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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 30th November 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 28th – Friday 1st Dec Prep/1/2 Swimming

DECEMBER

Wednesday 6th Grade 6 Ian Potter Gallery at NGV Excursion

Thursday 7th JSC - Out of Uniform Day

Thursday 7th PWPS Sushi Lunch Day

Wednesday 13th Grade 1B, 1W & 1C Fairytales & Fantasy Workshop

Wednesday 13th Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 14th Grade 1E, 1M & 1C Fairytales & Fantasy Workshop

Thursday 14th Grade 3 Watermarc Excursion – Fun & Fitness

Thursday 14th Grade 4 La Trobe Uni – Sports and Activity Day

Tuesday 19th Prep Royal Botanical Garden Excursions

Friday 22nd LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – 1:00PM Dismissal

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 9th October – Friday 22nd December

2018

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January (Grade 1-6) – Thursday 29th March

2018 Preps commence Thursday 1st February 2018

Principal's Note

Swimming

The students across our school need to be congratulated for their enthusiasm, behaviour and improving skills at the pool. The teachers are thrilled with their improving confidence and capabilities. Special thanks to the parents who have been attending the program and providing assistance to the staff and also to Michael De Bortoli, who was on pool deck throughout the entire program. The final session of the swimming program will be tomorrow.

School Council

Just a reminder that the final School Council meeting for this year will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 6.00pm. The meeting will be followed by dinner as a small way to thank our parents and staff on School Council for their dedication and hard work.

Junior School Council - Out Of Uniform Day

Next Thursday 7th December the JSC will be conducting their final fundraising activity for 2017 an 'Out of Uniform Day'. Gold coin donations will be directed towards the RSPCA. Special thanks to all our JSC members for their wonderful efforts and dedication to making Preston West Primary School such a terrific educational setting.

Grade 4 Gallery Complete

The Grade 4 students enthusiastically returned to their classrooms and new gallery yesterday. I am confident the additional learning space will be a great asset for the Grade 4 learning community in the future.

School Holiday Programs

If parents require childcare 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. <http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au>

Parent Payments 2018

In 2018 there will be a slight increase in Parent Payments (Essential Education items contribution to increase by \$10) as approved by School Council at our November meeting. At Preston West Primary we have endeavoured to keep our payments as low as possible. In summary, the 2018 Parent payments will include:

1. Essential Educational Items will increase to \$180. Parent Payments incorporate the costs associated with Athletics and Reading Eggs / Reading Express.
2. In 2018 we will continue to employ a first aid officer. Having Carol in the first aid role this year has greatly enhanced the safety of students and has assisted in reducing the load on staff to administer first aid. In turn this has allocated more staff to undertake either yard duty or lunch time clubs. A voluntary contribution levy of \$40 per student (same as in 2017) 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.

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our school community and eagerly head into 2018 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 94701546.

Cheryl Bondeson

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.

****We no longer sell school hats from the office. Navy blue sun smart hats can be purchased from most department stores or PSW in store and online.*

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2017

A note was sent home via Compass regarding Grade 6 Graduation Night being held on Wednesday 13th December, 2017 (6:30pm – 8:00pm Official Ceremony, 8:00pm – 10:00pm Student only Disco) at Preston West Primary School Gymnasium. This invitation is open to the Grade 6 parents and their families only.



****Please inform your child's teacher, on a form provided, with the amount of people attending and the name of the adult who will collect your child from the disco. (Please note a maximum of 4 guests per child.)**

GRADUATION BEARS – GRADE 6



Graduation Bears for 2017 Grade 6's will be available from the office as of Monday 27th November at a cost of \$15.00 each.

RSPCA CASUAL FOR A CAUSE

The Junior School Councillors would like to remind you that on Thursday 7th of December PWPS will have a casual dress day with a gold coin donation. All money raised will go the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) who will use this money to help animals that are injured or hurt as well as helping to finding homes for those who are living in animal shelters.

Thank you for your support.

Junior School Council

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 24/11/2017

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



GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Wednesday McKenzie	Yusuf Moosa
Prep I	Xavier Riordan	Daphne Boxer
Prep K	Ruhan Vijay	Daiwik Bhanot
Prep L	Zakaria Hassan	Louis Cagliarini
Prep W	Giselle Magalhaes	Emilia O'Hagan-Hernandez
1B	Tamika Ralifo	Julia Thomson
1C	Savannah Ajro	Chloe Beck
1E	Harrison Zhang	Chilla Wang
1M	Lucas Bananno	Jacques Ryan
1W	Juzer Udaipur Wala	Elsie Wood
2A	Amelia White	Alayna Guha
2B	Lawrence McKenzie	
2J	Adam Mazzone	Atlas Thomas
2M	Honey Matta	Alice Richards
3B	Charlie Grbac	Claudine Agius
3P	Angelique Kritikos	Ella Hatzihalkias
3W	Holly Grbac	Matthew Moris
4F	Hannah Lin	Evia Burrell
4K	Finn Kennedy	Tejashwini Sivasakthi Vishaalakshi
4M	Whole Class	Grace McMahan
4W	Chloe Bellchambers	Ava Fulcher
5H	Akram Ali	Olivia Stavrou
5I	Freddy Collyer	Ava Castellarin
5J	Issy Carpenter	Kelly Ye
5O	Kalan Dani	Hannah Chan
6N	Callum Isdale	Freya Hoo
6S	Whole Class	Jay Robotis
6T	Michael Giannetta	Zoe Kompogiorgas
ART	Leon Kapsalis 2B	
MUSIC	Amangel Thapa Magar 4W	
PE	Whole Class 3D	
ITALIAN	Menno Kuut 4W	

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 1st December are: Annie Zanella, Melissa Medina, Tao Song, Miranda Rezzani and Menaka Kumari Rajapaksha Gedara.

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

The School Banking Program team is urgently seeking a few more volunteers to help with the School Banking Program from Term 1, 2018. If you can spare 30 minutes every few weeks to help, please email Sally Quinan on sallyandmaxq@gmail.com or mobile 0411 420 817.

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



eLearning

2018 iPad Program Update

Thank you to anyone that submitted forms for the School's iPad Payment Plan. Applications for this closed at the end of Friday (17th November). Beyond the Box are filling the order as we speak and I will be in contact with families once they are ready for pickup.

For any family that has opted to purchase their own device or use an existing one, please make sure you get your forms into the office. This allows us to begin preparations for 2018. If you need a copy of the forms, you can gain these from the office or the link below.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1eBYwoF_SQP7hX0v56RpJTTGIRIn0fg6U

If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact me via Compass or direct email begg.luke.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or ask the office to speak to me in person.

Regards,

Luke Begg
Leading Teacher for eLearning