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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 27th May 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Monday 8 th	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 9 th	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 Return to School
Friday 26 th	End of Term 2 – 2.30 Finish

Term Dates

Term 2 Wednesday 15th April – Friday 26th June
Term 3 Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September
Term 4 Monday 5th October – Friday 18th December

Principal's Note

Returning to School Update

It has been great having our Prep – Grade 2 students back onsite this week. It has been wonderful visiting classrooms and seeing our students promptly reconnecting with staff and classmates and enthusiastically returning to established routines. Thank you very much to our parents re. changes to drop off/pickups and staggered dismissals at the end of each day. We are promoting, that if a younger sibling is dismissed earlier, that all other members of that family onsite leave together at the earlier time. We have really appreciated your support in promoting social distancing and not entering the premises.

Can I please request that if students arrive late they come directly to the school office. Parents **should not** enter the premises to bring in students who are late. If students need to be picked up early, can I please ask parents to call the office from outside the school gates and we will have your child come out to you.

All in all, it has been a great transition back to onsite schooling for our Prep – Grade 2 classes and we are looking forward to having our Grade 3-6 students return on Tuesday 9th June.

National Reconciliation Week – In This Together

In 2020 Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. The dates for National Reconciliation week remain the same each year – 27th May to June 3rd. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectfully. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We strive towards a more just, equitable nation by championing unity and mutual respect as we come together and connect with one another. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2020 – **In This Together** reinforces that we all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation and in playing our part as we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

Year 7 Enrolment Applications

A final reminder to parents/carers of Grade 6 students, that the Year 7 application forms must be completed and emailed to Annalisa Stratakos (one of our Grade 6 staff members) – stratakos.annalisa.a@edumail.vic.gov.au by Friday 29th May.

Cheryl Bondeson

BASCP

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

As school is resuming for students in **Prep, 1 & 2 on May 26th** and for **Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 on June 9th**, could you please inform the Before and After School Care program if your child/ren is **NOT** going to attend for their usual bookings, until the end of Term 2, by texting 0407 975 663.

Going forward to Term 3, could you please inform the BASCP program of any changes to your permanent bookings by Friday June 15th 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

Community News

Preston High School Virtual Open Day

A message from the Preston High School principal.

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=7UdVjgFqI20>

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

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Preston High School is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

Northcote High School Virtual Tour

Below is a link to our Virtual Tour as we are currently not conducting onsite school tours due to the Covid-19.

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

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**NORTHCOTE
HIGH SCHOOL**



Welcome Back!

**ALL PSW STORES ARE REOPENING FROM
WEDNESDAY MAY 20th**

Wed, Thurs & Fridays / 9am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm
(Closed Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays)

OUR ONLINE STORE IS OPERATIONAL AT PSW.COM.AU
& SHIPPING ORDERS WITHIN 72 HRS!



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.i@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:.....