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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 29th October 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

November

Monday 2nd

Pupil Free Day – No school this day

Tuesday 3rd

Melbourne Cup Day - No school this day

Friday 20th

School Photo Day

December

Friday 11th

Curriculum Day – No school this day

Friday 18th

Last Day Term 4 – 1pm Dismissal

Principal's Note

Grades for 2021

As the Principal of Preston West Primary School I work to ensure that we as a school community are doing the best for each and every one of our students, your children. Our staff work, both individually and in teams, to design an engaging and challenging curriculum that feeds rich and authentic learning experiences, so that we can equip your children with the skill and knowledge to be successful young adults. Our aim is to send our students off to secondary school with a broad set of social, emotional and academic competencies, so that they can thrive in their secondary school environment. We understand that each and every child is unique and because of this, their needs vary. We aim to cater for the diverse needs of all students and know that the wellbeing of your children is the foundation to them being ready and able to access learning. This is not an easy job, but we do our very best and ask for you as parents to trust and work with us to help to create these preconditions for learning.

In the coming weeks teachers will begin the grade allocation process for 2021. This process seeks to ensure that the grades formed for next year are equitable 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 a small group of friends they would like to be in a classroom with – we endeavour to ensure they will be with at least one selected friend. 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 mix is also appropriate.

Since 2018 parent requests have not been taken for students entering Grade 1-6 classes. Prior to 2018 we were overwhelmed by the number of parents/carers who made special requests in regards to their child's placement. This made the grade selection process impossible to accommodate all requests and for staff to successfully and equitably create class groupings. With the students we promote the classroom as a learning environment and teachers work collaboratively with their new class each year to promote a 'team' focus, authentic relationships and high expectations (behavioural, social and academic). Through our Resilient Respectful Learners and Bounce back programs we also undertake teachings around characteristics such as persistence, resilience, wellbeing, equity, inclusion, courage etc. As per previous years, individual teacher requests will also not be considered. Students will be informed of their grade placements for 2021 and their teacher at the Promotional Parade on Wednesday 16th December.

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November – No school

Just a reminder to parents that there will be no school for children on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd November. Monday 4th November is a Report Writing Day for staff and Tuesday 3rd November is Melbourne Cup Day. I hope our Preston West families enjoy a safe and relaxing long weekend.

World Teachers Day – 30th October

Tomorrow is World Teachers Day. It is a privilege being principal of a school which such a dedicated, talented and motivate staff of teachers who promote such a positive team culture. On behalf of the community, I thank our wonderful teaching staff for their efforts to promote authentic relationships, high expectations and engaging class programs to ensure all students can achieve their full academic, social and emotional potential. I am confident that following a significant proportion of the year in remote learning, that our community has an even greater appreciation and understanding of the role of educators.

The theme of World Teachers Day is 'Leading in Crisis, Reimagining the Future' and is a timely reminder of the commitment teachers have made as leaders particularly during the Corona virus pandemic, but it also points to the creativity and innovation that will take us forward.

Cheryl Bondeson

BYO iPADS

2021 Year 3 BYO iPad Enrolment

Recently an email was sent out to the Year 2 parents with information for the 2021 BYO iPad Year 3 intake. This email included links to Program summary webpage, Implementation Handbook and Online Enrolment form.

Due to COVID, I have converted the BYO iPad Program enrolment process to digital form. Please know that you may still complete the enrolment in paper form and simply send it to school with your child.

This week I have recorded an information session for the BYO iPad Program. This includes all the information I would normally share at an information parent session held at school. This video also includes a look at the two packages on offer for next year's Year 3 students, along with the cases provided with them. If you would like to get straight to this information you can forward to video to the 32:30 mark.

Please follow the below links for information on the program and the online enrolment form.

- [BYO iPad Program Information Session](#)
- [Program Summary Webpage](#)
- [BYO iPad Program Implementation Book](#)
- Program Enrolment Form: [Online Enrolment](#) / [Paper Enrolment Form](#)

Luke Begg

Learning Specialist for eLearning

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 16/10/2020

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

GRADE	“LEARN”	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Whole Class	Isaac Tillig
Prep V	Whole Class	Emilia Capretta
Prep H	Whole Class	Melissa Chen
Prep K	Whole Class	Arushe Surya Praakash Naidu
Prep D	Whole Class	Liana Drakopoulos
1W	Meggie Chen	Henry Tu
1E	Marya Al- Garadi	Whole Class
1B	Whole Class	Bianca Giani
1N	Yoyo Zhu	Harriet Henry
2J	Ivy Collier	Jacob Percy
2A	Julian Care	Whole Class
2P	Whole Class	Yousef Yousef
2V	Teba Alenezi	Faiza Shaik
2D	Whole Class	Howard Hoang
3F	Hadla Saoud	
3M	Levi Boyle	Zac Mohamed
3B	Whole Class	Layla Adra
4L	Yusha Muhammad	Harry Thomas
4K	Nicholas Lekkas	Rania Gaal
4T	Tina Lin	Anam Sadath
4H	Chilli Cochis	Holly Bellchambers
5W	Charlie Wagner	Claudia Shell
5M	Liam Newey	Whole Class
5K	Yvonne Gouvousis	Ahmed Saghar
6N	Meerah Sehgal	Alicia Morgan
6J	Callum Bell	Blaise Kramer White
6S	Sophia Thai	Sam Jordan
ART	2J Whole Class	
MUSIC	Alex Truong 2D	
PE	Rawan Said 2J	
ITALIAN	Brian Thai 2D	



ICAS Assessments at Preston West 2020

Due to COVID-19 the new ICAS sitting dates are

English-Tuesday 10th November

Maths-Thursday 12th November

Practice tests are available using this link: <https://sites.google.com/prestonwest.vic.edu.au/icas/home>

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

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions
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