

# Preston West Post

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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JUNE

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

End of Term 2 – Scattered finishing times see below

### JULY

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 Begins

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

(No students at school this day)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

School Photo Day

### Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## Principal's Note

### Early Dismissal End of Term

Students will be dismissed early on the last day of Term 2 (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June). On the last day of term we are going to continue with our staggered dismissal times through designated gates:

- Students in Prep and their siblings will be dismissed at 2.05pm.
- Students in Grade 1 and their siblings will be dismissed at 2.15pm.
- Students in Grade 2 and their siblings will be dismissed at 2.25pm.
- Students in Grades 3-6 will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

We look forward to having all our students back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please note unless you are notified otherwise via Compass the implemented changes/adjustments we have made will continue into next term. We are awaiting direction from the Department of Education and Training as to when it is safe to lift the changes that have been implemented.

### Mid Year Reports

Modified semester one student reports will be available for parents on Compass on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Interview times for the Parent /Teacher /Student Conferences on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July will be opened on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Interview times can be booked utilising Compass using your individual user name and password. For people without access to the website interviews can be made via your teacher or school office. It is important that all families participate in the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences as it provides the opportunity to exchange information, monitor student achievement and determining an appropriate learning plan for each student for the remainder of the year. Just a reminder that the **interview will be conducted via Webex Meeting**. A phone call to parents/carers will be made by staff at your designated interview time for those that do not have access to Webex meeting. **Please note there are no formal classes for students on this day and Before and After School Care will not be operating. Students are expected to participate in a section of the conference.**

## Access to School Premises

Just a reminder that until further notice there is no access to the school premises by parents/carers. If your child needs to be collected early please call the office and your child will be sent out to you. Also if you need to drop something off during the school day, contact the office and a staff member will come out and meet you at the gate. When the Department of Education and Training deem it safe to lift restriction, we are looking forward to having our parent community back on the premises. Thank you for your anticipated support.

## ICAS English and Mathematics Competition

Attached to this newsletter is information on the annual ICAS English and Maths Competitions that will be conducted next term. For parents of students in Grades 2-6 who wish their children to complete the assessment, please ensure you complete the online application form.

## School Council

A summary of this week's School Council meeting discussions included:

- **School Council would like to pass on a special thank you to staff and parents/carers for the wonderful efforts throughout the remote learning from home. Also a special thank you to Nicole Scherzer for successfully coordinating the Before and after School Care Program throughout the challenges of Term 3.**
- A Child Safety presentation was delivered.
- Update on the successful transition back to onsite learning at Preston West P.S.
- Protective Behaviours program will be implemented across the school in the first two weeks of Term 3.
- The Grade 6 (Waratah Bay), Grade 4 (Lake Dewar) camps have been cancelled for 2020.
- The school concert has been postponed until 2021.
- Prep enrolments for 2021 continue to be submitted. School tours for prospective enrolments have been postponed for the remainder of this term. We will await an update from the Department of Education and Training as to if / when school tours can commence.
- Soap dispensers have been installed near all outdoor taps. Drinking fountains have been temporarily removed and replaced with hand taps.

## Cheryl Bondeson

### BASCP

We hope you are all safe and well in these extraordinary times.

As school has resumed for students in **Prep, 1 & 2 on May 26<sup>th</sup>** and for **Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 on June 9<sup>th</sup>**, could you please inform the Before and After School Care program if your child/ren is **NOT** going to attend for their usual bookings, until the end of Term 2, by texting 0407 975 663.

Going forward to Term 3, could you please inform the BASCP program of any changes to your permanent bookings no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July via email [bascp@prestonwest.vic.edu.au](mailto:bascp@prestonwest.vic.edu.au) Please note: requests for additional or change of days are not guaranteed.

There will also be changes to the way children are dropped off and collected from the program. As per the advice from the Department of Education and Training we are not encouraging parents on the school premises.

Before School Care: A BASCP staff member will greet children at the Jessie St gate where you will sign your child in.

After School Care: On collection in the afternoon a table to sign children out will be located on the deck of the grade 3 building. When you have signed your children out, we ask you to step outside the school premises and a staff member will get your child and send them to you. Thanks you for your anticipated assistance in reducing the number of people on the school premises.

*Nicole*

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 20/3/2020

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep V	Eason L	Francesca R
Prep H	Dylan D	Aisha I
Prep K	Ines D	Talya H
Prep D	Ammar M	Saesha B
1W	Asher D	
1E	Oliver S	Accalia R
1B	Aaron W	Krish J
1N	Eliza D	Owethu M
2A	Ella G	Daiwik Bhanot
2P	Isaac S	Mohni B
3F	Eli P	Whole Class
3M	Maria T	Jack W
3O	Daphne B	Molly D
4L	Oliver S	
4K	Juzer U	
4T	Ishaan G	
4H	Julia T	Holly B
5W	Grace L	Christian P
5M	Lila B	Jamie K
5K	Ela Mc	
6N	Else O	Joshua S
6J	Georgia K	Holly G
6S	Sophia T	Yiwen L
MUSIC	Cruz P	
ITALIAN	Juno C	



Dear parents/carers,

As you may all be aware, the 2020 Premiers' Reading Challenge has commenced.

Information and details on how to register are available in the weekly school newsletter. The coordinators for this year are:

- Wendy Price (Prep and Grade 2)
- Melissa Besford (Grade 1 and 3)
- Anita O'Leary (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

For obvious reasons, this year has proved to be tricky for students (and parents), particularly due to limited access to council libraries and our own school library. Please be aware that teachers are using the Premiers' Reading Challenge booklist to locate any of the books in our classroom libraries. Students will have an opportunity to read these during independent reading or in some instances, teachers may read them to the whole grade. Students will communicate to parents/carers of any books read at school and these can be added to the reading log. There are also many picture story book titles be available on the Story Box website.

**Happy Reading!**

Students now have access to Story Box at home. The log in details are below:

**Website:** <https://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

**Username:** Preston West

**Password:** pwps3885



## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge!

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Preston West PS is excited to be participating. A new application is being used this year that offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4 September 2020.

- Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers.
- Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

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)

The challenge closes on **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September**. All registered students will need to have finished reading their required number of books and marked them as completed. Please do this no later than **Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August** for the books to be verified.

If you wish to participate in the challenge, please complete the VPRC participation information below and return it to the assigned email. You will then receive your login details.

## Happy Reading!

Melissa Besford, Anita O'leary and Wendy Price  
*Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinators*

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*If you are interested in participating, please return this section to the school via the teacher's email address looking after your child's year level. Thank-you.*

Prep or Grade 2: [price.wendy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:price.wendy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Grade 1 or Grade 3: [besford.melissa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:besford.melissa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Grade 4, 5 or 6: [oleary.anita.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:oleary.anita.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Email Subject: VPRC Participation

Name of child (First name and Surname):.....

Grade: .....

Parent Signature/Name:.....

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Prep C	Cruz P	Freddie T
Prep V	Filomena T	Mason C
Prep H	Veronica B	Kowen M
Prep K	Alba R	Harris C
Prep D	Saasha B	Ada M
1W	Maya U	Louie A
1E	Milly M	Manansh S
1B	Jessica M	Bianca G
1N	Layla G	Reuben B
2J	Aurora C	Peter K
2A	Danish K	Harvey Z
2P	Ridaa K	Albie H
2V	Celia H	Jabez Y
2D	Finley S	Emilia T
3F	Freddie P	Ramari K
3B	Simone L	Freddy M
3O	Emma M	Di W
4L	Charlie G	Ava M
4T	Harper V	Anam S
4H	Julia T	Ruth B
5W	Luca M	Katelyn T
5M	Felix W	
5K	Max Percy	Eno Z
6N	Fiona L	Lennox P
6J	Matilda V	Holly G
6S	Lucas B	Charlie G
ART	Whole Class 3M	
PE	Samuel B	
ITALIAN	Maria T	



## Community News

### Preston High School Virtual Open Day

Dear Preston West Primary School families

With the current restrictions on public gatherings we have had to cancel the traditional Open Day. However, we want to enable you, our community, to participate in whatever way we can. While we can't run our usual activities with students running tours and talking to you, we hope you enjoy this Virtual alternative.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UdVjgFqIZ0>

You can also access the video from our website, alongside other information about the school and about enrolment for 2021 [www.phs.vic.edu.au](http://www.phs.vic.edu.au) and you can also contact us via the website.

**Sean Butler - Principal**

### Northcote High School – Virtual Tour

<https://www.nhs.vic.edu.au/enrol/school-tours-open-day/>



# Upcoming English and Maths ICAS Assessments

Each year Preston West has participated in the ICAS English and Maths Competitions. Both are open to students in Grades 2 – 6. It is a parent/student choice as to whether your child would like the opportunity to participate.

ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning.

To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level.

## Benefits

- Encourage students to attain greater academic success.
- Require students to think beyond the classroom.
- Recognise student success through medals and certificates.

**The English and Maths assessments are now available for parents to login and pay directly online. Follow the link and simply enter your child's details. You need to enter before July 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

School: Preston West Primary School

Link: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Access Code: **CBN559**

## Test sitting days

Test Name	Cost online	Sitting date
ICAS English	\$15.95	Tuesday 25 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	\$15.95	Thursday 3 September 2020

**Please note that if students are absent on the above scheduled assessment date they will not be able to complete the test.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions [anita.oleary@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:anita.oleary@education.vic.gov.au) or phone 03 94701546.

Yours sincerely  
Anita O'Leary



# Photo Day 27-07-2020

## ONLINE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

### School Code: [EQA 14V L8R]

Dear Parents and Students,

**Preston West Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 27-07-2020**

School photo orders will be taken via our online system only this year. If you have not yet received instructions on how to place your order online, it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed. All student's photos are taken regardless of purchase.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 26-07-2020 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

#### **4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**

Step 1 **Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [EQA 14V L8R]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\* Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

**FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS** No envelope required if ordering online

#### **3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING**

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [EQA 14V L8R]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [26-07-2020]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

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