

Thanks in advance for your help!

Adrijana Lukic - Prep team and Literacy Leading Teacher

## Premier Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) has commenced for students in Prep to Grade 6. **Students in Grades Prep to Grade 2 need to read or have read to them, 30 books (20 of which are in the challenge book list). Students in Grades 3 to 6 need to read 15 books, (10 must be from the challenge book list).**

The challenge finishes on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only **one** of the forms needs to be completed. The two forms that have been added to Compass under **School Documentation**.

- **Premier's Reading Challenge – Online Honour Roll Consent:** This form needs to be completed **ONLY** if you would like your child's name to appear on the Online Honour Roll when the PRC has been completed.
- **Premier's Reading Challenge – School participation:** Please complete this form if you would like your child to take part in the reading challenge but **NOT** have their name published on the Premiers' Reading Challenge Online Honour Roll.

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

Happy Reading!

Karen Attrill and Melissa Besford

Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinators

## 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*

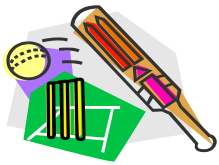
- **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

*Further Information*

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

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS



Interschool Sports this week will be played AWAY against St John's on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Netball at St Johns, Soccer (mixed) at Oulton #1, Soccer (girls) forfeit St John's and Football Forfeit St John's.

A rescheduled round of Interschool Sports will be played at HOME against Preston North East on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May– Netball at PWPS, Soccer (mixed and girls) at BT Connor #2 & #3 and football at Zwar Park. Good Luck!

## WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

### FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May are: Ludovina Matias, Michelle Wade, Annie Zanella, Kathy Kroes and Sarah Bellchambers.

### SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May is Kelly Gallagher.

**Thank  
You**

### QUADWRANGLERS PARENT BAND

Do you like to sing or play? JOIN US!

Contact: [katiehullbrown@gmail.com](mailto:katiehullbrown@gmail.com)

### BUNNINGS BBQ

PWPS is running a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Northland/Preston on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you in advance to the following volunteers who will be helping on the day: Kathryn Li, Anna Bell, George Markoski, Danielle Parker, Jeremy Boxall, Vijay Patel, Naomi Cindric, Phuong Hong, Annika Priest, Howard Roberts, Nick Clemons, John Fulcher, David Bellchambers and Kelly Brooks.

Please tell your family & friends to come & support our fundraising BBQ initiative, we look forward to seeing you this Saturday!

### 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.

### THE PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB

It is open to parents/carers of children attending the school. Weekly gatherings provide an informal opportunity for parents to have conversations, coordinate fundraising endeavours throughout the year and support the School Council and Junior School Council in community based events and special days on the Preston West school calendar. If you like to be kept in the loop of things, please email [pwpsparentclub@gmail.com](mailto:pwpsparentclub@gmail.com) with your email address.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 12/05/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Tania Kurian	Anson Hui
Prep I	Arham Umar	Freddie Parker
Prep K	Adam Al Abody	Elizabeth McKerrow
Prep L	Emma Mai-Lane	Charlie Karavokiros
Prep W	Ryan Zhang	Emilia O'Hagan-Hernandez
1B	Nathan Nguyen	Aston Daniele
1C	Hazel Harris-Thibault	Savannah Ajro
1E	Laura O'Bree	Chilla Wang
1M	Summer McKenzie	Isaac Cozis
1W	Evan Zhang	Sierra Zenel
2A	Jethro Jones	Justin Wilkins
2B	Julian Monteneri	Kamal Atosh
2J	Tharuli Wimalasooriya	Stirling Fairfax
2M	Matthew Zhang	Roger Zhou
3B	Whole Class	Pearl Elsey
3D	Sebastian Yu	Tyla Tiauli
3P	Diya Patel	Baxter Morris
3W	Amy Lobos	Kunwar Mann
4F	Mannat Bhambri	Marcus Carelli
4K	Dash Maxwell	May Koudsi
4M	Paul Koutsivos	Hugh Van Herk
4W	Emily Henshall-Torney	Lachlan Cullen
5H	Matthew Williams	Olivia Stavrou
5I	Justin Huynh	Luca Mariani
5J	Whole Class	Jacklin Wilkins
5O	Tina Lin	Jack Giles
6N	Whole Class	Shae O'Connor
6S	Whole Class	Samson Samson
6T	Kadijah Foggi	Ayman Gaal
ITALIAN	Massimo Pavone 1E	



## 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.co](mailto:schoolpantry@icloud.co)



## Art Smocks

As we are progressing through our painting topic this term, I would like to remind students to bring their own art smock. It could even be an old t-shirt! It's always best practice to have the right gear, so please don't forget. Now, let's get painting!



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Parents & children are invited to attend



## EDUCATION WEEK 2017

### TUESDAY MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

Open Morning 9am-10:50am  
Current & future parents can visit  
the grades and see our school at  
work.

### THURSDAY MAY 25<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten children visits  
9:30am - 10:50am  
Tour the school and engage in  
Foundation activities.

### BOOK NOW

To book please go to:  
[www.prestonwest.vic.edu.au](http://www.prestonwest.vic.edu.au)  
and navigate to Enrolment.







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To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

If you would like your child's name to appear on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Definitions:** *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

### 1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*. This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

### 2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

### 3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: [privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au)

*If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department [readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9637 3624.*

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....



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I would like my child to take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge (they will **not** be on the Online Honour Roll).

Name of child..... Grade.....

Parent Signature.....