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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 19th March 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

March

Friday 27th

Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish

Term Dates

Term 2 Tuesday 14th April – Friday 26th June

Term 3 Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September

Term 4 Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

Principal's Note

Coronavirus Update

Special thanks to the support from our community in regards to the coronavirus. We are now being updated daily by the Department of Education and Training. As mentioned in a Compass notification that was sent on Monday, we have made numerous changes / adjustments following direction from the Department/Governments and DHHS as a preventative measure. In summary, we have:

- Cancelled assemblies.
- Postponed school photos and Multicultural day.
- Camps, excursions and interschool supporting events have been cancelled until further notice.
- Students now go directly into their classrooms at 8.50am. Recess and lunchtime breaks have been staggered and all food is consumed in the classroom space.
- Encouraged families to leave the premises at 3.30pm to give our before and after school care program extra space to supervise their children in.
- Continued to promote safe hygiene practices with our students.

As a state government school, we are bound by the directives we receive. If and when we are required to close, staff will communicate with families to promote academic expectations whilst students work from home. The priority of staff at the moment is to continue teaching their class, prepare the Term 2 curriculum and also work together in teams to compile work for students if / when our school closes. For those parents who have elected to keep their children home this week continue to promote daily reading, writing, Athletics, Reading Eggs/ Reading Express and ensure any project expectations are completed. Thank you for your continued support and understanding and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Last Day of Term 1 – Early Dismissal

Next Friday (27th March) is the last day of Term 1. Please note children will be dismissed at 2.30pm next Friday afternoon.

National Ride to School Day

It was great to see the number of children and also parents who supported National Ride to School Day. Riding bikes, scooters and taking the opportunity to walk around the streets of Preston is a great way to get around. Special thanks to Grant Tobin for coordinating the event.

Compass – Parent Information

Last year the school added more information for parents on the Compass portal, instead of having resources spread over various forms of media. We added under the tab 'Community' a policy library that has all the requirements identified by the Department of Education and Training e.g. Annual Report, school policies and other information you might require such as canteen lunch order menus. This section on Compass will grow and is designed to be the place where you will go for documentation. Following the approval at School Council more policies will be added to Compass. Our newsletter is sent out weekly to the primary care giver through a link on Compass. Our aim is to make communication between the school and the community more streamlined and safer as it is in the Compass portal that you need to login to.

School Council

The first meeting of our new School Council new took place this week and office bearers were appointed – President David Bellchambers, Vice President Luke Draper and general members Mark Ross, Adrijana Lukic, Luke Begg, Natasha Stewart, Xiao Jiang, Abdul Sharaf, Kirsty Thorneycroft and Naomi Cindric. I look forward to a great year with our School Council who have the responsibility to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

A summary of the items at this week's School Council meeting included:

- Presentation of the Government Performance Summary and Annual Report. The student outcome data that was generated last year was extremely pleasing and something as a community we should be very proud of. The Annual Report will be available next term for parents/carers to via on Compass and our school webpage.
- NAPLAN for this year for our Year 3 and 5 students will be online and conducted between 12th–19th May.
- Education Week commences Monday 18th May. We will have an open morning on May 18th between 9.15am – 10.45am. The theme for Education Week across Victoria is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).
- Staff professional learning for Term 1 has included peer observations, CPR, Anaphylaxis, Explicit Teaching, Resilience/Wellbeing Program, Professional Practice Days, Coaching (literacy and numeracy) and the Framework For Improving Student Outcomes – High Impact Teaching Strategies.
- We are in the process of upgrading our school webpage. The focus of our new webpage will be future enrolments. Compass will continue to be the information base of our current families.
- Special thanks to Sarah Bellchambers for coordinating Fresh Fruit Friday for 2020. The majority of proceeds raised from fundraising endeavours e.g. Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, Bunnings BBQ are directed to the continuation of Fresh Fruit Friday.

Re-framing After School Conversation with Children – Question Prompt Ideas:

The below list features alternatives to "What did you do at school today?" to which parents often report to staff that they get a reply of "Nothing!" from their children. These questions will help you to initiate the conversation with your child/children.

"When were you happiest today?"

"What made you smile today?"

"Who were you kind to today?"

"What made your brain grow today?"

"Which places did you visit at school today?"

"Did you do anything nice for someone today?"

"Was it a quiet/busy/noisy/fun/relaxing/challenging day today? Why?"

"Tell me some things you saw today."

"Did you spend time with a 'new friend' today? Would you like to become better friends with them/anyone else?" (Possible future playdate)

“Did you mostly work by yourself, with a partner or in a group today?”
“If you could do something from today again, what would it be? Why?”
“Did anything funny happen today?”
“Who did you talk to the most today?”
“If you were the teacher today, what would you have done more of or less of? Why?”
“Did you spend any time with students from other classes today? When? What did you do?”
“What were some good/strong choices you made today?”
“Did you do anything today to show that you are your own ‘boss’ (e.g. of your feelings, actions)?”
“What work are you proudest of from today?”

Cheryl Bondeson

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

NO FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 20th March is Gabriella Capretta.

**Thank
You**

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: School Fees were due Friday 28th February 2020.

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**

How to Apply: Contact the school office to collect a CSEF application form as submit by 19th June 2020.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - PREP WORK & STALL ASSISTANCE

It's that time again to start preparing for the Mother's Day stall.

DONATIONS:

If you have any items you would like to donate or make (eg: cards, succulents, jams, etc) it would be greatly appreciated. We will have a box at reception to store the items.

VOLUNTEERING:

1. MAKING CARDS

We will be hosting the following craft days to make Mother's Day cards and we would love your help. We sold out of our Mother's Day cards last year.

Dates:

- Friday 20th March
- Friday 17th April
- Friday 24th April



Time: 1pm to 3pm

Please let me know via SMS (Maria 0419532052) if you will be attending.

2. MAN THE STALL TABLES

If you could please make yourself available to assist and volunteer your time on the Mother's Day Stall days (**Friday 1st and 8th May**), to help man the stall tables and serve the children, it would be much appreciated.

It's a fun and enjoyable experience seeing the children choose and buy items for the special female in their lives.

The stall hours are from 9am to 3pm. We need to man 6 tables across all the times. Each table will have 1 or 2 people.

The session times are:

- 9am to 11am
- 11am to 1pm
- 2pm to 3pm

At Reception and at Before & After Care 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 call/sms Maria on 0419 532 052.

Please note you need a current 'Working With Children Check' (WWWC) to volunteer.

A voluntary WWCC is free of charge and you can apply online via

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 12/3/2020

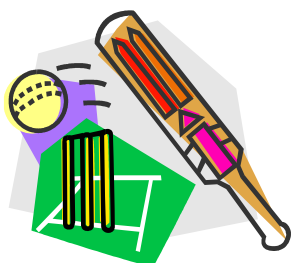
Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with their awards.

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Kelly X	Isaac T
Prep V	Lydia S	Aarav G
Prep H	Leon M	Elsie F-K
Prep K	Harry M	Romir C
Prep D	Vielle S	Alfie M
1W	Oliver X	Darby S
1B	Tia K	Jiayu Y
1N	Reuben B	Batool S
2J	Madison B	Rasha E
2A	Eoin M	Emily B
2P	Elaine L	Justin D
2V	Yash P	Ayla I
2D	Brian T	Vincent H
3F	Louis C	Harriet W
3B	Daniel B	Crystalia P
3O	Mor E	Maleesa M
4L	Athan D	Mona S
4K	Savannah A	Annie N
4T	Rose M	Nathan H
4H	Julia T	Holly B
5W	Freya S	Salma E
5M	Mariam A	Hanna G
5K	Ahmed S	Cassius B
6N	Bede M	Aston G
6J	Anton C	Seb Y
6S	Ryan A	Sienna M
ART	Alexander P	
PE	Dylan C	
ITALIAN	Camelia S	



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool Sports results from Friday 13th March, 2020



SPORT	PWPS	HOLY NAME
Bat Tennis Girls	14	18
Bat Tennis Boys	30	2
Cricket 1	112	100
Cricket 2	84	56
Rounders Girls	7	12
Rounders Boys	3	10
T Ball	13	19

Community News



OPEN DAY APRIL 22ND

Book for an information session at 4.30 or 6.30pm
<https://www.trybooking.com/BILTS>
School Tours run by students at 9.30am and 11.30am

- ENHANCED CURRICULUM PROGRAM
 - DANCE, ORCHESTRAL & CHORAL MUSIC
 - PHILOSOPHY, ROBOTICS & STEM
 - FRENCH & MANDARIN CHINESE
- LEAD - EXPLORE - INSPIRE**

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and parents to attend our Open Day on Monday 20th April 2020

Information Sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

Morning: 9.00am – 10.30am
Evening: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Parents and children only need to attend one session. There is no need to register attendance.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN: YEAR 7 SEAL PROGRAM 2021

The SEAL Program provides differentiated teaching and learning that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The Program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend, and develop the gifts of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. SEAL students will study faster paced curriculum and have the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research.

The SEAL program is suited to students who are capable of studying curriculum at a faster pace, have a strong passion for learning, are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have superior problem solving abilities.

Visit the College website for further information and to apply for the SEAL program:

www.pvgc.vic.edu.au

If you are unable to attend our Open Day sessions, the College also conducts tours with the Principal or an Assistant Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by contacting the College on **9306 2544** or online through the College website at **www.pvgc.vic.edu.au**