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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 26th October 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Thursday 26th

PWPS ART SHOW (5.30-7.30pm)

Tuesday 31st

Grade 5 Science Works Excursion

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Prep Orientation – Session 2 (2:10pm – 3:10pm)

Monday 6th

Curriculum Day – (No School)

Tuesday 7th

Melbourne Cup Day – (No School)

Wednesday 8th

Prep Orientation – Session 3 Final Session (11:40am)

Monday 13th

Grade 3/4 Regional Hooptime

DECEMBER

Friday 22nd

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – 1:00PM Dismissal

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

Principal's Note

PWPS Art Show

We are looking forward to seeing our families at the Art Show this afternoon commencing at 5.30pm. I am confident you will thoroughly enjoy the wonderful pieces of art our students have produced and will also highly value the musical performances. Pianists will play in the gym between 5.50 and 6.30pm and from 6.45pm the COLA will host a dance group, rock band and final performance item. It is a great opportunity to relax with a picnic basket and mingle with our community. Staff will also be selling sausages in bread for a gold coin donation. Special thanks to Jamie Andronikos and his team of staff who have worked so hard to highlight our young artists. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to see our chain saw piece of artwork in the adventure playground, this afternoon will be a great opportunity to do so.

National Maths Competition

The results of Preston West Primary School students in the Maths Competition were very pleasing. Overall our students received the following awards 34 participation, 14 merit, 36 credit, 24 distinction and 2 high distinction. The students from Grades 2 and 3 will receive their awards at next Monday's assembly and presentations to Grade 4-6 students will take place Monday 13th November. Congratulations to all, the students for their enthusiastic participation and to Leah French for coordinating the competition.

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November – No school

Just a reminder to parents that there will be no school for children on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th November. Monday 6th November is a Report Writing Day for staff and Tuesday 7th November is Melbourne Cup Day. I hope our Preston West families enjoy the long weekend.

Grades 2018

In the coming weeks teachers will begin the grade allocation process for 2018. This process seeks to ensure that the grades formed for next year are balanced in terms of academic, gender and social mix. In addition teachers use their knowledge of friendship groups as another factor in the placement of children. Teachers in area teams use a pro-forma to place children according to their overall academic abilities and behaviour. Students are also asked to identify friends they would like to be in a classroom with – we try to have all children in a grade with at least one of their friendship selections. A computer program (Class Creator) is then utilised to form the initial grade groupings. The initial lists are then reviewed by staff with knowledge and experience with these children to ensure that the social and academic mix is also appropriate. If you have special considerations regarding grade placements for your child next year could you please arrange a time to meet with myself or Mark Ross to discuss them. As per previous years individual teacher requests will not be considered. Students will be informed of their grade placements for 2018 and their teacher at the Promotional Parade on Wednesday 20th December.

Prep Orientation

Our first Prep Orientation session proved to be a great success yesterday afternoon. Special thanks to our Prep staff Ben Corns, Wendy Price, Holly King, Adrijana Lukic, and Elizabeth Ilia for coordinating the activities. Next Wednesday afternoon the students will take their next step towards schooling by working independently in the classrooms with teachers, whilst their parents attend an information session in the gymnasium. The highlight of our orientation program will be the Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 8th November.

State Schools Cycling Championships

Special congratulations to Eddie and Ollie Jirovec for participating in the Victorian Schools Cycling Road championships on the weekend. Both boys had exceptional rides with Eddie winning a gold medal and Ollie placing 4th in his age group. Well done to both Eddie and Ollie.

Cheryl Bondeson

eLearning

2018 BYO iPad Program Information

This term there will be three information sessions for parents that are interested in the 2018 BYO iPad Program. This information will be specifically relevant to this year's Grade 2 cohort as they enter Year 3 in 2018, however any interested parents of students in years 4 – 6 are more than welcome to come along.

Term 4 session times:

- Week 4: Thursday 2nd of November at 2:45pm
- Week 5: Thursday 9th of November at 2:45pm
- Week 6: Tuesday 14th of November at 6:00pm (Evening Session)

The information session aims to help you understanding the following:

- What the BYO iPad Program is.
- How you can enrol your child into the program.
- The prerequisites of the iPad Program.
- How the devices will be used to assist your child in their learning.
- Work and activity examples.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please click on the following link and fill out the form. This will give me an idea of attendance for each session.

<https://goo.gl/forms/k685Q6rIXxbzN1uG3>

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 20/10/2017

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Melby Nguyen	Ava Barber
Prep I	Crystalia Paganidou	Scarlett Maxwell
Prep K	Daiwik Bhanot	Henry Mc Ardle Green
Prep L	Molly James	Sofia Montalto
Prep W	Daniel Bekavac	Xavier Magalhaes
1B	Umar Mohammed	Erica Semple
1C	Franco Santos	Aishah Foggi
1E	Whole Class	Ayah Mohtadi
1M	Maxwell Quinan	Alice Preshaw
1W	Thomas Kisgen	Hue Dwyer
2A	Ethan Truong	Jethro Jones
2B	Leon Kapsalis	Somdeep Bhattacharyya
2J	Lila Bosworth	Annie Zhou
2M	Katelyn Todd	Elke Bell
3B	Callum Bell	Alannah Caddeo
3D	Daniel Ly	Tia Tuhi
3P	Han Thai	Ishaq Hassan
3W	Haimo Xia	Kyan Wang
4F	Billy Gallagher	Ben Lambiasi
4K	Maya Koudsi	Kartia Monteneri
4M	Amelie Kehle	Whole Class
4W	Aaron Atkinson	Holly Paul
5I	Jack Mackenzie	Nikita Pulice
5J	Declan Greig	Jacklyn Wilkins
5O	Kalan Dani	Stefanos Grapsas
6N	Nikkita Conadis	Murphy Roberts
6S	Alessia Monteneri	Sebastian Filippone
6T	Ruby Stothers	Johnny Chen
ART	Felipe Hatzimihailidis 3D	
MUSIC	Tia Tuhi 3D	
ITALIAN	Massimo De Lorenzo 1E	
PE	Jake Gray 1B	



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.

SCHOOL PANTRY (School Canteen) – Please note – Updated Menu for Term 4

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



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 27th October are: Mick Paskos, Sarah Clemons, Vicki Vlahopoulos, Sarah Bellchambers and Sira Sibley.

Thank
You

Fresh Fruit Friday is seeking extra 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

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

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