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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 20th July, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

Friday 21st

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

Tuesday 25th

KABOOM Percussion Incursion (Whole School)

Friday 28th

Grade 1 Werribee Open Range Zoo Excursion

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd

Boite Schools Chorus Haven

Monday 7th

Pupil Free Day (No students at school)

Friday 11th

Grade 4 – 6 House Sports

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 22ND

Last Day of Term 3 – 2:30pm finish

Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd 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 Competition, Boite Schools Choir performance, District Hooptime, athletic events and a Science multi-age activity to name some of the important happenings to occur. All the students look rested and enthusiastic. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable term of schooling.

Pupil Free Day – Monday 7th August

Just a reminder to parents that August 7th is a pupil free day. The staff are undertaking a day of professional learning which will focus on challenging learning tasks in Mathematics, Autism and building positive relationships.

Peer Review

Over the course of semester 1, our school was involved in a peer review of the schools performance over the four year period of the last School Strategic Plan. The independent reviewer will provide us a final report that will be presented to the staff and to the School Council for endorsement. Following this, we will continue the work on the development of our new Strategic Plan. We have already begun this work, which we will consolidate into the required format of the School Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and then from this we will produce a summary document, which we will distribute to the school community. As a community, we should be very proud of our overall achievements as a school and our future direction aims to build on our successes and ensure we are producing 21st century learners who are engaged, confident and challenged to reach their full potential. All members of our community (staff, parents and students) need to be congratulated and thanked for the fantastic results and I look forward to working in close collaboration to further promote our school throughout our next Strategic Plan.

I take this opportunity to thank the Review Panel - Martin Winfield (independent reviewer), Graham Stevenson (Department of Education and Training Senior Education Improvement Leader), Kerrie Williams (Principal of Northcote PS), Bill Kersing (Principal of Viewbank PS), Bo Li (School Council President) and our school based staff (Mark Ross, Sue Moossajee, Adrijana Lukic and Luke Begg). Further to these, I do want to thank all the staff, parents and students who were involved in the numerous forums.

District Winter Sporting Final

Congratulations to our football and mixed netball teams who competed in the grand finals of the District Winter Competition on Friday 30th June. Both teams were defeated, but our boys and girls played with all their hearts and should be very proud of their wonderful efforts. Thanks to Grant Tobin and Kathryn Vickers 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 Ainslee Watkins and Jacinta Thomas for their commitments in Term 2 to training and preparing the teams.

Lunchtime Clubs

During Terms 1 and 2 many students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in lunchtime club activities. Attached to this newsletter is a list of the lunchtime clubs that are available for students to access this term. In addition, the school library is also open each day at lunchtime.

Monday: Grade 1 Mosaic Club - 1.35 pm - Room 17
Grade 3 Sphero Club – 1.35 pm – Room 35

Tuesday: Origami Club -1.35pm - Room 29
Rock Band – Lunchtime – Music Room

Wednesday: Boite Choir – Music Room- 8.20 am
Grade 4 Sphero Club – 1.35 pm – Room 4
Junior Choir – 1.35pm – Gym Foyer

Thursday: Creative Club – 1.35 pm – Art Room
Jigsaw Club – 1.35 pm – Room 4

Friday: Junior Coding Club – 1.35 pm – Room 4

New Student Report Format – Parent Evaluation

A significant amount of time, including the input from small groups of parents was focused on revamping our student report. Today via Compass you will receive a short survey in relation to our new student report format and it will be greatly appreciate if you can take 5 minutes to complete it. The survey basically will highlight if you found the new format meaningful, informative and easy to interpret.

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 up to 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.

Before and After School Care 2017 Policy Changes

As parents who utilise the service are aware, adjustments to our Fees and Booking & Enrolment policies have been implemented this year. In summary the changes were implemented to focus our main attention on providing quality care and to reduce the ever increasing time allocated to completing administrative tasks. A summary of the implemented changes include:

- In the second last week of each term parents/guardians can request a permanent booking for the entire following term. If the permanent booking is allocated all fees will be charged based on the booking, but will

exclude public holidays, curriculum days and school camps. There are very limited opportunity to take emergency bookings at short notice or for limited time periods.

- Fees are now charged on a per session basis for a full term – this will be paid either in full within 14 days of the start of the term or in fortnightly instalments in advance. Fees paid in full at the start of the term will be discounted by 5%.
- In 2017 fees are non refundable regardless of whether a child has attended the session or not. Where the term fees have been paid in full, if circumstances change and a child is withdrawn from sessions for the remainder of the term the parents/guardians may apply to the service for a refund, that may be granted at the services discretion based of various factors e.g. reason for cancellation, the viability of the eservice given the cancellation and the quantum of the refund.

Our capacity at our Before and After School Care program is 150 students and we are currently very near or at 150 students each afternoon. We abide by the space and staffing guidelines to ensure we are compliant with the Departments strict expectations. Over the past few years a greater percentage of staff are sources from an external company. I acknowledge it can become challenging for parents that are unable to provide us with actual days of attending within our timeframe and also those that are unable to secure emergency care. As our school has grown significantly over the past few years changes to practices in enrolling at our Before and After School care program were required to ensure consistency, availability to regular users and ensuring our quality program continued. Nicole, Mary and their team do a terrific job at providing a high quality service for our community and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

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 do not park in the staff car park.
- Please don't use the crossing or schools front gates to drop 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.

Cheryl Bondeson

JSC

Hi, my name is Felix and I am a JSC for 6N. Some of my hobbies are playing Xbox and Soccer. JSC is fun to do and I hope kids in the future will think the same. The jobs we do are important even when we are standing up in front of the school. My favourite thing we do in the Junior School Council is organise fun events that our school can do.

Felix 6N

Hello I'm Omar, I'm the J.S.C representative for 5H, it has been such an honour to represent my classmates as a J.S.C member by delivering their suggestions and ideas. Along with other representatives I had the pleasure to assist in organizing events such as "Crazy Hair Day" and "Out Of Uniform Day" to raise money for causes.

I love swimming and gymnastics. I am passionate about robotics and computer coding. I like working in groups because I believe everyone has unique point of strength which can lead to the success of the whole team.

Being a part of JSC motivated me to develop my personality in a positive and well mannered way to be a good role model for other students.

Omar, 5H

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES: The School Fees were due Friday 24th February, 2017.

Reminder letters have been sent out for outstanding fees. If you need to discuss these payments please contact the office.

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 21st July are: Sasha De Lorenzo, Mick Paskos, Daniela Cagliarini, Tao Song and Michelle Wade.

Thank
You

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 with your email address.

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 8th 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

SCHOOL PANTRY (School Canteen)

CLOSED – NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE

As of Monday 19th June, 2017 until 28th July, 2017 there will be **NO LUNCH ORDER'S** available. Marina will be away during these times. School Pantry (canteen) will be reopening on 31st July, 2017

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

The advertisement features a background image of a school uniform. At the top center is the PSW logo with the text 'PSW QUALITY APPAREL'. Below it is a red rectangular box containing the Preston West Primary School crest on the left and the text 'UNIFORMS FOR PRESTON WEST PS' on the right. Below the red box, the text reads 'AVAILABLE FROM TUESDAY 13TH JUNE AT THE PSW STORE IN CAMPELLFIELD'. A map shows the store location at the intersection of Cooper St and Rex Rd, with Northbourne Rd also labeled. The address is 'Unit 2, 283 Rex Road, Campbellfield VIC 3061' and the phone number is '(03) 9768 0337'. The store's regular trading hours are listed as 'Tues to Fri: 9:00am-5:00pm' and 'Sat: 10:00am-1:00pm'. A red banner at the bottom of the map area says 'www.psw.com.au Save Time, Shop Online!'. Below the banner are icons for 'SHOP ONLINE', 'RETAIL STORE', 'LAYBY KARE', and 'ASK IN-STORE', along with a 'like us on facebook' button. At the very bottom, it says 'THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS' and the PSW logo again.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Second hand Book Sale - Nothing over \$2!!!

Saturday 22 July, 10am - 3pm

1st Reservoir Scouts Hall, Leamington Street,
Reservoir (just behind Edwardes Lake Park)



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PRESTON WEST PS



WICKED WINTER SPORTS

It's Winter and time to get warm! What better time to experience the skills, fun and excitement of **Tee Ball, Football & Athletics!** Get your friends to join for added fun! Build your skills, awareness, co-ordination and friendship all in an enjoyable environment

WHEN: Thursday's
DATES: 20.7.17 - 21.9.17
TIME: 3.40pm - 4.40pm
YEAR LEVELS: P - 4
COST: \$120 (10 weeks)

WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM! KELLY SPORTS SCHOOL OF DANCE!!

We are excited to announce we have started our very own dance school on Saturdays at Holy Spirit school in Thornbury! This program is open to all students and spaces are limited so act quickly. Check out our website at www.kellysports.com.au for details or email me at shane@kellysports.com.au

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL OF \$100 IF ENROLLED & PAID BEFORE MON 17TH JULY

(payments received after this date will revert to full price)

To enrol go to www.kellysports.com.au or scan and email this completed form to shane@kellysports.com.au

ENROLMENT FORM

Wicked Winter Sports

School: _____ Year Level: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone (Mobile/Work/Home): _____

Email: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? (Please Circle) Go to after care Get collected
 Parents' consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Caregiver name: _____ Signature: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Credit card payment: Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: ____/____/____ CCV: _____

Please note that credit card payments attract a 2.5% processing fee

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, 2017.

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



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