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Preston West Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 7th December 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Wednesday 13 th	Grade 1B, 1W & 1C Fairytales & Fantasy Workshop
Wednesday 13 th	Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 14 th	Grade 1E, 1M & 1C Fairytales & Fantasy Workshop
Thursday 14 th	Grade 3 Watermarc Excursion – Fun & Fitness
Thursday 14 th	Grade 4 La Trobe Uni – Sports and Activity Day
Tuesday 19 th	Prep Royal Botanical Garden Excursions
Thursday 21 st	Grade 6 Big Day Out - Funfields
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

Retirement – Sue Carroll

It is with regret that I announce that Sue Carroll will retire from the Department of Education and Training early term 1, 2018. Sue has been a staff member at Preston West Primary since 2008 and the staff and community have greatly appreciated and valued her terrific efforts. On behalf of the community, I wish her all the best in her retirement. The staff will be celebrating Sue's retirement and feats at Preston West Primary School.

Staffing 2018

Kirsty Slater, Sally Willis and Kathryn Vickers will be leaving our staff team in 2018. I thank Kirsty, Sally and Kathryn for their commitments to our students. All three are enthusiastic teachers who work hard with their colleagues to drive improvement in student abilities. On behalf of the community, I wish them all the best for 2018 and beyond.

In 2018 Preston West will welcome back Bree Robertson and Edie Kulafi. Six new teachers will also join our staff team – Velena Voglis, Marko Krsticevic, Leesa Di Benedetto, Sarah Nisi, Hilary Clarke and Sam Burnett. Our new staff are excited to be joining the team at Preston West and we look forward to their contribution throughout the 2018 school year.

BASCP 2018

The Before and After School program has been overwhelmed with enrolments for next year, especially with our new Preps and families requesting more access to the program. Consequently we have applied to the Department of Education and Training for a further 45 places. We anticipate we will be granted approval in January but until our increase in placements is approved we are unable to confirm all requests. The challenge in finding adequate space and staffing our program continues, but I thank Nicole and Mary and their team for their wonderful efforts.

Confectionary Gifts

Over the past few years we have seen a significant increase in the amount of confectionary including Christmas items such as candy canes that are being distributed at this time of the year. Numerous parents have spoken to me concerned about the amount of sugary gifts that are being distributed at this time of the year and I encourage parents to consider this when distributing gifts across classrooms.

Thursday 14th – Traffic Congestion

On Thursday 14th December we have our Grade 3, Grade 4 and two Grade 1 classes on excursions. Consequently we will have many buses around drop off and pick up times. I acknowledge its challenging when buses utilise parking space in Jessie Street but our priority is to get our students on and off the buses as quickly and safely as possible.

Junior School Council Term 4 Fundraising Activity

Today the Junior School Council conducted their final fundraising endeavour for 2017. The out of uniform day raised \$960 and will be donated to the RSPCA. Special thanks to the JSC for their leadership, excellent role modelling and fundraising endeavours. Thank you also to Elle Miller and Elizabeth Ilia for their extra efforts in leading our JSC throughout the year.

Preston High School

An exciting development is unfolding for the Preston community, with the Minister for Education giving us the green light to appoint the first principal of the new Preston High School. The successful candidate will start in term 1, 2018, well in advance of the school opening for term 1, 2019. This gives them time to setup the new secondary school and engage with local families regarding the school's future programs.

We will be organising a 'meet the new principal' session in early 2018. Enrolments will open in term 2, 2018, initially for Year 7 only. For more information visit

<http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Preston-High-School.aspx>

Timetable 2018

In 2018 there will be a slight change to the structure of the school day, to ensure we are compliant with the new educational act agreement. Please see below:

Session 1:	9.00 – 9.55am (55 min). Specialists in rooms at 9am.
Session 2:	9.55 – 10.50 (55 min)
Recess:	10.50 – 11.10
Session 3:	11.10 – 12.00 (50 min)
Session 4:	12.00 – 12.50 (50 min)
Lunch eating	12.50 – 1.00
Lunchtime:	1.00 – 2.00
Session 5	2.00– 2.45 (45 min)
Session 6:	2.45 – 3.30 (45 min)

Friday 22th December – 1pm dismissal

Just a reminder to our community that the final day of Term 4 is on Friday 22nd December and we will finish at 1pm. A whole school assembly will be conducted on Friday 22nd at 12.40pm and students will be dismissed from the gymnasium. Students will have play lunch at school, but will eat lunch at home.

Special Lunch Day

Special thanks to Marina Grapsas for conducting a special food lunch day across the school today. Thank you also to the parents who assisted in getting the lunches to students.

Cheryl Bondeson

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – Week ending 1/12/2017

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

GRADE	"LEARN"	BOUNCE BACK
Prep C	Youssef Shaalan	Sidh Nair
Prep I	Archie Berryman	Jack White
Prep K	Molly Dawson	Mia Paschos
Prep L	Hao Kang Song	Molly James
Prep W	Aila Harrison	Kevin Lin
1B	Khaled Naser	Nicholas Lekkas
1C	Ali Koupsi	Marcus Wang
1E	Emaan Ather	Dylan Navin
1M	Rayan Bagher	Joseph Barca
1W	Maddox Ralifo	Lara Sibley
2A	Michael Pantaleo	Alexander Pakos
2B	Manal Shahr Yar	Nikita Coseski
2J	Tharuli Wimalasooriya	Stirling Fairfax
2M	Caden Beardsley	Xanthe Stothers
3B	Alannah Caddeo	Meerah Sehgal
3D	Joseph Zeng	Seren Sucksmith
3P	Ruby Markoski	Diya Patel
3W	Else O'Leary	William Cashmere
4F	Marcus Carelli	Chad Santos
4K	Kosta Triantafyllopoulos	Holly Riodan
4M	Zoe Tzouroutis	Christian Rodoreda
4W	Fox James	Selesa Vaella
5H	Adrian Beavis	Mackenzie Bainbridge
5I	Siera Zhaku	Connor Murray
5J	Che Sucksmith	Lachlan Elford
5O	Eddie Lu	Tina Lin
6N	Peri Lambiase	Jake Koutsovasilis
6S	Mac Ware	Jasmine Hardinge
6T	Josh Carelli	Deelan Doski
ART	Jason Zhou 6N	
MUSIC	Tania Kurian PC	
PE	Willem Van Herk & Josh Riordan 6T	



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.*

WELCOME TO PARENTS GROUP

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit volunteers for Friday 8TH December are: Sasha De Lorenzo, Naomi Ralph, Sira Sibley, Sofia Myrodellis and Brett Dellavedova.

**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