

# Preston West Post

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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

## IMPORTANT DATES

### November

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 2 Swimming

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 5I & 5J Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Grade 2 Swimming

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5H & 5V Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Prep Edendale Community Farm Excursion

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 NGV Excursion

### December

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4 La Trobe Uni - Sports & Activity Day

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 Watermarc Excursion - Fun & Fitness

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Dismissal 1:00pm**

## Principal's Note

### Testing Results

I have been impressed by the recent student data reports that have been generated after recent online, school based and Department of Education and Training assessments. Teaching staff have completed moderating and analysing data in and across their teams to ensure whole school consistency in markings. Student reports will be distributed via Compass on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Prep Orientation

Our Prep Orientation program was finalised yesterday after the Teddy Bear Picnic. It was fantastic to see the combined enthusiasm of our senior students and our 2019 Prep students when they meet their buddies. The buddy program is certainly a valuable asset in the transition of students to primary school especially in the first few weeks. The special visit from our guest teddy bear was also a highlight of the session. Special thanks to the Prep staff team for their efforts in organisation the transition program. The assistance of additional teaching and educational support staff during the Teddy Bear's Picnic was greatly appreciated.

### Junior School Council Fundraising Activity

Last Friday the JSC conducted their final fundraising activity for 2018. Our out of uniform day raised \$865 for the Royal Children's Hospital. Special thanks to all our JSC members for their wonderful efforts and dedication to making Preston West Primary School such a terrific educational setting. Thank you also to Elle Miller and Elizabeth Ilia for their extra efforts in leading our JSC throughout the year.

### Election Day BBQ

Special thanks to the parents/carers who have volunteered to assist at the Election Day BBQ on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

### Child Safety – Working With Children Check

Just a reminder to parents to keep an eye out on the expiry date of your Working With Children's Check to ensure your valuable support can continue at Preston West Primary School. As a result of its 2013 inquiry into the handling of child abuse, the Victorian Government mandated that organisations working with children adhere to a series of standards to promote child safety, prevent child abuse and respond to allegations. At Preston West Primary School we embed an organisational culture of child safety. We have mandatory reporting and child safety policies, a child safety code of conduct that can be viewed on our school website and a statement of commitment to child safety.

We have processes in place for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse. To ensure Preston West Primary School is consistent and fully compliant with the Child Safety Guidelines we must:

1. **Ensure parents/adults do not access the student toilet blocks.** Toilets are available to parents in the main building if required.

2. **All parents who volunteer in any capacity at the school e.g. Guided Reading, Fresh Fruit Friday, Mother's Day stall, incursions and excursions will need to hold a current working with children check or criminal record check.** The school will maintain a file of all parents/volunteers that hold these checks. Parents can obtain a Working With Children's Check by following the link: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) Please note there is no charge to get a Working With Children's Check 'volunteer' card.

Parent support is a huge asset and greatly appreciated at Preston West Primary, as is promoting an organisational culture of child safety. If you have a current Working with Children Check or Criminal Record Check can you please send a copy to the office. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Cheryl Bondeson**

## GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

**SCHOOL FEES:** If you have any outstanding school fees for 2018 it would be appreciated if you could forward payment asap. If you need to contact the office you can do so on 9470 1546.

## WELCOME TO PARENTS/CARERS GROUP

### FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Friday volunteers for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November are: Michelle Gurry, Nektaria Siourthas, Sarah Clemons, Julie-Anne O'Brien and Sira Sibley.

### SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is Soma Guha.

**Thank  
You**

### 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.** Open every weekday 10am -4pm.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR #DEMOCRACYSAUSAGE

Thank you for all volunteers for the #democracysausage sizzle on Sat November 24. We still have limited spots left in the following time slots.

- 12-2 pm
- 2-4 pm

We are also looking for donations for the baked goods sale (cupcakes, slices and biscuits, clearly labeled with ingredients). Baked goods can be dropped off on election day. If you are able to volunteer for one of the above times or donate to the baked good sale, please email Bo via email [bo.li3072@gmail.com](mailto:bo.li3072@gmail.com) by Friday November 9.

### VEGETABLE SEEDLING FUNDRAISING DURING ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This Election Day you can purchase high quality seedlings to support a good cause.

A range of seedlings (including tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers, etc.) will be available for purchase during the Election Day sausage sizzle.

Seedlings sold on the day are provided by Darebin Information, Volunteer and Resource Service (DIVRS). All profits from seedling sales go directly to support the DIVRS emergency food relief program for local people in need.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 16/11/2018

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Leroy Harwood	Jessica Lin
Prep D	Hidayah Atosh	Martin Cindric
Prep H	Shahad Aljohany	Aratrika Samanta
Prep L	Sulaiman Husovic	Yousuf Mohammad
Prep W	Vivian Xiao	Griffin James
1B	Obi McGregor	Daphne Boxer
1E	Adam Al-Abody	Whole Class
1K	Willow Lock	Simone Lobos Boada
1N	Jessie Ayres	Emma Mai-Lane
1W	Bnan Said	Levi Boyle
2A	Thomas Kisgen	Lara Issa
2B	Franco Santos	Sophia Dhindsa
2J	Ruth Brown	Zach Tarros
2M	Elsa Kuut	Maynard Lackovic
3B	Angelina Zervoudakis	Maisah Al Balouchi
3F	Lila Bosworth	Cooper Stanley
3I	Christian Papaioannou	Milla Nicola
3P	Leon Kapsalis	Tomas Nedelkovski
4E	Lennox Parker	Kyan Wang
4K	Kit Stracey	Maggie O’Bree
5H	Willow Renzow	Josh Cullen
5I	Amangel Thapa Magar	Stephanie Francis
5J	Han Zhen Gao	Giacomo Bell
5V	Evie Stothers	Daniel Sacuzzo
6O	Siera Zhaku	Keira Jeffers
6N	Stephanie Katsifolis	Sturt Boltin
6R	Ava Marchesan	Joe Cina
6T	Alexia Hatzimihailidis	Xavier Madrigrano
MUSIC	Olivia Shell 6N	
PE	Samuel Bedggood PW	
ART	Jacob Persic 6R	
ITALIAN	Yixi Wang 4K	



## 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 [schoolpantry@icloud.com](mailto:schoolpantry@icloud.com)



**\*\*\* Please note – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be the last day for lunch orders this year!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Parents,

We have just been notified of a confirmed case of pertussis (whooping cough) in your child's school. Pertussis is a highly contagious illness that begins with mild, cold-like symptoms including cough and runny nose. These first symptoms typically appear 7-10 days after a person is exposed. The cough typically worsens over the following weeks and becomes spasmodic. The cough may be followed by a "whooping" sound. The spasms of cough may be followed by vomiting. Some persons with pertussis may have very mild symptoms (mild cough with no other symptoms) and may not realize that they are sick or contagious

Pertussis is spread through coughing or sneezing. It can also be spread by touching a tissue or sharing a cup used by someone with pertussis.

Pertussis is treated with an antibiotic (erythromycin). Students who are prescribed antibiotics for suspected pertussis can return to school following the fifth day of treatment. Without antibiotics, a person with pertussis is considered to be contagious for three weeks. It is important that ill students stay at home away from others (especially infants and young children).

Please watch your child for any symptoms of pertussis (mild, cold-like symptoms) over the next several weeks. If you notice any of these symptoms in your child please see a Doctor and as required notify the school as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Carol Seneca  
(First Aid Officer)

## Attention Parents and Carers

Preston West Primary School has a team of parents and carers that volunteer their time to perform a variety of activities throughout the year. We ask you to join us and continue this valuable work.

Parents and Carers run a group that is different from school council, is NOT for fundraising and always has lots of things to do!

JOIN ONE or JOIN ALL - parents and carers volunteer time to help with:

- weekly fresh fruit Friday
- sick bay bedding
- maintaining kitchen garden
- special events like mother and father's day stalls
- organise the bbqs when elections are held at the school
- other activities as they may arise

As children progress through their primary school grades, their parents also graduate from the parents/carers group. The group will lose many of its active members at the end of this year as their children complete primary school.

**The school urges parents/carers to reach out and join the group so these valuable activities can continue for the school community.**

For more information or to express interest please email [pwpsparentclub@gmail.com](mailto:pwpsparentclub@gmail.com) or leave your contact info at the school office.

Please note that a working with children check is required.

