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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 26th November 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

### December

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum Day – No school this day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Last Day Term 4 – 1pm Dismissal**

## Principal's Note

### Update re. Covid Restrictions

The Department of Education and Training have updated their guidelines in schools in regards to Covid 19. The updated guidelines will have the following implications at Preston West Primary School:

#### Commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November:

- Parents/carers will be welcomed back on to the school premises. Please note this will not include access to classrooms / corridors. We are wanting to continue to promote the independence of our students to walk into classrooms, carrying their own bags and organising their possessions prior to 9am. We will be asking families to leave the school premises by 3.45pm.
- All students will be dismissed at 3.30pm.
- Students will not be required to enter and depart through a designated gate. Prep students will be walked into the quadrangle and we encourage parents at other year levels to allocate a designated spot to meet their children.
- The Before School Care Service has access to the school premises each morning. Our teaching staff are not on duty supervising students until 8.45am. Apart from access for those attending our Before School Care, as of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November the main gates will not be opened until 8.40am.
- We will continue with our morning routine – music will play at 8.50am and students will go directly into their classrooms. Bell will ring at 9am for the commencement of session 1.
- All food will continue to be consumed in classrooms and drinking taps will be refitted.
- If attending the before and after school care service we are endeavour to have students signed in and out from a table outside the gym. If parents enter the gym, a mask must be worn.
- No food items are to be shared including party bags, birthday cakes, candy canes etc.
- School assemblies are unable to be conducted for the remainder of 2020.

The support of parents/carers throughout this year in regards to the following of the numerous restrictions has been greatly appreciated. As a community we have successfully collaborated to ensure our key focus was on the safety, wellbeing and education of our students.

### Curriculum day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Just a reminder to parents that Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is a pupil free day. On this day staff will be undertaking a CPR and First Aid professional learning course. Staff will also be working in the 2021 year level teams to commence curriculum planning for Term 1 next year.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Special congratulations to the fifty Preston West Primary School students who completed the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge. Our students are amongst the three million young Victorians who have participated in the challenge since it began in 2005, together reading more than fifty million books. Supporting our children's reading is one of the most important things we can do to encourage their love of learning – opening a gateway for our kids to find out more about the world around them. Preston West students will receive their Premier's Reading Challenge certificates this week.

## Parent Payments 2021

In 2021 there will be no change to the Parent Payments as approved by School Council at our November meeting. The Preston West Primary School Council is very aware of the hardship faced by the Victorian community in 2020. At Preston West Primary, we have endeavoured to keep our payments as low as possible. In summary, the 2021 Parent payments will include:

1. Essential Educational Items will be maintained at \$210. Parent Payments incorporate the costs associated with Athletics and Reading Eggs / Reading Express.
2. In 2021 we will continue to employ first aid officers. Having Carol and Sandra in the first aid role over the past few years year has greatly enhanced the safety of students and has assisted in having appropriately trained staff to administer first aid. A voluntary contribution levy of \$40 per student (same as in 2020) contributes towards the employment of a first aid officer for approximately 4 hours per day.
3. The voluntary curriculum levy of \$50 will remain the same.

Please note we can only request the volunteer charges (First Aid and Curriculum Levy) at the commencement of a school year, as opposed to the Essential Educational Items charge, which we can send out reminder statements for payment each term.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our school community and eagerly head into 2021 with ambitious goals to continue our journey to provide an excellent primary school education for students of Preston West and beyond. If you have any questions regarding parent payments please don't hesitate to contact me on (03)94701546.

## 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. <https://darebinstadium.ymca.org.au/children/school-holiday-programs>

## Cheryl Bondeson

### BYO iPADS

## 2021 Year 3 iPad Program Intake Update

Thank you to everyone that has completed the online enrolment form for next year's iPad Program intake for Year 3. Please know that the Payment Plan is **no longer** on offer as this closed on Monday (November 16) afternoon. Tuesday, I sent out a confirmation email to all the parents that signed up to the Payment Plan. If you did not receive a confirmation email but submitted the forms, please let me know by the end of tomorrow (Friday 20th, November).

I will send out another update to these parents once we have received a delivery date.

If you have not completed the enrolment form but wish for your child to be part of the school iPad Program, please follow the below link. We ask that all parents of this year's Year 2 cohort complete this form so that we can plan for next year.

<https://forms.gle/XNczUdFFCorkSh887>

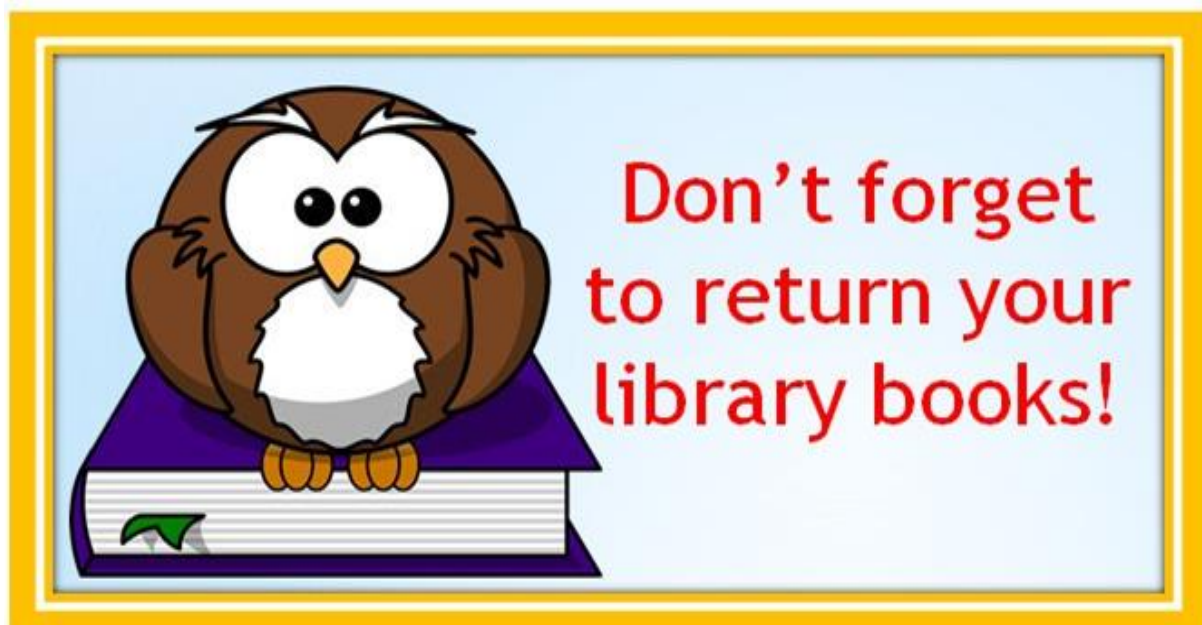
Regards,

Luke Begg  
Learning Specialist for eLearning

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 20/11/2020**

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep V	Ashlee Serratore	Quinn Riley
Prep H	Xavier Cleghorn	Hanbal Husovic
Prep K	Talya Herek	Nina Huang
Prep D	Benjamin Manojlovski	Kenan Bagher
1W	Thomas Eddy	Chris Kuiper
1B	Kingsley Chen	Aayush Panigrahi
1N	Jordan Coseski	Coen Tillig
2J	Daniel Liu	Rawan Said
2A	Ned James	Jordon Jiang
2P	Aadya Sood	Leroy Harwood
2D	Avlynn Vijil	Johaam Philip
3F	Xanthe Bylsma	Zoe Zanella
3M	Zac Mohamed	Harley Utting
3B	Karina Franklin	Lucas Nguyen
3O	Zaine Mohamud	Adam Al-Abody
4L		William Aitkin
4T	Elsa Kuut	Marcus Wang
4H	Ruth Brown	Zoe Papadimitriou
5W	Alex Pakos	Ruby James
5M	Atlas Thomas	Andy Lin
5K	Sheldon Zhang	Ramona Ware
5B	Penny McKenzie	Eric Guo
6N	Aston Gray	Fiona Lu
6J	Sophia He	Sebastian Yu
6S	Daniel Ly	Indigo Flynn
ART	Lwazi Myeza 2A	
MUSIC	Dion Zhaku 3B	
ITALIAN	Alicia Morgan 6N	
PE	Sam Black 1N	



## Late Photo Orders 2020

Dear parents and students of Preston West Primary School,

**IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER 2020 SCHOOL PHOTOS BEFORE LATE FEES ARE INCURRED**

Your school photo day was held on 20-11-2020 and all students are photographed regardless of purchase. If you did not place an order but would like to, it's not too late to order online.

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's photos are now available for secure online purchase

**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](http://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)

**Please Note: Online ordering is available up to 7 days after photo day and after this time, processing fees will apply to all orders.**

**Place your order on or before 26-11-2020 to avoid the processing fees!**

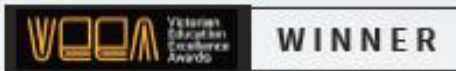
# Tours are back.

2021 TOUR BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Preston High School invites Grade 5 & 6 families to enjoy a personalised tour with Principal, Sean Butler and senior staff. Discover why the school has quickly developed a reputation for academic rigor and a wide range of enhanced curriculum opportunities for students. Welcome to a new era in education.



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