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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

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# **IMPORTANT DATES**

July

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Grade 3/4 Hooptime

August

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 1 Werribee Open Range Zoo Excursion

#### **Term Dates**

Term 3 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September Term 4 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

# Principal's Note

#### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to Term 3 – it promises to be a very productive and busy term. Special events that will take place this term include Maths / English Competitions, student Cyber Safety sessions, Grade 5/6 Family Life classes, athletics events, Grade 4 Bike Education, excursions/incursions at each level and a multi-age Book Week activity Dress Up day. All the students look rested and enthusiastic. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable term of schooling.

#### **Student Absences**

Commencing this term he Department of Education and Training (D.E.T.) require we contact you each day if your child is absent. This is to ensure the safety of your child. Text messages advising your child is absent will be sent at approximately 10am each day from Compass. Please follow the prompts and let us know why your child is not at school. You can let us know in advance on Compass to avoid receiving the text message. If child arrives late you may also receive a text message. Teaching time is really valuable, so please make every effort to have your child at school on time and not missing out on their learning time.

# Student Safety/Respecting our Neighbours - Before and After School

A priority at Preston West Primary is student safety. I acknowledge that the streets around our school and Preston can become very congested around drop off and pick up times. However, can I please remind parents of the following:

- Please ensure children correctly utilise the school crossings and do not cross between cars.
- Please ensure you do not block our neighbours drive ways and take note of the parking signs Kiss and Go
  zone, disable parking bay, bus zone etc.
- Please don't use the crossing or schools front gates to drop your child off.

The traffic police regularly patrol the schooling zones in Preston. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to promote the safety of our students and pedestrians.

#### **District Winter Sporting Final**

Congratulations to our Football, Soccer and Netball A teams who all competed against Preston Primary School in the grand finals of the District Winter Competition on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Our netballers and soccer team did a great job winning their matches by a goal and our football team played with a never give up attitude but were defeated. All our competitors played with all their hearts and should be very proud of their wonderful efforts. Thanks to Grant Tobin, Ainslee Watkins and Sam Burnett for their terrific coaching on the day.

#### **Hooptime**

Tomorrow our Year 3 /4 basketballers will represent Preston West at the Aussie Hoops District Competition. We wish them all the best throughout their matches. Special thanks to Elizabeth Ilia and Jacinta Thomas for their commitments in Term 2 to training and preparing the teams.

#### **Before and After School Care**

Our Before and After School Care Program continues to attract a high number of students. Nicole and Mary do a wonderful job with their team. The care, encouragement and support the staff show is terrific. Providing food for over 150 students in one session is a huge feat. The program encourages healthy and fresh food choices during the morning breakfast and afternoon snack time. Our menus are on display near the kitchen. Breakfast includes a selection of breads (wholemeal, multigrain, white and raisin) accompanied by spreads such as jam, vegemite, tomato and cheese. Cereal options include oats/porridge, low-sugar wholegrain cereal, rice bubbles and corn flakes. Afternoon snacks vary including fruit and vegetable platters, corn chips, cheese, rice crackers, sandwiches and wraps. A range of seasonal fruit is available at all times. All children are accommodated for during menu planning and the program caters for specific dietary requirements, anaphylaxis and allergies. Icy poles are sometimes distributed on hot days and on the last day of each term special treats are provided e.g. party pies, sausages, pizza and chips. Experiences the children may engage in include cooking, art and craft, sport, reading, dress up, sewing, knitting, games e.g. cards, chess and dominoes and directed and undirected free play. On hot and wet days the children will access the library, art room and computer lab. Please note the planning tree is on the carpeted area in the foyer.

# **Cheryl Bondeson**

#### 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 behaviour 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 23**<sup>rd</sup> **July** to **Sunday 26**<sup>th</sup> **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: SCHOOL FEES WERE DUE FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018.

#### **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.

# **WELCOME TO PARENTS/CARERS GROUP**

#### **FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July are: Soma Guha, Vicki Persic, Jacqueline Lewis, Annie Zanella and Sarah Clemons.

#### **SICK BAY BEDDING**

Our volunteer for Friday 20th July is Wendy Bainbridge.



#### 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. 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.



Have you Got 15-30 minutes a couple of times per term to help out with school

banking? Starting straight after drop off, and you're on your way by 9:30! Whether you can help out once a term or on a more regular basis, it would be great to have you on board!

Please contact Sally on 0411420817 or via email at <a href="mailto:pwpsbanking@gmail.com">pwpsbanking@gmail.com</a> for more information.

#### **FATHERS DAY**

Fathers' Day is slowly approaching and we would love your HELP to prepare for the Father's Day stall.

There are two ways you can assist - volunteer your time or donate items

To volunteer your time:

Please join us to make Fathers' Day cards and prepare items which will be sold on the day of the store.

We have organised some group meet up dates for 10:30am Friday @ the PWPS Gym in the foyer

- 20th July
- 3rd August
- 17th August

And 2pm Sunday @ the PWPS Gym in the foyer on the;

- 29th July
- 12th August
- 26th August

Help on any of the above dates would be appreciated. We look forward to meeting new and existing parents. Coffee and nibblies will also be provided.

If you would like to help but cannot make it on these dates, feel free to make some Fathers' Day cards or prepare some items to be sold at your own time.

# To donate items

We will provide a box, in the main reception for anyone to place items they wish to donate for the stall.

If you have any queries or would like to join us on any of the above dates, please email the parents club on <a href="mailto:pwpsparentclub@gmail.com">pwpsparentclub@gmail.com</a>

Thank you

# **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 7<sup>th</sup> September. All registered students will need to have **finished** reading their required number of books and the completed list sent list 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: <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx</a>

**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.

Congratulations to the following students Mohni PL, Rushil PL, Samuel PW, Ava PW, Madison PH, Isaac 2A, Minh 2A, Lucas 2B, Olivia 2J, Massimo 2M, Anuk 4B, Riley 4E and Muhammadh 6O who have completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Well Done!

Happy Reading!

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

Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinators

# 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 <a href="mailto:schoolpantry@icloud.com">schoolpantry@icloud.com</a>



# SchOol PaNtrY: 2018 TERM 3 MENU

schoolpantry@icloud.com

Sandwich	white or wholemeal	\$2.00
Roll	white or wholemeal	\$2.50
Wrap	wholemeal	\$2.50
Gluten Free	sandwich	\$3.00

# \*\*\*SUSHI NO LONGER AVAILABLE\*\*\*

FILLINGS		HOT FOOD	
Virginian Ham	\$1:00	Penne pasta w/Halal Bolognese or Napoli	\$5.00
		Sauce	
Don Salami	\$1:00	Ravioli –Spinach/Ricotta w/ Napoli or Halal	\$5.00
		Bolognese sauce	
		GLUTEN FREE	
		Gluten Free Penne Pasta w/Halal Bolognese	\$6.00
		or Napoli Sauce	
		Gluten Free Ravioli-	\$6.00
		Spinach/Ricotta w/Halal Bolognese or Napoli	
		Sauce	
		*all served w/parmesan cheese, unless	
		clearly marked otherwise.	_
Roast Chicken	\$1:00	Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.00
Roast Beef	\$1:00	PITTES	
		Halal Meat Pita	\$5.00
		Halal Haloumi Cheese	\$5.00
		Halal Meat/Cheese Pita	\$6.00
		Halal Chicken/Mushroom Pita	\$6.00
		Halal Spinach/Cheese Pita	\$6.00
		Halal Sausage Pita	\$6.00
Tuna	\$1:00	COLD FOOD	
Tasty Cheese	.50c	Salad (lett, tom, cucumber)	\$4.00
Vegemite	.50c	w Chicken or Tuna	\$5.00
		*All dressed w/ EV olive oil & salt	
		*Vinegar/sauces on request	
Avocado	.50c		
Tomato	.20c	SNACKS	
Lettuce	.20c	Popcorn	\$1.00
		Chips – Plain Only	\$1.00
Carrot	.20c	Pineapple Ring	\$1.00
Cucumber	.20c	Mango Spears	\$1.00
Mayonnaise	.20c	Pretzels	\$1.00
Butter (not margarine)	.20c	Rice Crackers	\$1.00
		Sultanas	\$1.00
Soy, Tom, BBQ Sauce, Chilli, Mustard	-		
Parmesan	-	Fruit - red/green apples, bananas	\$1.00
Salt & Pepper	-	DRINKS	
Brown Bag	.10c	Up & Go – choc, strawberry, vanilla, banana, caramel	\$3.00
		Juice – Apple, Orange, ABC, Apple/Raspberry, Tropical	\$3.00

## HOW TO ORDER (Lunch orders are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

Please send a brown paper bag (or add .10c to your total if one is not supplied) with name, class and order written on the front. The correct amount is appreciated, however, change will be sent back with your child's lunch order.

Learn music

# here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Preston West Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3, 2018.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au





#### SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

#### 1. Contact details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on <a href="mailto:preston.west.ps@edumail.vic.qov.au">preston.west.ps@edumail.vic.qov.au</a> so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

# 2. Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to log your child's absence using our school's Compass School Manager early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

# 3. Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

Our school will text you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please log onto Compass to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e.: message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will make contact with any emergency contact's nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences, eg family holdays. You can do this online via Compass.

## New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, via Compass School Manager.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.



