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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## IMPORTANT DATES

### March

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

*Last Day Term 1 - 2.30 Finish*

### April

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

*Term 2 Commences 9.00am*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Guided Reading Information Session at 9:15

### Term Dates

**Term 2 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**Term 3 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Term 4 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

## Principal's Note

### Last Day of Term 1 – Early Dismissal

Next Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> March) is the last day of Term 1. Please note children will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

### End of Term Thank You

Thank you to the school community for your support throughout Term 1. It has certainly been a productive, hard working term for the staff and students and numerous special events have added much excitement and many special memories. I would especially like to thank the staff who have been wonderful and have worked hard to deliver quality class programs. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and I am looking forward to sharing the stories and experiences with students after the break. I also wish families a Happy Easter time. Just a reminder, that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – last day of Term 1). We are looking forward to having everyone back on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April for the commencement of Term 2.

### Curriculum Day – Change of Date

Earlier this year parents were provided with the dates of curriculum days/pupil free days for the remainder of 2018. It has been decided to change the curriculum day scheduled for Term 3 (August 13<sup>th</sup>) to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The reason for the change is to secure a staff professional development day delivered by an external consultant on Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar. Therefore, in summary the following dates will be pupil free for the remainder of 2018:

- Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum day on Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar
- Wednesdays 27<sup>th</sup> June – 3 Way Conferences (no formal classes on this day but students are expected to attend their 3 Way Conference Interview with a parent.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Report writing day.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

### Annual Report

Last week our 2017 Annual Report to the school community was tabled and discussed at School Council. The student outcome data that was generated last year was extremely pleasing and something as a community we should be very proud of. The report outlines our achievements in 2017 in regards to student learning, engagement and wellbeing. The Annual Report also provides a short summary of the future direction of the school, including our strategic work in implementing the Department of Education and Trainings Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). The Annual Report for 2017 is available for parents/carers to view on Compass and our school webpage.

## **Ride2School Day**

It was great to see the number of children and also parents who supported Ride 2 School Day. Riding bikes, scooters and taking the opportunity to walk around the streets of Preston is a great way to get around. Special thanks to Melissa Besford for coordinating the event.

## **Summer Sport Grand Finals**

Congratulations to our Girls and Boys Bat Tennis Teams and Cricket B Teams who will participate in the District Grand Finals tomorrow. We wish our students all the best of luck and know whatever the result they will uphold our school values and do themselves proud. Thanks to Ainslee Watkins for coordinating interschool sport and all the staff who have coached the teams and assisted with Wednesday afternoon training sessions.

## **Term 1 Highlights**

As we draw to a close at the end of Term 1, I am reflecting on some of the special moments that have occurred this term:

- The manner in which the children have settled and the excellent work routines and standards that have been established.
- Terrific results in Departmental and school based testing acknowledging pleasing improvements in student outcomes.
- Quality programs operating across the school which challenge students to strive towards achieving their full academic and social potential.
- The conversations, hard work and terrific role modelling shown by our school leaders (House Captains, Vice Captains, Technology Leaders, Environmental Leaders, Behaviour Buddies and the Junior School Council).
- The engaging thematic units of work being conducted in the classrooms throughout the term reflecting the Victorian Curriculum. The delivery of additional programs in Italian, Art, Music, Physical Education, English as an Additional Language and Intervention/Support. Bounce Back continues to be taught across the school.
- Watching the students' spirit of cooperation and fair play when in the yard and classrooms.
- The active participation of students in interschool sport and their excellent behaviour, teamwork and improved skills. Excellent attendance at after school interschool sports practice and the success of our swimmers at the school, district and regional swimming competitions.
- Fantastic support from the parent community – Prep reading, Guided Reading in Grade 1/2, School Council, Fresh Fruit Friday, School Banking, school sport, excursion attendance and Parent's Club e.g. Election Day BBQ.
- High quality of homework and projects being completed by the students.
- Delivery of a successful Before and After School Care Program which is held in high regard by those in attendance.

The school as a whole has had a great start in 2018 and I look forward to the achievements and highlights we can produce together throughout Terms 2 to 4. Next term is sure to be just as busy with Education Week, School Tours, NAPLAN, Three Way Conferences, Grade 6 Camp (Waratah Bay), Grade 4 camp (Lake Dewar), Multicultural Day to name some of the important events that will occur.

***Cheryl Bondeson***

# Guided Reading Information Session

Dear Parents

There will be a Guided Reading information session on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 9:15**. This will be held in the carpeted area of the gym, straight after the junior school morning assembly.

The aim of the session is to provide parents with an overview of how the junior school reading program operates as well as the protocols that are expected of our parent helpers.

This session is suitable for all new prep parents wishing to participate in the Guided Reading program.

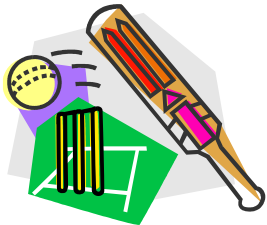
An invitation is also extended to any new parents from the grade one or two area, as well as any other parent helpers that would like a refresher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Adrijana Lukic  
Prep teacher and Literacy Leading Teacher

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS



**Grand Finals...** Tomorrow Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Bat Tennis Girls and Boys to be played at PWPS and Cricket B Team to be played at Zwar Park. Good Luck everyone!

## GENERAL OFFICE INFORMATION

**SCHOOL FEES:** SCHOOL FEES WERE DUE FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018.

### CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students **All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 23/3/2018

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Faiza Shaik	Nina Surawski
Prep D	Anish Rokhade	Song Tang
Prep H	Elsa Antill	Aratrika Samanta
Prep L	Zoya Binte	Danh Do
Prep W	Victor Buscailhon	Samuel Bedggood
1B	Emma Serratore	Freddy Margetic
1E	Hao Kang Song	Xanthe Bylsma
1K	Giselle Magalhaes	Mia Paschos
1N	Penny Drakos	Shrinika Hariprasad
1W	Paula Yang	Zac Mohamed
2A	Rosa Montalto	Jacques Ryan
2B	Oliver Shaw	William Aitkin
2J	Hazel Harris Thibault	Sienna Kim
2M	Hari Butteddi	Jake Gray
3B	Jamie Kuiper	Hanna Gouvousis
3F	Tharuli Wimalasooriya	Alayna Guha
3I	Toma Herceg	Claudia Boxer
3P	Aahana Guha	Chara Melissaki
4B	Seren Sucksmith	Sophie He
4E	Kyan Wang	Greta Carpenter
4K	Maggie O'Bree	Pearl Elsey
4M	Uma Mesic	Joshua Cullen
5H	Lucas Medina	Darby Watson
5I	Finn Golledge	Dilan Kilic
5J	Pablo Paskos	Selesa Vaelaa
5V	Lakshya Lakshya	Eman Hasan
6O	Namira Sciglitano	Abu Bakar Mohammed
6R	Ava Marchesen	Matthew Pulice
6T	Stefanos Grapsas	Nikita Pulice
ART	Omar Azmy 6N	
PE	Hari Butteddi 2M	
ITALIAN	Zacharia Tarros 2J	



## eLearning

### eLearning @ PWPS

#### *Junior School Blogs*

Every year the junior school classes and specialist teachers maintain a school blog with all the great adventures and learning they have. At these blogs you will find lots of photos and written posts that will provide you with another way to see what is happening at school over the year.

You can access the blogs via the schools website or by clicking on the link below.

[Junior school and specialist blogs](#)

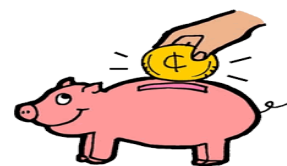
Enjoy!

### SICK BAY BEDDING

Our volunteer for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March is Wendy Bainbridge.

Thank  
You

**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.



### Its time to think Mothers'/Carers' Day!

We are closely approaching that vibrant and exciting week leading up to Mothers'/Carers' Day and would love your contribution for our annual Mothers'/Carers' Day stall which will be held on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of May**. This is an exciting time for our children, where they have the opportunity to purchase a gift from our school stall for that special female person in their lives. All gifts this year will range from \$2 to \$6.

There are two ways you can contribute - **Donate your time** or **Donate items** for the stalls.

For those feeling crafty and would like to donate their time – the PWPS Parents club will be holding their customary craft day catch-ups and will be making their usual Cards and also Candles and planting Succulents. We welcome and would love parents to join us – the more the merrier! Our catch-ups have been booked for-

- Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of April – 11:00am – 3:00pm OR Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April

Location – **School Gym foyer**, enter school grounds via side gate (to the right of the main double gates, on Jessie street). Enter Gym via door with balloons.

Alternatively, parent can also donate their time (in 2 hour blocks) on the days of the Mother's/Carers' day stalls. Please contact the PWPS parents club to slot in your availability – this will be fun and will assist us greatly.

For those unable to offer their time but would like to contribute to the event, we welcome and greatly appreciate donations of items that can be sold during our Mothers'/Carers' Day stall.

Ideas of Items that have been helpful in making this even successful in the past;

- Small succulents, these can be dropped off only the week of Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> May either to the main school office or the school kitchen garden. Old jars to be used for planting succulents or cuttings (please leave in tub at the kitchen garden)
- Handmade cards (we are happy to provide you with supplies)
- Jewellery, gift boxes, soaps, lavender bags

Items can be left in our donation box, which will be placed in the main **School office**. Alternatively, please contact our Parent Club helpers to collect donations from a location that suits you, [pwpsparentclub@gmail.com](mailto:pwpsparentclub@gmail.com) or call on 0409210307.

### 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](mailto:schoolpantry@icloud.com)



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## William Ruthven Secondary College

**Parent Information Session  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm**

To book a school tour

Ph 9462 2177 or [www.williamruthvensc.vic.edu.au](http://www.williamruthvensc.vic.edu.au)

## Northcote High School

**Open Morning**

**Monday 30 April 2018**

**9.15am - 12pm**

Presentation and Principal's address: 9.20am & 10.20am

Student led tours

Presentation (repeated): 7.15pm

Booking not required

**ACE program**

Advanced Curriculum Extension (ACE) program applications now open for 2019

Closing date for applications: **24 April 2018**

Apply via <http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au/teaching/ace>

[www.nhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au) T. 03 9488 2300

## Coburg High School

**Open Evening**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Everyone welcome. Book today

[www.coburg.vic.edu.au/open](http://www.coburg.vic.edu.au/open) or call 9353 1700

## Pascoe Vale Girls College

**Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and parents to attend our Open Day  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.**

Information Sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

Morning: 9.00am – 10.30am

Afternoon: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Evening: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Parents and children only need to attend one session. There is no need to register attendance.

If you are unable to attend our Open Day sessions, the College also conducts tours with the

Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by contacting the College

on **93062544** or online through the College website at [www.pvgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au)

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THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS

## Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Preston West Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2, 2018.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email [swee@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:swee@creativemusic.com.au)

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