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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 25th June 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Friday 26th

End of Term 2 – Scattered finishing times see below

JULY

Monday 13th

Term 3 Begins

Tuesday 21st

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

(No students at school this day)

Monday 27th

School Photo Day

Term Dates

Term 3 Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September

Term 4 Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

Principal's Note

Thank you – Term 2

Term 2 2020 will certainly be a term that we will all remember. My main reflection of this term will be of the wonderful community spirit we share at Preston West Primary School – the hard work, dedication, resilience, optimism and the clear focus on our core business and most important assets – our terrific students. Through these times of challenge, I am so proud of the students, staff and parents/carers of Preston West Primary School. I thank you all for your ongoing support, patience and trust. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period.

Students will be dismissed early tomorrow on the last day of Term 2. We are going to continue with our staggered dismissal times through designated gates:

- Students in Prep and their siblings will be dismissed at 2.05pm.
- Students in Grade 1 and their siblings will be dismissed at 2.15pm.
- Students in Grade 2 and their siblings will be dismissed at 2.25pm.
- Students in Grades 3-6 will be dismissed at 2.30pm.
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We are looking forward to having everyone back on Monday 13th July for the commencement of Term 3. **Please note unless you are notified otherwise via Compass the implemented changes/adjustments we have made will continue into next term. We are awaiting direction from the Department of Education and Training as to when it is safe to lift the changes that have been implemented.**

School Ground Access over Holidays

I would encourage community members to contact the local police if you see people on the school premises on over the holidays (excluding hired tradesmen e.g. gardener, maintenance and those enhancing our play equipment). The school premises are private property and even if gates are open due to tradesmen on site, grounds are not to be accessed. Thank you for your anticipated support of our school premises.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Interview times for the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences on Tuesday 21st July are open. It is important that all families participate in the conferences as it provides the opportunity to exchange information, monitor student achievement and determining an appropriate learning plan for each student for the remainder of the year. **Please note there are no formal classes for students on this day and Before and After School Care will not be operating. Students are expected to participate in the Three Way Conference.**

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week (7th – 14th July) is an important occasion to commemorate Indigenous history, culture and achievement, not just for aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people but for the whole community, especially our young people. Australians Indigenous people are the oldest continuing culture on earth, and have been custodians of our land for countless centuries. We should all celebrate the resilience of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and honour the place of dignity and respect they hold in the fabric of our nation. The 2019 theme for NAIDOC Week is 'Voice, Treaty, Truth – Lets work together for a shared future'. The Indigenous voice of Australia is over 65,000 years old.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Cheryl Bondeson

BASCP

We hope you are all safe and well in these extraordinary times.

Going forward to Term 3, could you please inform the BASCP program of any changes to your permanent bookings no later than Friday 18th July via email bascp@prestonwest.vic.edu.au Please note: requests for additional or change of days are not guaranteed.

There will also be changes to the way children are dropped off and collected from the program. As per the advice from the Department of Education and Training we are not encouraging parents on the school premises.

Before School Care: A BASCP staff member will greet children at the Jessie St gate where you will sign your child in.

After School Care: On collection in the afternoon a table to sign children out will be located on the deck of the grade 3 building. When you have signed your children out, we ask you to step outside the school premises and a staff member will get your child and send them to you. Thanks you for your anticipated assistance in reducing the number of people on the school premises.

Nicole

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE

Dear parents/carers,

Information and details on how to register are available in the weekly school newsletter. The coordinators for this year are:

- Wendy Price (Prep and Grade 2)
- Melissa Besford (Grade 1 and 3)
- Anita O'Leary (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

For obvious reasons, this year has proved to be tricky for students (and parents), particularly due to limited access to council libraries and our own school library. Please be aware that teachers are using the Premiers' Reading Challenge booklist to locate any of the books in our classroom libraries. Students will have an opportunity to read these during independent reading or in some instances, teachers may read them to the whole grade. Students will communicate to parents/carers of any books read at school and these can be added to the reading log. There are also many picture story book titles be available on the Story Box website.

Happy Reading!

Students now have access to Story Box at home. The log in details are below:

Website: <https://www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/>

Username: Preston West

Password: pwps3885



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge!

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Preston West PS is excited to be participating. A new application is being used this year that offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4 September 2020.

- Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers.
- Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

The challenge closes on **Friday the 4th September**. All registered students will need to have finished reading their required number of books and marked them as completed. Please do this no later than **Friday the 30th of August** for the books to be verified.

If you wish to participate in the challenge, please complete the VPRC participation information below and return it to the assigned email. You will then receive your login details.

Happy Reading!

Melissa Besford, Anita O'leary and Wendy Price
Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinators

If you are interested in participating, please return this section to the school via the teacher's email address looking after your child's year level. Thank-you.

Prep or Grade 2: price.wendy.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grade 1 or Grade 3: besford.melissa.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grade 4, 5 or 6: oleary.anita.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Email Subject: VPRC Participation

Name of child (First name and Surname):.....

Grade:

Parent Signature/Name:.....

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 19/6/2020

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Sebastian B	
Prep H	Atticus M	Racim S
Prep K	Darren X	Winston J
Prep D	Luca B	Zeke T
1W	Safiya A	Eric F
1E	Aya A	Elynn F
1B	Patrick S	Paige B
1N	Jordan C	
2J	Autumn C	Leonard M
2A	Levi P	Sumaya Y
2P	Albie H	Freya S
2V	Rushil D	Zara P
2D	Zarah S	Zoya A
3M	Wednesday M	Heather W
3F	Shrinika H	Hao Kang S
3B	Scarlett M	Liam W
3O	Paula Y	Xavier M
4L	Massimo P	Manha S
4K	Brandon M	Saugat B
4T	Evan M	Hazel H-T
4H	Nikola N	Harivandan S
5W	Christian P	Sandy L
5M	Larissa D	
5K	Furqan K	Sara D
5B	Eric G	
6N	Raihan M	Will C
6S	Maggie O	Greta C
PE	Charlie K 3M	
MUSIC	Holly S 1W	
ITALIAN	Jon P 2A	



P-2 HANDWRITING AWARDS

The junior school has been making steady improvements to our handwriting this year. Each month we select a student from each P-2 classroom to celebrate their handwriting. The person selected demonstrates consistently neat handwriting. These students ensure they are using the dotted thirds and forming their letters correctly.

Congratulations to these students, you are the winners for June!

Ellis B (PC)	Ester Z (PK)	Kristen C (PH)
Hermes T (PV)	Oscar S (PD)	Tia K (1B)
Alexandra E (1E)	Abdul Mueed S (1W)	Manvik T (1N)
Adriana C (2A)	Madison B (2J)	Olli M (2V)
Elaine L (2P)	Alex T (2D)	

Community News

Preston High School Virtual Open Day

Dear Preston West Primary School families

With the current restrictions on public gatherings we have had to cancel the traditional Open Day. However, we want to enable you, our community, to participate in whatever way we can. While we can't run our usual activities with students running tours and talking to you, we hope you enjoy this Virtual alternative.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UdVjgFqIz0>

You can also access the video from our website, alongside other information about the school and about enrolment for 2021 www.phs.vic.edu.au and you can also contact us via the website.

Sean Butler - Principal

Northcote High School – Virtual Tour

<https://www.nhs.vic.edu.au/enrol/school-tours-open-day/>



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Photo Day 27-07-2020
ONLINE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS
School Code: [EQA 14V L8R]

Dear Parents and Students,

Preston West Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 27-07-2020

School photo orders will be taken via our online system only this year. If you have not yet received instructions on how to place your order online, it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed. All student's photos are taken regardless of purchase.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 26-07-2020 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 **Click Here** - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [EQA 14V L8R]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**** Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

Upcoming English and Maths ICAS Assessments

Each year Preston West has participated in the ICAS English and Maths Competitions. Both are open to students in Grades 2 – 6. It is a parent/student choice as to whether your child would like the opportunity to participate.

ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning.

To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level.

Benefits

- Encourage students to attain greater academic success.
- Require students to think beyond the classroom.
- Recognise student success through medals and certificates.

The English and Maths assessments are now available for parents to login and pay directly online. Follow the link and simply enter your child's details. You need to enter before July 24th 2020.

School: Preston West Primary School

Link: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Access Code: **CBN559**

Test sitting days

Test Name	Cost online	Sitting date
ICAS English	\$15.95	Tuesday 25 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	\$15.95	Thursday 3 September 2020

Please note that if students are absent on the above scheduled assessment date they will not be able to complete the test.

Practice tests for ICAS

If parents/carers wish to access the ICAS practice testing click on the following links.

Please choose the correct grade level for your child.

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

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