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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

October

Friday 23rd Grand Final Eve Public Holiday

November

Monday 2nd Pupil Free Day – No school this day

Tuesday 3rd Melbourne Cup Day - No school this day

Friday 20th School Photo Day

December

Friday 11th Curriculum Day – No school this day

Friday 18th Last Day Term 4 – 1pm Dismissal

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

Principal's Note

Grand Final/Thank You Day Public Holiday

There will be no school tomorrow (Friday 23rd October) due to the Grand Final Eve/Thank You Day public holiday. A reminder to parents/carers that Monday 2nd November is a pupil free day (no school) and Tuesday 3rd November is the Melbourne Cup day public holiday. I hope families take the opportunity on these days to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

School Photos – Friday 20th November

Advanced Life have rescheduled the school photos to Friday 20th November. Please note due to Covid Safety Guidelines class photos will not be taken – just individual student photos. We are yet to confirm if the company will be taking family photos.

Quality Work

I have had a steady stream of children bringing their work down to the office over the past fortnight. It is fabulous to see our students taking great pride in their presentation and content. It is a credit to our students, staff and parents/carers on such a good start to our final term for 2020 following a significant proportion on the year in remote learning.

Student Safety / Parking - 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 you are socially distancing and prompting leave following drop off and pick up.
- Please ensure children correctly utilise the school crossings and do not cross between cars.

- Please ensure you do not block our neighbour's driveways and take note of the parking signs – Kiss and Go zone, disable parking bays, bus zone etc.
- Please don't use the crossing or schools front gates to drop child off.

The traffic police regularly patrol the schooling zones in Preston. If parents/carers can also inform other family members who do drop offs and pick ups of the expectations in relation to parking and safety around the school. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation to promote the safety of our students and pedestrians.

Cheryl Bondeson

Dear parents, carers and staff,

I am writing about the situation in our local area after the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) identified some new cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

We would like to reassure you that no cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected on our school site and that our school remains **open**.

If you live in the areas of Dallas, Roxburgh Park, Broadmeadows, Preston, West Heidelberg or Heidelberg Heights, please make sure that you continue to follow health advice, including practicing physical distancing, regular hand hygiene and wearing face masks.

Please be alert for any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and get tested if you develop any of the following:

- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose

Getting tested

More information on testing, including testing locations, is available on the DHHS [Where to get tested](#) webpage.

Once you have been tested you should return home and await the results.

While getting tested, please remember face masks are compulsory for all Victorians over the age of 12, with the exception of those who cannot wear a face mask due to a medical condition or disability. DHHS has more information about [face masks](#).

It is important we all continue to follow the health advice from the experts. Our school will continue to work closely with DHHS and the Department of Education and Training (DET) should any cases in our school community arise.

More information

I am aware that this is a time of heightened anxiety for us all. For more information regarding coronavirus and schools, please visit the [DET website](#) or call the DET coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on **1800 338 663**, available 8am to 6pm, seven days a week.

For school information in your language, call TIS National on **131 450**. Please ask them to call the DET coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.

For health advice in other languages visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Bondeson
Principal

2021 Year 3 BYO iPad Enrolment

Last week an email was sent out to the Year 2 parents with information for the 2021 BYO iPad Year 3 intake. This email included links to Program summary webpage, Implementation Handbook and Online Enrolment form.

Due to COVID, I have converted the BYO iPad Program enrolment process to digital form. Please know that you may still complete the enrolment in paper form and simply send it to school with your child.

This week I have recorded an information session for the BYO iPad Program. This includes all the information I would normally share at an information parent session held at school. This video also includes a look at the two packages on offer for next year's Year 3 students, along with the cases provided with them. If you would like to get straight to this information you can forward to video to the 32:30 mark.

Please follow the below links for information on the program and the online enrolment form.

- [BYO iPad Program Information Session](#)
- [Program Summary Webpage](#)
- [BYO iPad Program Implementation Book](#)
- Program Enrolment Form: [Online Enrolment](#) / [Paper Enrolment Form](#)

Luke Begg

Learning Specialist for eLearning

ICAS Assessments at Preston West 2020

Dear Parents,

Due to COVID-19 the new ICAS sitting dates are

English-Tuesday 10th November

Maths-Thursday 12th November

Practice tests are available using this link:

<https://sites.google.com/prestonwest.vic.edu.au/icas/home>

Test sitting days

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 or phone 03 94701546.

Yours sincerely

Anita O'Leary