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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 24th August, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

August

Thursday 31st

Fathers' Day Stall

September

Friday 1st

Fathers' Day Stall

Wednesday 6th

Prep – Latitude & Malahang Reserve Excursion

Thursday 7th

Grade 3 - Healesville Sanctuary Excursion – 8:15am start

Tuesday 12th

Grade 2 – Hands on Science Incursion

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

NAPLAN 2017

NAPLAN results arrived last week and staff and the leadership team have commenced analysing the results. In line with previous years, the results that we have obtained at Preston West Primary place our overall student results in Years 3 and 5 (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy) significantly above the state and nation. NAPLAN results at school, system and national levels are used to identify the strengths and weaknesses of education programs and to help set goals for improvement. In the classroom NAPLAN results show teachers how their students' achievement compares to a wider group of students across Victoria and Australia. Individual student reports can be used to inform discussion between parents and teachers about each child's achievements and progress. It is important to remember that the results reflect each student's performance at a single point in time only. Teachers at our school assess their students' learning in literacy and numeracy on an ongoing basis using a variety of assessment tasks. NAPLAN testing complements, but does not replace the valuable information that teachers gather. The community should be very proud of our wonderful NAPLAN results this year.

Tree Art 7 Term 4 Art Show

Our tree art design, within the adventure playground near the staff carpark is nearing completion. I encourage parents to have a look at the amazing piece of artwork that will now be a centre piece of the playground art. Please ensure you keep Thursday 26th October free, as this is the date for our community Art Show. The Art Show will highlight the wonderful artist talents of our students and will take place after school and into the early hours on the evening.

Eid Celebration – Friday 1st September

Eid celebrations will take place on Friday 1st September. Please note that the streets around the school will be heavily congested in the morning and some will be blocked off from 5am. We aim to assist parents who utilise the before school care service, by having Nicole and myself out the front of the school collecting students from cars – therefore allowing parents/carers to do a quick hand over to us. I wish our Islamic community a happy day of Eid celebrations.

Parent Opinion Survey

This year the Department of Education and Training have conducted the Parent Opinion Survey differently. At Preston West Primary School fifty per cent of families were randomly selected and were emailed a copy of the survey. The survey aligns to the Framework For Improving Student Outcomes and results will be analysed alongside the staff and student opinion surveys. If you received the Parent Opinion Survey, it would be greatly appreciated if you completed it by Sunday 27th August.

Grade 3 Sports Day

Our Grade 3 students had a wonderful Sports Day yesterday. With the focus on fun and participation the students rotated through a wide variety of athletic and novel activities. Special thanks to all the staff involved, the Grade 6 House Captains for assisting with the activities and the parents who came along to support and encourage the students.

Grade 5/6 Hooptime

Tomorrow our Grade 5/6 basketballers will represent Preston West at the Aussie Hoops District Competition. We wish them all the best throughout their matches. Special thanks to Tess Norton, Matt Jobson and Jacinta Thomas for their commitments in Term 3 to training and preparing the teams.

School Holiday Programs

If parents require child care over holiday periods there are numerous vocational care programs offered across the city of Darebin. A listing of the holiday programs and further information can be accessed via the Darebin City Councils website. <http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/>

Staff Leave

Anita O'Leary will be on leave for three weeks commencing Monday 4th September and will be replaced by Velena Voglis. Anita will return to 5O at the commencement of Term 4 – Monday 9th October. We are so fortunate to have the services of so many quality replacement teachers who know our school and how it operates so well. This enables us to ensure our class programs continue to be delivered at the highest level.

Cheryl Bondeson

GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

If you need to discuss these payments please contact the office.

eLearning

Preston West Instructional Videos (2nd ed.)

This week we are looking at how iMovie is being used by the students to create presentations that use a range of audio visual editing tools. All of this is available within Apple's iMovie app. Click on the link below to see how one of our students gets the most out of iMovie to create awe inspiring homework and project presentations.

Episode 2: iMovie - <https://youtu.be/gsamjPLOv1c>

Disclaimer:

- Students involved in videos will not be visible as only the iPads screen is recorded and only a first name will be used in the introduction of each edition.
- Please know that all videos produced will be 'unlisted' meaning that they cannot be searched via YouTube or any search engine. These videos will only be accessible via the links provided.

Luke Begg
eLearning Leading Teacher

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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THORNBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Girls' Night Out

Thornbury High School
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Thursday 31st August 2017
School Library

Visit us at www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au
to see what a great year we have had so far in 2017

RSVP: Monday 28th August Phone: 9480 4066
General Office Email: thornbury.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

For the last two years, enrolments at Thornbury High school into Year 7 have been almost precisely 50% female, 50% male. That trend is set to continue in 2018.

We work hard at Thornbury High School to help both girls and boys successfully integrate into our quality co-education environment. In doing this, we recognise that girls can have different learning styles and emotional and curriculum needs.

I would like to invite you and your daughter to attend our annual 'Girls' Night Out'. The evening is an opportunity to hear firsthand from a panel of current Year 7 and Senior girls, about their experiences at Thornbury High. Your daughter will be invited to participate in a variety of activities that showcase some of our innovative and exciting curriculum options.

What better way to make a decision about your daughter's secondary education than by meeting and chatting with girls who experience it every day?

We look forward to welcoming you and your daughter to this fun and informative evening.

Kind Regards
Michael Keenan
Principal

*Please enter the school via Matisi street (which is located at the back of the School)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 18/08/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Niharika Vinay	Yusuf Moosa
Prep I	Aarli Walker	Xavier Riordan
Prep K	Ruhan Vijay Archie Welsby	Adelaide Heggarty Flynn Fennell
Prep L	Charlie Karavokiros	Maleesa Marasinghage
Prep W	Xavier Brisbane	Gizelle Magalhaes
1B	Tamika Ralifo	Summer Prashar
1C	Whole Class	Estelle Chatzis
1E	Alyssia Bilney	Markus Goodwin
1M	Alice Preshaw	Oliver Shaw
2A	Alayna Guha	Gizelle Sezen
2B	Max Rickards	Ramona Ware
2J	Stirling Fairfax	Luca McNicol
2M	Alexander Burneski	Jennifer Ly
3B	Meerah Sehgal	Reuben Duffy
3D	Tia Tuhi	Lili Walker
3P	Ishaq Hassan	Uma Mesic
3W	Sara Ismail	Noah Robotis
4F	Hannah Lin	Vihaan Jagtap
4K	Angelina Athanasiadis	Floyd O'Dwyer
4M	Finn O'Farrell	Ethan Pablo
4W	Dilan Kilic	Aaron Atkinson
5H	Akram Ali	Alannah Pollard
5I	Roman Napolitano	Sturt Boltin
5J	Eddy Ware	Gemma Kelly
5O	Hao Ning Song	Joe Cina
6N	Dylan Ly	Deon Kreykes
6S	Mac Ware	Ethan Papoulias
6T	Hannah McMahon	Josh Carelli
MUSIC	Whole Class 6S	
ITALIAN	Rodrigo Diaz Alarcon 2B	
PE	Whole Class 6S	



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



WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Volunteers for Fresh Fruit on Friday 25th August are: Sasha De Lorenzo, Vicki Vlahopoulos, Sarah Clemons, Annie Zanella and Bryony Marshall-Radcliffe.

**Thank
You**

Fresh Fruit Friday is seeking extra parent volunteers to help continue this successful nutrition program for the remainder of this year. If you have a Working With Children Check and can spare an hour on Friday morning to cut up fruit in the school kitchen and deliver fruit platters to classrooms... once a fortnight, month or term - we would welcome your assistance! Please email pwpsfreshfruitfriday@gmail.com with your details. Thank you, Sarah & Kathryn

SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Friday 25th August is Kelly Gallagher.

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

If you like to be kept in the loop of things, please email pwpsparentclub@gmail.com with your email address.

I am also looking for Volunteers for the Father's Day/Carers stall which will be held on:

Thursday 31st August

(9-11, 11.30-1.30 & 2.30- 3)

If you are available to help with any of these times please let me know

Friday 1st September

Morning only (9-11, we're usually finished by recess but may go slightly longer).

If you are available to help out with any of these times please let me know

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Regards
Kelly